Hi everyone

Well I’m back! It is nice to be back into the swing of things and seeing all the children again but I would have to say I thoroughly enjoyed the life of a traveller and a stay at home lady. Oh, well I will just have to wait until I retire. My daughter and I had a most enjoyable fortnight in New York City. I explored many of the museums and art galleries. We went to the Rockfeller Centre, Empire state Building and the Statue of Liberty. Tuesday, I shared with the children all about the Empire State building and the Statue of Liberty. Emily and I bought biscuit cutters of both monuments, and we made biscuits to share with the students.

We also visited Cincinnati in Ohio where I attended an International Convention for Quota. I am back now and I am refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of Term 3. Thank you to Brenda (and the staff from other local small schools) for supervising our year 6 students on camp in Canberra and the Snowies. Our thoughts are with Brenda and Grant Shelton as Grant is in hospital at the moment in Brisbane.

Recently our school received XOs for each child in the school. The XO is a remarkable, low-cost learning device (ie a mini computer) that’s custom made for children. We wanted to show what amazing things can happen when the XO is placed in a child’s hands. Colleen, Jenny and I have trained on the XOs and this allows each child the opportunity of having their own XO to use in the classroom. The XOs allow the students to draw, write, play games, record videos, take photos, use the internet, simple programming and make music. Instead of software applications or apps, the XO uses Activities. These software tools are geared towards exploration and expression, and allow users to do everything. The students have already been using the devices to type up stories and to explore the drawing program. We are thankful to One Academy and the school for supplying each child with these computers.

Check out the next page for photos.

Heather Castle
Principal
Our students had a wonderful time when they visited the CWA Hivesville last Monday. In the weeks leading up to this the students had completed projects on Vietnam—these were viewed and judged. Their work was very well presented and they came away with many prizes. They were also treated to a beautiful morning tea.

What a great way to be involved in our community!!
Award Winners

Congratulations to our Students
Week 3
Jack W, Jorja, Eliana

Week 4
Travis, Holly, Bella, Geogina, Jayme, Joe

Well done, students!!!

Happy Birthday—August Birthdays
Travis—19th
Mrs Laurenz—17th

Athletics
Jack Blanch represented our school and the Barambah Small School Cluster Team in the Athletics last week at Taabinga. Well done Jack!!!

This is Jack competing at the Barambah SS Athletics at Moffatdale.

P & C News
P & C meeting on Monday August @ 3.30 in school staff room
An Invitation to be part of our
Ladies Extravaganza and Market Day
Cloyna Hall
Sunday August 17th 10am - 2pm
Windera State School P&C fundraiser to buy shade sails for our playground.

- Lorraine Lea Linen
- Tupperware
- Katie-Mae Vintage
- Hoopoe Home Handmade Jewellery
- Bow Candy
- Thermomix
- Kathy Schulz Jewellery
- Body Shop
- Postie Fashions
- Intimo
- Arbonne
- Partilite

Jumping Castle, food and drinks on the day!

There are still sites available, market stalls of any kind welcome please phone

Carissa on 0488 024 582 or Maree on 41686032

Multi-draw raffle! Only $10 per site.

MAJOR PRIZE – Lavassa Moda-Mio Coffee Machine
Also, Blitz to Go Smoothie and Juice maker, Soda Stream machine, Water Jug and filters, Poach and Boil egg cooker and MUCH MORE!

MURGON BLUE LIGHT DISCO
When: 15th AUGUST 2014
Where: Diggers Room, Murgon RSL
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Who: Ages Prep to 13 years
Cost: $5.00 entry (included is a Hot Dog)