WEEK 9A Term 1
Monday March 24

The Gazette

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Principal’s Report

BCS Cross Country

All students had a great day out at the golf course last Thursday during the cross country. Students battled the flies and the heat and crossed the line with a smile, heading for a nice cool drink. Congratulations to those students who head to the next level – the zone carnivals will be held in Term 2. Thanks to Mr Hesketh for his organisation of the day.

School Photos

Get your smiles ready - our School Photos will be taken this Friday. All students will be required to wear their full SUMMER uniform (not sports uniform), including black shoes for their photos.

Anti-Bullying Workshop – Parents

We look forward to seeing many of you on Wednesday night at this workshop in the BCS Library from 5pm – 9pm. Our Hospitality students are providing some catering for this event so make sure you get along to taste their delicious creations.

This workshop has been organised and funded by the BCS P&C - with your attendance at this workshop we can work together to help stop bullying.

Although there will be no charge for the workshop, please RSVP for catering purposes – we look forward to your company. Thanks to Ms Murdoch for the great organisation of these events.

Purple Day

Don’t forget to wear your ‘purples’ on Thursday, for the cost of gold coin, and help in the research and treatment of Epilepsy.

Attendance

Attending school every day and on time every day is important for your child’s future. There is always something important going on in our classrooms. Non-attendance or late attendance at school can impact your child’s progress in a negative way, including:

♦ Missing vital information, skills and knowledge delivered in a dynamic classroom environment.
♦ Having to gain information ‘second-hand’.
♦ Missing the vital discussion and interaction that occurs in all classrooms.
♦ Missing the opportunity to receive assistance from your teachers and their expertise.
♦ Missing the challenging and motivating tasks that prepare you for successful completion of your subjects.
♦ Having to do work missed in class in your own time – adding to your workload.

If your child is away please let the school know as soon as possible but within seven days of the absence. If you know that your child will be away beforehand (e.g. if you are going to be on a trip) then please advise the school before you leave.

Facebook Official Page

Don’t forget to Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nswdecbarellan

Have a great week.

“Learn something NEW every day and save some brain cells” Scientific American
Primary News

Anti-Bullying Workshop for Parents

Date: Wednesday 26th March
Time: 5pm - 9pm
Venue: Library

All Parents Welcome

Reading Club & AR Raffle Winners
Congratulations to the winners of the Reading Club and AR Raffle for Weeks 5 & 6. These students have a choice between prize out of the prize box or a $2 canteen voucher. Our winners are:

Reading Club
K/1/2 - Matilda Evans, Lachlan Ellis

AR
K/1/2 - Will Tiffen, Suleyman Uzun
2/3/4 - Emily Wilson, Jonathon Davies
4/5/6 - Charlotte Rainbird, Jake Bourchier

School Photos
This Friday, 28th March, photographers will be at school. Please ensure students are in full school uniform and looking good for the photos. Envelopes were sent home for ordering photos. If you have not sent back the envelope, please do so as soon as possible so you don’t miss out!

Please ensure students are wearing Full School Summer Uniform including Black Shoes

Anti-bullying Workshop for Parents
After feedback from parents, Ms Murdoch has organised for a team of counsellors from Griffith to conduct an Anti-bullying workshop for parents. During the workshop, you will learn different strategies to assist your child/ren with any form of bullying. All parents are encouraged to come along and participate in the workshop and learn some valuable tools to help your child deal with bullying.

PSSA AFL/Netball/Cricket
Congratulations to Kokulan Kandeepan who has been successful in moving through to the next round for Cricket. The game will be held here at Barellan on Thursday. Good luck!!!

BCS Cross-Country Carnival
Well done to all students who competed in this years BCS Cross-Country Carnival. Results of the carnival can be found in the report from Mr Hesketh.

Mrs Rowe

This week’s Easy Healthy Lunchbox Idea:

Quick Quiche
Recipe and photos: kidspot.com.au

Ingredients:
- 1 sheet frozen shortcrust pastry
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 6 shortcut bacon rashers, rind removed, chopped
- 1 cup grated tasty cheese
- 5 eggs
- 200mL thickened cream
- 200mL milk
- Salt and pepper (optional)

Steps:
1. Defrost pastry sheet on a work surface – takes about 10 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
3. Place the pastry in a 22cm loose-bottomed tart pan. It’s a bit square peg in a round hole, but if you take a bit from here and stick it on there, you should only need 1 sheet. Trim any excess pastry from the edges.
4. Place the tart pan on a large baking tray. Line the pastry with baking paper and fill with pastry weights or uncooked rice/pasta. Blind bake in the oven for 15 minutes, then remove paper and weights. Return to the oven for 5-10 minutes or until golden.
5. For the filling, heat the oil in a large frypan over medium heat, add the onion and bacon and cook for 5 minutes or until onion is soft and bacon is starting to crisp. Sprinkle the bacon mixture over the pastry base and then the grated cheese.
6. Place the eggs in a large bowl and whisk, add the cream and milk and whisk until well combined. Season with salt and pepper (if using), then carefully pour the egg mixture over the bacon. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden and set.
7. Serve with a salad.

NOTES
This recipe is quicker if you don’t blind bake the pastry—it is not essential, but does result in a lovely crunchy base.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
- ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS - Wednesday, 26th March
- SCHOOL PHOTOS - Friday 28th March
- YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE - Yr 6 - Monday 31st
- TERM 1 ASSEMBLY & ANZAC SERVICE - Tuesday, 1st April
- BCS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Wednesday 2nd April
- END OF TERM 1 - Friday 11th April
Canteen Roster & News

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Calendar March/April 2014

**Wed 26.03** Parents Bullying Workshop 5pm-9pm

**Fri 28.03** School Photo Day

**Mon 31.03** Young Leaders Conference

**Tues 01.04** Term 1 Assembly/Anzac Day Ceremony

**Wed 02.04** School Athletics Carnival

**Fri 04.04** Primary AFL Trials

**Wed 09.04** Easter Church Service 9am @ Catholic Church
NSW PSSA Swim @ Homebush

**Fri 11.04** Secondary Girls Netball Trials
Last Day Term 1

**Mon 28.04** Staff return Term 2

**Tues 29.04** Students return Term 2

K/1/2 Class News

Cross Country last Thursday was an excellent occasion. Well done to all students for their excellent sportsmanship.

This Wednesday night is the bullying workshop for parents. It would be excellent to see K/1/2 parents attend.

This Thursday BCS students and staff are dressing in purple to raise money for Epilepsy. Please ensure students bring a gold coin donation.

School photos are this Friday. Students are to wear full summer uniform, including black shoes.

This Week

**News**

This week we will again be focussing on the WHY in our news stories.

**Homework**

**Home Reading**

Remember home reading is important. It needs to be completed every night.

**Homework sheets**

New homework is coming home today. Please encourage your child to complete these throughout the week and return it on Friday

**Mathletics Challenge**

Congratulations to Anika for completing the last Mathletics Challenge. If students would like to check the colours they can access the Gazette on the school’s website.

Reminders for Parents & Students

- School Photo Day this Friday, March 28. Full school uniform required.

Infants Cross - Country Results

**7 year old boys**

1st- Will Tiffen
2nd- Tom Jamieson
3rd- Lachlan Ellis

**7 year old girls**

1st- Sophie Male
2nd- Bianca Spowart
3rd- Emma Luppi

**5 and 6 year olds**

1st- Timothy Davies
2nd- Dakota Smith
3rd- Ronan Murphy

Citizenship Awards— The week 8 citizenship award went to Anika. Your classmates are noticing all the great things you have been doing Anika. Keep it up.

Mathletics— Congratulations to Riley and Anika for receiving Bronze awards last week. Keep up the excellent effort!

Reading Eggs— Charlee-Anne received a Silver Certificate in Reading Eggs last week. Darcie and Ronan received Gold Certificates. Congratulations!
PARENT WORKSHOP

All parents are invited to the ‘Building our Children’s Future’ parent information session on the new date of Wednesday 26th March from 5pm-9pm in the Barellan Central School library. The session will be facilitated by Griffith Counselling Service and will complement Barellan Central School’s student anti-bullying and relationship programs.

Key focuses for the parent workshop include:

- understanding each developmental stage of our children in order to meet their needs at each stage
- twenty-five ways to talk so children will listen
- tools to support your child through conflict and bullying
- restorative questions to support communication with our children in challenging situations

The workshop is free to attend. The Barellan Central School P&C have financially supported this initiative and we would very much appreciate your support and attendance at this workshop. The workshop is open to all parents, primary and secondary, and interested community members. Miss Kellie Nicholls has offered her services to look after any children during the workshop.

RSVP’s must be received by the school, no later than Tuesday, 25 March.

What secondary students said about the recent bullying workshop:

“I liked that everyone opened up about themselves”

“I really enjoyed the bullying workshop. I didn’t really want to get up in front of everyone and talk about my bullying issues but after I did I felt a lot better and I felt that I could trust a lot more people than I thought”

“My favourite part about the bullying workshop was that everyone was honest”

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BCS Cross Country Round-Up

Huge congratulations to everyone who competed or assisted at last week’s School Cross Country. Although the weather proved a little on the warm side, the students achieved some very good times and results.

Macarthur continued on from their dominant showing at the Swimming Carnival to take the points score 92 to 62.

Champions for the day were:-

Junior Primary Girls
Jane Haeusler

Junior Primary Boys
Ryan Jordan

11 Years Primary Girls
Paige Kenny

11 Years Primary Boys
Jake Bourchier

Senior Primary Girls
Lillian Geltch

Senior Primary Boys
Max Findlay

Junior Secondary Girls
Jessie McDermott

Junior Secondary Boys
Michael Conlan

Senior Secondary Girls
Skye Verrier

Senior Secondary Boys
Kurt Bandy

Both Zone carnivals will be conducted early next term, watch the school calendar for details. Secondary will be in Coolamon and Primary, Ganmain.

A list of those students who will have the opportunity to represent at Zone level will be finalised this week.

Thank you to Ms O’Keefe and Mrs Conlan for their recording and staff who assisted with time keeping and check points and to Mr Wade for providing shade and marking out the track.
Congratulations to everyone for their efforts in the Cross-Country last week. Although I wasn’t there, I heard some good reports on achievements and sportsmanship shown. Congratulations to Kokulan who’s team made it through to the next round of cricket trials which will be played this Thursday at Barellan. Unfortunately, Max was unsuccessful in his attempt at making the next round of trials for AFL.

**My Australian Story: Sydney Harbour Bridge**
by Vashti Farrer

**Text Type** Narrative

**Maths**
Time - analogue & digital, 5 mins; reading a calendar, counting seconds, abbreviations; timetables, timelines; 24 hr time

**Spelling**
Drop e adding, digraph oa; nouns in plural form; I before e except after c; suffix able

**This Week**

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**Homework**
Accelerated Reader Text Mathletics
Spelledrome Reading Eggs

**Awards**

**Mathletics**
*Bronze Award*; Tyler Murphy, Jane Haueusler, Norman Hauelser

**Spellodrome**
*Millennium Helmet*; Charlotte Rainbird, Norman Haueusler

**Accelerated Reader**
*Exceeded Target*; Annabelle Geltch, Kylie Giddings, Paige Kenny,
*Above 50% of Target*; Max Findlay, Lilly Geltch, Kylie Giddings, Chelsea Gordon, Jane Hauesler, Tyler Murphy, Charlotte Rainbird, Aysel Uzun, Sarah Wilson

**Citizen of the Week**
Paige Kenny

**Thankyou for showing Respect**
Isabella Smith

**Sport News for this Week.....**

* Last week, Hannah Kenny and Meghan Brumby travelled to Temora to represent the RAP schools in tennis. Although they put up a good effort, they didn’t manage to win any of their matches against a very strong Temora High School team.

*In Touch Football, Barellan was represented in both the boys and Girls RAP Open teams. Both managed to win 1 of their matches but lost close games in semi-finals. These results were probably some of the best seen in recent years as teams from Leeton, Hay, Yanco and Griffith are traditionally very strong. Jason Chaney (who scored 2 tries on the day) and Kurt Bandy (1try) played in the boy’s team while Stefanie Koegler, Hannah Kenny, Shane Gibson and Sally Brown were in the girl’s team. Congratulations to everyone who played.

*Last Thursday Kokulan Kandeepan represented the school in the Ardlethan/Ariah Park/Barellan/Beckom PSSA Cricket Team at Hanwood to play against Hanwood Public School in round two of the PSSA Knockout competition. The team were successful on the day and will now compete against Leeton Public School this Thursday at Barellan.

*On Friday Max Findlay represented the school at the Primary AFL Trials. Max put in a good effort on the day but was unsuccessful in making it to the next round.

*Athletics Carnival*
Hard to believe but this in on next Wednesday, April 2. The students have been conducting some training during Sport and PE lessons but also need to do some running in their own time. I hope to conduct the Javelin and 1500m events this Thursday during Secondary Sport and possibly the triple jump (actual events) to make the carnival run a little smoother. Please come along and support your children as this is the final school based carnival of 2014. We are lucky though to be hosting both the Primary and Secondary Zone Carnivals here mid Term 2, more details early next term.
Get ready … Purple Day 2014 is coming!

The SRC are inviting all students and staff to wear something purple this Thursday March 27, to help increase awareness and raise money for Epilepsy Australia.

They will also be holding a colouring – In competition on the day.

Students will be able to purchase merchandise e.g. pens, wrist bands to support Epilepsy.

The SRC is asking for a gold coin donation from all the ‘purple wearers’.

Join us in putting epilepsy at the top of everyone’s minds on March 27th 2014!

Let’s GO PURPLE in 2014!

2014 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

BCS has once again registered for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge runs from 3 March to 29 August (11:59pm) 2014. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 22 August - 11:59pm

Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1 September 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge.

Students are also encouraged to enter books on their own reading log through the Barellan Central School E-Learning page.

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Come to a FREE workshop for parents of children of all ages

Let’s work together to stop bullying at school and in our community

The session will be facilitated by Griffith Counselling Service, comprising of Donna Piromalli, Rayma Torreson and Lorraine Sutton, and will compliment Barellan Central School’s student anti-bullying and relationship programs.

Key focuses for the parent workshop include:

- understanding each developmental stage of our children in order to meet their needs at each stage
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Where: Barellan Central School Library

When: Wednesday 26th March - 5pm - 9pm

Cost: Nil (thanks to our P&C)

Who: Parents with children of ALL ages

All welcome to attend

Please contact Barellan Central School - 69 639 202 by Tuesday 25th March

‘Building our Children’s Future’
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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| Language Conventions
  (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) | Reading                        | Numeracy
  (Number, Algebra, function
  and pattern; Chance and data;
  Measurement and Space)        |
| Writing                        |                                  |                                  |

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
Missing school leaves gaps in your education

GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY

- Gives you the opportunity to learn new things and develop new skills
- Makes learning easier and helps you to keep up with your school work
- Provides an opportunity to interact with friends, teachers and special visitors

IF YOU ARE AWAY

- Tell your roll call teacher if you know you are going to be away from school
- Ask your parent (or caregiver) to write a note or call your school explaining why you were away
- Make sure you give the note to your teacher when you return to school

NSW Public Schools – leading the way
Barellan Central School Gazette Community

Subscriptions
Community members who wish to keep receiving a copy of the Barellan School Gazette for 2014, subscriptions are due now.

Payment of $10.00 needs to be received at the school by the end of Term 1 or will assume you no longer require a copy.

Thankyou to all the Community who support our school.

Please note this does not apply to the parents of BCS students.

Barellan Central School Gazette Advertising Costs
The cost to Advertise in the BCS Gazette is as follows:
$20 for a full page
$10 for half page
$5 for a quarter page.
(printed in black & white)
If you want a tax receipt, GST will then apply.
We do not charge for a few lines.
Most charity organisations are free unless they want full pages for more than a couple of weeks.

The school is also currently working on a fee structure for items borrowed from the school e.g. chairs, data projector, shades. We will put the hire fees in the Gazette in the near future.

Thanking you
Mrs Wendy Clark

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2 Blues Netball
Juniors - Under 10s and Under 13s training will commence on Friday, March 28 at 3.30pm. Students are to remain at school until 3.30pm.

Seniors - Thursday @ 6.30pm. If you are not attending training, please text Jodie.

Under 16s - Training Thursday at 5pm

Registrations - due now! Forms can be collected from Julie or Christie.

Seniors (+18) $110  Juniors (under 17) $85

Wanted to buy
XS, S & M Two Blues body suits. If you have any unwanted netball suites please call Julie - 0448553225

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Barellan Rural Fire Brigade
General Meeting
Monday April 7, 7.30pm @ the Station

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Flu Season is almost here...
2014 Flu Vaccination Clinic will be conducted at the Barellan Community Health Centre on Tuesday, April 1st commencing at 9.30am. Please bring your Medicare Card with you. Please phone 69639266 to make an appointment. $19 for non pensioners or non-chronic disease suffers.