Principal’s Report

Presentation Night
Congratulations to all staff and students for Presentation Night last week. Thank you to the community members who have provided feedback about the evening also.

Infants Christmas Tree
Mrs Kenny has been sending Santa some text messages lately, asking if he can fit in a quick visit to BCS before the holidays. Santa thinks he might be here sometime after recess today! We look forward to seeing him…..hopefully everyone’s on the nice list!

Lake Talbot
Tomorrow our students will be attending Lake Talbot at Narrogin for our annual day out. Please make sure children have appropriate swim wear including a rash vest to protect from sunburn, a hat, towel, plenty of healthy snacks and water. Make sure all items are labelled so they return home with your child/ren

School Maintenance
Over the school holidays there will be some maintenance carried out throughout the school. If you see any suspicious activity around the school out of school hours please contact one of the hotline numbers here

Happy and Safe Holidays
On behalf of the staff at BCS I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all for you input into our great little school!
Calendar Term 4 2015

Tues 15  Rewards Day Lake Talbot
Wed 16  Last Day Students Term 4
Thur 15  BCS Office Closed
Fri 18  BCS Office Closed

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

Congratulations to Connor Irvin who has won an award in the Kindergarten section of the Narrandera Shire Council Australia Day Colouring –In competition

K/1 Class News

Thanks to everyone who came to the Presentation Night last Thursday. It was a very late night, especially for infants children. This is something that is being reviewed for next year.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our Primary end of year performances today. We hope you enjoyed our items.

The Lake Talbot, whole school excursion, is tomorrow. Students are very excited to spend the day at the pool. Please pack plenty of snacks for students to eat throughout the day. Students can come to school in their swimmers with their uniform over the top. Please ensure they have a rash shirt to wear, a hat and at least 1 water bottle.

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

Thank you to parents and carers for your communication and support throughout this year. Have a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas!

Homework

Home Reading  Home reading is finished for the year. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible throughout the holidays.

P&C Supporting Our School

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

Griffith Regional Gallery HSC Graduate Art Exhibition
Linda Forrester and Shane Gibson have their major HSC art works hanging in the Griffith Regional Gallery. The artworks have been included in an exhibition at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery. These works will be on display until the 20th December.
The gallery is open Wednesday to Friday 10.00 -5.00, Saturday to Sunday 11.00 am to 2.00 pm and is free. It is a great opportunity to see other student art works from around our local area along with our students from Barellan Central School.

Reading Awards
K/1 Raffle: Bailey Irvin, Timothy Davies
Target Tickets: Lily Curran, Bailey Winter, Zach Kessey, Paige Kenny
85’ers: Bianca Spowart, Emma Luppi, Olivia Ellis, Ruby Male, Ryan Smith, Blake Stevenson

Library Books
It is time to 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.
Thanks
SUMMER HOLIDAY
SCARY STORY COMPETITION

To celebrate the NEW Goosebumps MOVIE COMING IN JAN 2016!

IT’S TIME TO AWaken THE WRITER Lurking WITHIN YOUR STUDENTS!
They could WIN their very own Goosebumps boxed set and $100 in Book Clubs vouchers for 2016!

HOW TO ENTER
Students are asked to write their own scary story this summer holiday—300 words.
The winning entry will be the most creative and well-written story.
Students can send in their story via email or post.

EMAIL ENTRIES TO: competitions@scholastic.com.au

OF POST TO: Scholastic Scary Story Competition
REDY RAAD 575
Gosford NSW 2250
AUSTRALIA

The competition closes on 1 February 2016.
Three winners will be selected—one from each of the age groups listed below:
GROUP 1: YEARS 1-2
GROUP 2: YEARS 3-4
GROUP 3: YEARS 5-6

Visit scholastic.com.au/competitions for all the frightening facts, plus you can download a checklist of the Goosebumps series so students can see how many titles they have read.

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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

We wish to advise The Treasure Chest will be closed from 24 December 2015 and reopen the first week February 2016.

All the volunteers at The Treasure Chest would like to wish every one a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

ARE YOU HAVING CHRISTMAS DINNER AT HOME AND NEED MORE PLATTERS, SALAD BOWLS, GLASSWARE WINE GLASSES ETC., TO CATER FOR ALL YOUR GUESTS?????

At The Treasure Chest we have a great variety of these items for sale at very reasonable prices. Please call in and see one of our friendly staff on Thursday or Friday. Hurry as there isn’t much time left to find yourself a great bargain.

Barellan Post Office Christmas/New Year Trading Hours

Christmas Eve 9.00am - 5.00pm
Christmas Day Closed
Monday 28.12.15 Closed
Tuesday 29.12.15 9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday 30.12.15 9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 31.12.15 Closed
Friday 01.01.16 Closed

Reopen for normal trading Monday 04.01.16

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

Out Of School Hours Enrolment packs will be available from January 4th 2016. We can send out or make them available at Barellan Little Learners for collection. Any queries call me on 0269643440
Tahnee Jamieson JP
Nominated Supervisor
Western Riverina FDC
29 Yambil St
Griffith NSW 2680
Ph 02 69643440 A/H: 0417 841 980

St Therese Catholic Church Barellan

Christmas Mass time for 2015:

Vigil Mass Christmas Eve at 7pm.
Barellan Community Health Centre News.....
The Health Centre will close for the Christmas break on Tuesday 15th December 2015 and re-open on the following dates:
5th January 2016 for Senior’s Groups and Pathology Services
11th January 2016 - Nursing Services Return
19th January 2016 - Leeton Medical Centre Clinic
- Podiatry Services Clinic
For all emergencies contact 000.

Benefit Night for Craig O’Grady
Saturday January 16th, 2016
Commencing 5pm at the Barellan Sportsground

The fundraiser will start with a six - a - side Cricket match at a cost of $60 per team.
Names of teams to be given to Ben Evans by 11th January.
As this is a fun night all are encouraged to wear bright, happy clothing.
Auction of various items and continuous raffles will be held during the night.
Music provided by Gary & Lee McDermott.
A BBQ will be available.
BYO alcohol and chair.
Fun activities for all ages will also be happening on the night.
Please come and support this worthy fundraiser.
All enquiries to Annette McDermott 0427639184 or Ben Evans 0437268059

Narrandera Shire Council
CHANGE TO WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE DAY FOR CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEARS DAY

Council wishes to advise that due to the above public holidays, collection days for your waste and recycling services will change. Services normally provided on a Friday will be brought forward one day with collections now being done on Thursday. Normal services will resume on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Summer 2016 Western Riverina Junior Chess Tournament in Griffith
WHERE: St. Patrick’s Primary School Hall, Griffith (Warrambool St)
WHEN: Monday 28th January 2016
(last week of the school holidays)
TIME: 9:15 am to 3:45 pm
ENTRY FEE: $10 [or $15 for a family] payable on the day.
OPEN TO: Anyone under the age of 18 who likes to play chess
PRIZES: Guaranteed trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in U18 & U12
Possible trophies for U10 depending on numbers.
REGISTER BY: 22nd January 2016 by contacting:
Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626
or by email: noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au
WHAT TO BRING: Lunch & refreshments (plastic drink and water for sale)
You don’t have to be a great chess player, as this is a fun tournament, but knowledge of the rules is required.
The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.
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 barbeque?
You can use an electric barbeque 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 barbeque?
You can use a gas barbeque 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 barbeque is within 20 metres of a permanent private dwelling such as a home; or
- The barbeque 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.