

# Broken Promises

Regional NSW has missed out on \$1.4 billion in infrastructure funding since 2015 according to the Labor Party

Labor believe the Berejiklian Government broke their regional funding promise. "The Liberals' and Nationals' \$2.2 billion stadiums splurge has come at the expense of regional NSW. This stops under Michael Daley and Labor," Shadow Treasurer, Ryan Park, said. "This money could have paid for dozens of schools or more than three brand new base hospitals." A new regional base hospital costs around \$400 million, based on figures from the state Budget. The NSW Liberals and Nationals promised that 30 per cent of infrastructure funding from

the "Restart NSW" fund would be spent in regional NSW. However, the yearly Auditor-General report into state finances has shown that the NSW Liberals and Nationals have fallen short of this target every year. Just 14.3 per cent of spending went to the regions on average. This adds up to \$1.4 billion which regional NSW has been denied. Source: based on information from each Auditor-General annual report on State Finances since 2015 The promise was written into law under the Restart NSW Fund Act 2011 which contains a 30 per cent reporting target for regional NSW. The Restart NSW fund hold the proceeds of the electricity network privatisation. "The Berejiklian

Government must explain why they have wasted more than \$14 billion on cost overruns for predominately Sydney infrastructure projects including the stadium knockdown, toll roads and botched light rail yet regional NSW misses out year after year. "This money would have made a significant contribution to school, hospital and infrastructure funding in regional NSW. "People in regional areas are right to believe they just don't count with this Government. They see billions lost on botched Sydney projects and yet they don't even receive what they've been promised," Mr Park said.

## A Day In The Life OF 4/5G



Year 4/5 have had a positive and enjoyable start to the year and the children are working extremely well.

MORE! I want more.....In Literacy this term our focus for writing has been writing narratives. We are very focussed on using expressive and figurative language to make sure we hook the reader. Sharing our writing samples with the class has not only offered peer motivation to one another but often students are heard asking the writer in the class to finish the story or write more as they are so engaged.

Monday mornings, you will find the class in their literacy groups exploring and developing spelling strategies and spelling rules for the week. We dive deep into the four roles of the speller to understand how to use banks of known words,

where words have originated from, base words, suffixes, prefixes, and spelling patterns.

Displayed in the foyer for the last two weeks, have been our directed drawings inspired by our current novel study 'Rowan of Rin'. Students were asked to imagine 'Emily Rodda' the author had asked them to design a new front cover for her novel. Our covers turned out extremely well and increased student engagement to explore the novel and show our creative talents.

PRIME our maths program, has really taken off this term in year 4/5. We are exploring whole number and place value. Students use hands-on activities as well as pictorial pictures to enhance their learning. We work in groups, pairs and individually to develop and practise new concepts and skills. A

new approach from PRIME this year is the Digital Assessment at the end of each topic to check for understanding of the unit. This is instant feedback for both the teacher and the student. Students are eager to find out where their misconceptions are and challenge themselves to improve their understanding.

PE on Thursdays with Mr Wade is a fun and energetic session enjoyed by all. We have been practising throwing, catching, kicking and most importantly our team building skills.

Year 4 and 5 have displayed exemplarily sportsmanship skills and support for one another. It really reflects the PBL values within our school.

*Mrs Anna Glover—4/5G*

## Binalong Brahmans

### 2019 Home Games

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

The Binalong Brahmans are on the lookout for volunteers to help in the kiosk for their 2019 home games. They will have a total of 8 home games, so if you're available for all, or some, please get in contact with the Brahmans. They are after a sensational BBQ cooker & servers in their brand new kiosk. Call Ali Spencer - 0401544793

## Liz Shorrock—Art Finalist

Murrumburrah High School Year 12 student Liz Shorrock, was a finalist for the Calendar of Cultural Diversity.

The calendar for cultural diversity promotes intercultural understanding, cultural and linguistic diversity, community harmony and social inclusion across NSW public schools and their communities.

## MHS Library

The library continues as one of the hubs of Murrumburrah High School. Smaller Stage 6 classes congregate in the satellite rooms which are equipped with the latest technology for teaching and learning, while larger junior classes make use of the main space for both group work and individual instruction. The Year 12 students have a designated room complete with desktops and subject study guides for ease of access. During break times, students visit in groups to socialise passively or individually to read and browse the fiction collection. Teaching staff are often found making use of the facilities as an alternative to staffrooms.

The digital resources are accessed via the library management system, Oliver, and include Encyclopaedia Britannica, Gale Virtual References Library, Science Online, Modern and Ancient History Online and LinksPlus, a service which curates and adds websites specifically pitched at school

subjects.

Students also have access at age appropriate levels to all programs on the Enhance TV platform. All these data-bases offer students and staff reliable, credible, authoritative and current sources of information.

The IVY group are currently organising their u-drive folders and their DET email boxes as well as becoming familiar with the many functions of these programs. Methods of accessing the library management system, how to locate resources and retrieving articles from the digital platforms are also part of this program, with a view to this IVY group then instructing other IVY groups. Plans are in the pipeline to have all students sign up for membership of the National Library of Australia which then grants them free usage of international digital databases. In a world chock-a-block with information, including fake news, it's great to know our students have access to material that is reliable in content. *MHS*

## Cowra Japanese Gardens To Receive \$307,442

Important renovations to cultural tourist attraction Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre have been made possible through round three of the Liberal and Nationals Government's highly successful Building Better Regions Fund.

Riverina MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack was in Cowra today to announce the \$307,442 grant.

Mr McCormack said the funding would replace the roofs of the Cultural Centre and Bonsai House.

"The existing timber shingles are in a poor state and need to be replaced," Mr McCormack said.

"New copper clad shingles will provide better protection for the valuable collection of Japanese heritage items and solidify the site as an international tourist attraction for many more years to come."

Cowra Shire Council Mayor Bill West welcomed the announcement, saying the funding was much needed and very appreciated.

"It will help to continue the community importance of the Japanese Garden and further build the Cowra-Japan relationship as a result of the breakout in 1944 and the local war cemeteries," Councillor West said.

"It is also a positive step for the Federal Government's relationship with Japan.

"The Cowra community and the Council appreciate the support from Deputy Prime Minister and our local Federal Member, Michael McCormack."

The five-hectare Japanese Garden, which is the largest in the southern hemisphere, was established to nurture the relationship between the Cowra community and the people of Japan. On 5 August 1944 – almost 75 years ago – more than 1000 Japanese

prisoners of war who were housed in a detention camp in Cowra staged a breakout. It is the largest and deadliest military breakout in Australia's history. The garden attracts more than 41,000 visitors each year.

Mr McCormack said the Building Better Regions Fund was about supporting local regions.

"We are supporting our regions through investing in important local infrastructure, as well as great community-building and planning initiatives under the Building Better Regions Fund and other Government priorities such as the Regional Growth Fund and our decentralisation agenda,"

Mr McCormack said.