



All aboard their new bus

THE special needs department at Endeavour Sports High School, Caringbah, received a much-needed gift this month.

Thanks to a donation from children's charity, Variety and the AMP Foundation, the school now has a 25-seater bus that will help more students with special needs to go on trips during school hours.

Out of 850 students at the high school, 60 of them are enrolled in its special education unit, which caters for students with intellectual disabilities including autism, vision and hearing difficulties and cerebral palsy.

The larger bus – which replaced the old,



Student support: (From left), Alex Peeters, Carl O'Farell, Brandon Nairn, Brandon Hayes, Mayur Makansee and James Curyer will benefit from a new bus that was donated to their school. **Picture: Chris Lane**

smaller one – will take students to sporting events, and community and work placement programs.



Thunderbird 2 on Variety Bash

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This year the Thunderbird 2 has been sponsored by Pickles, Campbell-Jones Property, Vehicle Relocators, Pope Construction and the *Southern Highland News*.



ON THE ROAD: Angus Campbell-Jones and Nicho Johnson with the Thunderbird 2. The two men are going with local builder Nick Pope on the 26th Variety Bash from this Sunday, August 22.

Photo by Jed Kemsley



Variety Bash raises funds for children

By NICK BENDEL

CAFÉ 2400 owner Shane Brooker pulled out the winning tickets last Friday, as Lee Estens' Variety Bash raffle came to an end.

Mrs Estens estimated that the raffle raised over \$1000.

The first prize was a John Deere tractor pedal toy, which

was donated by Chesterfield.

Second prize was a hamper (Gwydir Grove), third was a blanket (My Store) and fourth was a three-drawer tool box (Chesterfield).

The toy was won by Wesleigh Nuss, the hamper by Megan Wheeler, the blanket by the Pearlman family and the tool box by Dane Noble.

For the 10th consecutive year, Mrs Estens is entering the Variety Bash, which raises funds for Variety, the Children's Charity.

The Bash will be in Moree from the afternoon of August 25 to the morning of August 27.



RIGHT: Café 2400 owner Shane Brooker draws the winning tickets in the raffle, as 2010 Variety Bash drivers Lee Estens (left) and Joy Holmes look on.



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Bashers hit Bourke next week

The 26th annual NSW Variety Bash rolls into town next week, where they will be making a special gift to Bourke Public School.

More than 200 'Bashers' will hit town on Tuesday night, enjoying a breakfast early Wednesday morning at the public school before departing for Walgett.

During the breakfast the Bashers will make a presentation to the school of four shade tents, worth \$7,000.

This year's bash will travel more than 3,500 kilometres from B Shed at the Sydney Markets to Byron Bay. Over the journey they will distribute over \$75,000 in equipment and resources.

Since the first Variety Club Bash left Bourke in 1985, the event has raised more than \$107 million for kids in need.



Public School News

From the Principal - this weekend is our Mid-term break. The school will be closed on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd August.

This Thursday the District Athletics Carnival will be held at BPS. Please come along and support the day.

This week is School Administrative Support Staff week. A huge thank you to all support staff that work at BPS. The school wouldn't be the same without you all.

Kindergarten Transition starts 1st September. All children who are starting school next year are welcome to attend. Please contact the school for more information. Cheers, Kylie Pennell.

KD had another very busy week - we have been practicing our end of term performance by singing our song and learning the lines to our play.

KN - Kindergarten are enjoying the preparation for our performance. We will continue to rehearse each week.

1B had a lovely week. We have started working on our performance and have been given our roles.

1O - this week in Literacy groups we are having project days. The project days will be a part of our theme work. We will discuss where our food comes from.

2B - last week 2B learnt that the national flower for India is the Waterlily. We discovered that water colours are hard to use, but lots of fun! Everyone water coloured a lovely picture of some waterlilies growing on a pond.

2D - last week we discussed related decimals to fractions. We will do lots of practice to fine tune our skills. We took a look at the world news and the mud slides in Pakistan.

2H - last week 2H enjoyed learning about mixed addition and trading in addition. We also worked on our Commonwealth Games

unit and looked at the different sports played at the games.

3T - we had a fantastic week learning about narratives in English groups, experimenting with sector and divided graphs in maths and continuing our creative art study on pop art.

3W - last week we started reading Roald Dahl's novel Danny the Champion of the World, which we will be using as a focus for Reading to Learn Lessons this week. In maths we looked at multiplication and reading numbers into the hundreds of thousands.

3B - this week we learnt about black holes in Reading to Learn. We practised our division facts in maths and found out about forms of government in other countries in HSIE.

P&C news - anyone who can help out in the school canteen as a volunteer please contact Melanie Milgate on 0437 970 090. School uniform - new school shirts available now - \$25 each - these are the new uniform that will be rolled out over the next 2-3 years.

AP - what a busy week we had last week! Miss Budds Literacy class had a visit from Learning Support Officers from Bourke and Enngonia who helped them with sentence writing and spelling, what fun! Congratulations to Sharone Moore and Skye Johnson for successfully completing the Multilit reading tutor program.

Library - this week in Library we have continued to look at book genres. The genre for this week was fantasy.

Groups with Miss Collins - Stage One had lots of fun last week making animal masks using a procedure. Students choose their favourite animals and followed instructions to paint and decorate.

Stage 1AP - our school will be hosting the NSW Variety Bash for breakfast on Wednesday 25 August. If any parents can help on the morning please contact the school.



This week is SASS (School Administration and Support Staff) Week and a time for Bourke Public School to say thank you to their non-teaching staff, who are all vital to the smooth running of the school. Above: Penny Bartley, Shane Edwards, Melba Stutsel, Bob Milgate, Marg Gadsby, Monique Driscoll, Sarah Turner, Karen Ashton, Anne-Maree Riches, Andrea Thiele, Priscilla Grimes, Douglas Dennis, Fiona Rankmore and Margo Grimes.



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By Jed Kemsley

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The bash will take them through the outback to Temora, Cobar, Bourke, Moree, Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Lismore and finishes in Byron Bay.

Mr Campbell-Jones said it was a very important cause and the three Highlanders were eager to get the Thunderbird 2 out on the road again, where it will no doubt face rain, hail and shine.

"The car was bought nine



COMBATING THE SNOW: The Thunderbird 2 on a previous Variety Bash

years ago and it's been doing bashes ever since," Mr Campbell-Jones said.

"It's been around Australia at least once – from Perth, Darwin and even Hobart.

"It's hugely important. Variety is an enormous sponsor of children's charities worldwide, but locally Variety is responsible for things such as the Tangara School bus.

"They also donate about \$300,000 annually to the Newborn and Paediatric Emergency Transport Service,

and help put the crew in the ChildFlight helicopters.

"Variety is a worldwide charity, but it spends a lot of money locally indirectly, and it's important to me and the district."

Thunderbird 2 has travelled at least 40,000km in bashes and has helped to raise more than \$100,000.

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ABOUT TO BASH: Angus Campbell-Jones and Nicho Johnson with the Thunderbird 2. The pair are going with builder Nick Pope on the 26th Variety Bash, which begins on Sunday.

Photo by Jed Kemsley