Principal’s Report

Christmas Fund Raiser

On **Wednesday** we are asking students to bring a gold coin donation to school to see if we can raise at least $98 to send to Oxfam. This will provide drinking water for an entire school.

Many students living in poor communities in South Africa don’t have access to clean water, toilets and sinks, meaning they frequently go to school with diarrhoea — or don’t attend at all. Through donations such as ours, the introduction of water tanks, latrines, and an ingeniously simple hand-washing device called a tippy tap, students are healthy enough to attend school, and they have clean water for growing and cooking food.

If we raise more than this amount we will look at buying the village a goat, chickens, or similar. This Christmas help those less fortunate than us. More information take a look at the Oxfam website.

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**Barellan Central School Invites you to join us for Presentation Night 2015**

**Thursday, December 10**

**Commencing at 7:30pm**

**at the Barellan Community Hall**

**Come and help celebrate**

**Another year of achievement for our students.**

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**Barellan Central School**

**Invites you to the Infants Christmas / Family Celebration in the BCS Library**

**Monday December 14th, 2015**

**11.00am K - 6 End of Year Performance.**

**12 noon - Santa arrives for K - 2 students.**
Calendar Term 4 2015
Tues 08  Mobile Library Visits (Pick-up only)
Thur 10  Presentation Night
Mon 14  Primary Assembly/Infants Christmas Tree
Tues 15  Rewards Day Lake Talbot
Wed 16  Last Day Students Term 4
Fri 18  Last Day Staff Term 4

January 2016
Wed 27  Staff return Term 1
Thur 28  Students return Term 1

Uniform Notice
All Year 7 students for 2016 have been fitted for new Secondary Uniforms, could parents and carers please contact Jeanette Brumby 69683258 or 0428683258 as uniforms will be available this week. White shirts with black trim $35.00, Skirts $55.00, Jumpers $45.00 larger sizes $55.00.
Thanks
Jeanette Brumby

Collection of Devices Year 7,8, 9 & 10
Devices will be collected on Friday, December 11 to allow for a complete refresh during the school holidays.
You need to hand in your laptop, charger & case.
If you have lost your charger you will need to purchase another one for $25.
Please remember to back up your work.
Any questions please contact Mrs Stacie Luppi at the school.

Swim School
Swim School continued today for all students in Years K - 10.
Students need to make sure they have a rashie, towel and swimmers with them each day, clearly labelled with their name.
Students will also need to bring money for entry to the pool if they don’t have a season ticket.

Library Books
It is time to start and return your Library books in preparation for the end of the year. Any books you are finished with, including your AR books can be returned to the Library.
Thankyou

P&C Supporting Our School
Canteen Roster

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So that Santa is all prepared for our K - 2 Christmas /Family Celebration on December 14, we would ask Santa’s helpers to drop a wrapped book to the value of $15 to the front office by Thursday December 10
Leaders: Matilda & Lachlan

Mrs McDermott and I would like to wish all our students and their families a fun, healthy and happy holiday. Thank you for being a supportive and hard working group of students we have really enjoyed being your teachers this year and wish you all the very best in 2016.

Mrs Kenny

Swim School

Everyone needs a rashi or a T-shirt to wear in the pool.

NO RASHI NO SWIMMING.

2/3 swim during the morning session from 9.20 to Recess. Students may wear their swimmers to school under their uniform but must remember underwear to change into following swimming.

Could all students bring along their swimmers, rashi, sunscreen and towel. Please label all belongings.

A busy eight days ahead. Presentation Night this Thursday 10th December, Primary Assembly and Christmas Tree Monday 14th, Lake Talbot Rewards Day Tuesday 15th, 2/3 Class Party Wednesday 16th.

Mathletics Awards Term 4 2015

Year 3- Lillian Rainbird
Year 2- Anika Smith
Consistant Effort-
Matilda Evans

K/1 Class News

Intensive swimming will continue this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please also ensure students bring their swimmers on Friday as we will be going to the pool for sport. Students are required to wear a rash shirt. Please ensure students have swimmers, rash shirt, sunscreen, towel and $2 for entry unless they have a season ticket.

Lake Talbot excursion notes went home last week. This is a whole school excursion on Tuesday the 15th of December. Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

Presentation Night is this Thursday, the 10th of December. Please be at the hall at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Next Monday infant and primary students will be presenting Christmas items for their end of year performance. This will begin in the library at 11.10am. The infants Christmas tree will follow with Santa arriving at 12pm.

K/1 will have our end of year class party on Wednesday the 16th of December during recess and period 3. Please bring in a plate of food to share. Reminder: BCS is a nut free school.

This Week

Library

Library day is tomorrow. Please return all books you may still have at home.

Homework

Home Reading

Home reading will finish this Thursday. This week students will be bringing home old home readers so that we are able to audit our PM readers.

Reading Eggs Award

Congratulations to Tom for receiving a Silver award in Reading Eggs.

Mathletics Awards

Unfortunately I have been unable to view Mathletics results for last week.
Last week we finished our Accelerated Literacy unit on the text ‘Truck Dogs’ which was very interesting. For some of us, it was our first taste of a book of that size, it was an interesting book that we enjoyed reading right up until the end. Also last week we looked at our plants and broke down the importance of the different environmental factors and how they affect the lifecycle of a plant.

This week we will wrap up our intensive swim program. There have been a lot of very tired children every day!

Remember Presentation Night Thursday!

Awards

**Spelling:**

Weekly Super Spellers (85%+):

Nace Borland, Benjamin Giddings, Matisse Dewar-Herrmann, Allie Haida

**Mathletics**

Bronze Awards– Nace Borland

Silver Awards– Marian Davies

**HOME LEARNING**

Mathletics set tasks, Weekly Spelling list words and A.R weekly, as well as our new Homework contracts which are due at the end of week 10 (this week). Please remember to bring A.R. books and folders back to school each day for summaries to be checked and so that quizzes can be completed.

Hope you all have a terrific week!

-Mr Mannes
Junior Tennis

To wrap up Junior Tennis for 2016 there will be a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the round of games this Friday 11th December. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the last day of tennis and a sausage.

Learning the guitar is all about consistency and momentum, especially in the first year. Daily practice is vital in maintaining your confidence to continue the journey, and your weekly lesson give you necessary feedback and direction. Xmas holidays are fast approaching and are often the best time to knuckle down and gain some traction. It’s a great way to make up for the busier times throughout the year. If you are going on vacation, could you take a guitar with you? Many students who up their game during the Xmas break come out head and shoulders above the rest in the new year. Lets make this Xmas count!

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GOLDEN GRAIN CAFE

Cafe will begin closing again at 2 p.m. on Mondays as from today (7th December).

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

CHRISTMAS EVE - CLOSING AT 2 P.M.

CAFE WILL REMAIN CLOSED FROM CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 2016.

Tony and I wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy 2016.

We sincerely thank you all for your continued patronage of the Cafe over the past year.

Beth Preston
Proprietor

Barellan Post Office Christmas/New Year Trading Hours

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Trish, Phil & staff would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and all the best for 2016.

St Therese Catholic Church
Barellan

Christmas Mass time for 2015:

Vigil Mass Christmas Eve at 7pm.

OOSH Enrolment packs will be available from January 4th 2016. We can send out or make them available at Barellan Little Learners from collection. Any queries to call me on 0269643440

Tahnee Jamieson JP
Nominated Supervisor
Western Riverina FDC
29 Yambil St
Griffith NSW 2680
Total Fire Ban rules
A total fire ban means no fires out in the open. A total fire ban helps limit the potential of fires developing.

During a Total Fire Ban you cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open, or to carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire.

No general purpose hot works, such as welding or gas cutting can be done in the open.

The NSW RFS strongly recommends you reconsider activities such as such using a tractor or slashing, to help reduce the chance of a fire starting on your property. Under certain conditions, the NSW RFS may issue a Cease Harvest request.

Why are Total Fire Bans declared?
Bush fires are more likely to spread and cause damage on days when the weather is very hot, dry and windy. These are usually on very high to extreme fire days.

To reduce the risk of fires damaging or destroying life, property and the environment the NSW RFS Commissioner may declare a Total Fire Ban.

Can I use an electric barbecue?
You can use an electric barbecue for cooking as long as it is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating, and no combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating.

Can I use a gas barbecue?
You can use a gas barbecue under the following conditions:

- It is under the direct control of a responsible adult, who is present at all times while it is operating;
- No combustible material is allowed within two metres at any time it is operating;
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water; and
- The barbecue is within 20 metres of a permanent private dwelling such as a home; or
- The barbecue is within a designated picnic area and the appliance is approved by Council, National Parks or State Forest.

Can I use fire during a Total Fire Ban if I have a fire permit?
Permits are suspended on days of total fire ban. Permits may resume after the total fire ban is lifted, as long as the permit hasn’t expired.

More information on permits can be found on our Fire Permit page.

What is a No Burn day?
The EPA may prohibit the burning of fires in the open or in incinerators by issuing a No-Burn Notice (see section 133 Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997) if it is of the opinion that, because forecast weather conditions, burning is likely to contribute to the build-up of air pollution.

To find out if a No-Burn notice is in force

- check the EPA website; or
- check the Public Notices section of the Sydney Morning Herald. A No-Burn notice will be published in the newspaper on the day it is in force; or
- call the EPA Environmental Information Line on 131 555.

Are there any exemptions during a Total Fire Ban?
A range of activities may be exempt from Total Fire Bans, such as emergency infrastructure work, bee hive smokers, mining operations, sugar cane harvesting, use of fireworks or ceremonial fires. The NSW RFS Commissioner is responsible for exemptions to Total Fire Bans. These exemptions are detailed in the NSW Government Gazette each time a Total Fire Ban is declared.

How do I apply for a Total Fire Ban exemption?
If you want to light a fire, or carry out any hot works activities during a Total Fire Ban you can check the Government Gazette to see if there is a standard exemption that applies to your situation. If the standard exemptions don’t cover your circumstances then you may apply for a specific exemption using our Total Fire Ban exemption application form.

You will receive an acknowledgement email upon our receipt of your application however a minimum of seven days processing time is required for us to assess your application.

If approved the NSW RFS will issue an Exemption that contains any conditions that you must follow when lighting the fire or conducting your activity on the total fire ban day.

What penalties are there for lighting a fire during a Total Fire Ban?
Lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban attracts an on the spot fine of $2200. If the matter goes to court, you could be subject to a fine of up to $5500 and/or 12 months gaol.

Penalties for a fire that escapes and damages or destroys life, property or the environment can attract much greater fines and gaol terms with maximums at $132,000 and/or 14 years gaol.

Civil law suits can also be brought against the person responsible for a fire by those seeking compensation for losses sustained.

More information
Call your local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre, or local Council for further advice.
TWO BLUES NEWS

Yes it all seems a bit early to be doing footy stuff…. Attached to today’s newsletter is the 2016 draw.

AGM date has not been set as yet, some people have indicated they would still be interested in continuing there roll, however all positions will be declared vacant.

Our aim is to split the Secretary job up to lighten the load for the new Secretary. Just a few suggestions as below

Uniform/apparel co-ordinator – ordering of shorts, socks, guernseys, jackets etc. Liaising with AFL Riverina in regards to approval for all logos on apparel

Game day Secretary – organising boundary umpires, security groundsman and running the press box. Gate duty roster co-ordinator

GROWING our CLUB

A major fundraiser for the footy club was to obtain some acres. A big thank you to Max Charlton who kindly donated 110 acres of land to the Club for the 2015 season.

The crop has now been harvested and by all reports the crop went well but of course could have been better.

A massive THANK YOU to the following people who kindly gave up many hours of their time and machinery to make ALL this possible.

Mark Kenny – sewing of crop; Chris Holden – supplied grain (wheat)
Owen Brown – supplied disc; Graham Pelligrino – spraying of crop
Flagg Family – supplied urea; Daryl Flagg – spreading of urea
Mark Kenny – supplied truck & carted grain; Daryl Flagg – supplied truck & carted grain; Flagg Family – supplied header
Matt Flagg – harvested crop; Fuel – donated by South West Fuel
Ag & Vet supplied fertiliser and chemical to the value of $5000
Yenda Producers supplied chemical to the value of $1400

THANK YOU ALL – top effort

Grain Donation

Supporters of the Barellan United Two Blues are welcome to make donations of Grain this harvest to help “Grow our Club”

You can either:

Deliver grain to a site OR

Electronically transfer into our NGR account (the easiest way)

Barellan United Football NGR card no: 13500311

Please choose to warehouse the grain

For further info please contact Mark Kenny 0427 695 532

Level 1 Sports Trainers Course

With the upcoming football season fast approaching, now is the best time for Sports Trainers to ensure we are ready to take the field with a current accreditation!

To be held on 13th &14th of February 2016 at AFL House, Wagga Wagga, the course will introduce participants to the basic skills and knowledge needed to become a Sports Trainer with content including Sports Taping, Transport for the Injured Athlete and Principles of Injury Management. Those completing the course will need to produce a copy of their current Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) qualification on the day.

A first Aid course can be run prior to the trainers course.

Registration for the program will be set at a cost of $250.00 per person which includes 3 years accreditation along with the latest edition of “Sports Medicine for Sports Trainers”

The football club will pay for 1 to 2 people who wish to attend this course. If this is for you please let me know.

AFL NAB Challenge match

As you may be aware an AFL NAB Challenge match will be conducted on Saturday 5th March, 2016 commencing @ 4.40pm at Robertson Oval, Wagga featuring Collingwood and North Melbourne.

Wrapping up the Season

2015 has certainly been a big year for all involved, on behalf of the BUFNC I would like to thank all members, supporters, sponsors and everyone one who helped out during the season. Your support, hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated. We could never have done this without such a great team of workers

Tis the season to be jolly..

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Kim Hillman

Secretary