Principal’s Report

Welcome Kindergarten

All of our Kindergarten students began school today and they looked very smart and grown up in their ‘big school’ uniforms.

We welcome our new students and their families to our lovely school and we trust that you will enjoy all of your school days with us at BCS.

Canberra Raiders to Visit BCS
Thursday afternoon will see some special visitors in the school – Dane Tilse from the Canberra Raiders will be stopping by from 2:30pm – 3pm to talk to students about the importance of physical activity, nutrition and mental wellbeing in young people’s lives. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and information will be available on how to get involved with Junior Rugby League in the region.

Parents or community members are welcome to attend this 30 minute assembly in our canteen from 2:30pm.

Swimming Carnival
Make sure you are ready for the annual BCS swimming carnival on next Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm at the Barellan Pool. Come along and support the students and enjoy a BBQ dinner!

RAP Induction Camp
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February, our Year 11 students will head to Yanco to attend the RAP Induction Camp. Here they will meet their classmates and their teachers for Year 11 and 12. This is always a huge success for teachers and students.

Absences
Remember that if your child/ren are away from school you are required by the NSW DEC to provide an explanation within 2 days. Please send a note with your child/ren to explain their absence when they return to school, or please phone the school to ensure an explanation for their absence is provided.

Also please note that if you know in advance that you are going to be away for an extended time, perhaps on a family trip, then you can advise the school in advance.

Parent and Caregiver Information
If you have changed any of your contact details over the holidays please ensure that you provide us with this new information. It is extremely important that we have the correct contact details, for example, in the event that your child gets sick.

P&C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be held this Wednesday, February 4th in the School Library at 3.30pm.

All parents are invited to attend, new members are always welcome.

Whoops!
Apologies to our new Year 7 student, Jordan Boyd who was given the wrong name on last week’s photo. Luke Evans is of course a member of our Year 8 class.

Have a great week everyone!
The canteen is in desperate need of some more volunteers.
If you are able to help out at all during the term, especially on the days requiring a volunteer, please give Karen Smith a call on 0428300729 or fill in the form attached to the Gazette.
Please note Canteen price list attached to this week’s Gazette.

Calendar Term 1 2015

**February**
- Wed 4: P&C Meeting 3.30pm @ School Library
- Thurs 5: Canberra Raiders Visit @ 2.30pm
- Tues 10: RAP Induction Camp 2 Days
- Thurs 12: Twilight Swimming Carnival
- Fri 13: Day off in lieu of carnival
- Tues 17: Mobile Library Visits
- Wed 18: RAP Secondary Sport Trials
- Fri 20: Secondary Zone Swimming @ APCS Tennis Trials
- Thurs 26: PSSA Swimming Carnival @ APCS

**March**
- Fri 6: Secondary Riverina Swimming @ Albury
- Mon 9: PSSA Riverina Swimming @ Albury Visiting Performance ~ ‘Let’s Chat Habitat’
- Wed 11: Primary AFL & Netball Trials
- Tues 31: BCS Cross-Country (TBC)

**April**
- Thurs 2: Last Day Term 1

**BCS Primary Student Requirement List 2015**

**Infants**
- Library Bag
- Smock with long sleeves for art and craft - (If not already provided)
- Hat
- Box of tissues per Term
- Homework / Reader Folder
- Head Phones for computer learning

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED**

**Lower Primary**
- Students will need to replenish the first 5 items at the beginning of each term
- HB Lead pencils
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Coloured pencils (12 pkt)
- Glue stick
- A4 Homework book
- Box of tissues per term
- Library bag
- Paint shirt – if not already provided
- Head Phones for computer learning
- USB for storing computer tasks

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**Upper Primary**
- Students will need to replenish the first 5 items at the beginning of each term
- HB Lead pencils
- Blue/black/red pens
- Glue stick
- Coloured pencils (12pkt)
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Library bag
- Box of tissues per term
- Paint shirt – if not already provided
- Pencil case (small/barrel style)
- Hat
- Head Phones for computer learning
- USB for storing computer tasks

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Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are ready for an exciting and busy 2015.

This week I will be conducting some initial assessments with the students to have a “starting point” for teaching. During this time, I will be revise our Super Six Comprehension Strategies alongside a short unit of learning Operation 3R’s based around concepts of respect, rights and responsibilities. This will take approximately 2 weeks after which we will begin our first unit of learning for the year.

I encourage all students to come prepared for learning each day with the appropriate equipment needed to complete all tasks. A reminder that students should be bringing in a piece of fruit or vegetable for “Crunch and Sip” and a bottle of water to drink throughout the day.

I have started up a new Class Dojo for the 2015 school year, so if you are already registered for this you should be able to monitor your child’s behaviour through this application.

Mathletics and Spellodrome will be up and running very soon. All students have been rolled over into their new classes and once initial assessments are completed and marked, activities will begin appearing for completion.

Last year we were having difficulties with Reading Eggspress as the files for all the books online were too large for our Dervices, so I am in the process of finding other avenues for students in this area. Students will be given assignments again this year which will be marked and go towards their mid-year and end-of-year reports. Students will be provided with ample opportunity and support within class to complete these assignments.

I anticipate this year to be a successful and fun journey for all students in the class.

A Journey of a Thousand Miles Must Begin with a Single Step.

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Welcome to Spencer, we hope you really enjoy Barellan Central School.

Welcome also to Mrs Mc Dermott who will be team teaching with me all year. We have been very impressed by the excellent participation from all students so far this year.

Keep striving to give your best everyone.

Accelerated Literacy
Going Bush by Nadia Wheatley & Ken Searle
This week we will start reading 'Going Bush'. This story is about a group of students who explore the natural environment near to their school and learn about each other, the aboriginal culture and the beauty of the bush.

Library - Friday
Sport - Wednesday & Friday

We are setting up the Class Dojo. To help link all parents into the system could everyone please supply their current email address on the form in the Gazette.

Media Stars
Our class will be preparing a short presentation to help Louise Hornery’s grant application for upgrades to the tennis court. This presentation will appear on YouTube. If any parents would rather their child not be involved please indicate below and return to Mrs Kenny. There will be more information about this project at a later date.

Helping Hands
Any parents who would like to help with Accelerated Reader or Maths Rotations later in the term please indicate to Mrs McDermott or myself. To all parents please feel free to approach us if you have questions or concerns at any time throughout the year.

Tennis Court Upgrade YouTube Presentation

I (name) __________________________

(Please circle) Do / Do Not give permission for my child (name) ________________________________

to appear in the YouTube Presentation.

Signed ____________________________________
Welcome back to another year, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It is very exciting as Kindergarten had their first day of school today. I was very excited to see smiling faces during Best Start Assessments last week and it was even more enjoyable to see them all together as a class today.

Year 1 and Year 2 worked very hard last week and on the chances that I had with them were eager to complete assessments. Library day is Tuesday so please ensure students bring library bags tomorrow. Sport days are Friday so can students please wear full sport uniforms on Fridays. This week we are going to the pool for sport. If students do not have a season pass can they please bring $2 for entry. Students must also bring swimmers, a rashie, sunscreen and a towel.

There are a number of permission notes for parents/carers to complete in this Gazette. Please take the time to complete these and return to the front office.

I will be sending home a more detailed letter to explain school routines, lessons and resources soon though if you have any questions or concerns please contact me on the school number or email me at kellie.nicholls1@det.nsw.edu.au

### This Week

#### Settling In

Students will spend time this week getting to know each other and settling into school routine. Year 1 and 2 spent some time last week focussing on leadership qualities and I am looking forward to seeing them use some of these qualities in the classroom this week.

#### School Rules

This week we will be focussing on school rules. Our super six school rules are

- Respect people and equipment
- Follow directions
- No put downs
- Right time, right place, right gear
- Speak and act appropriately
- Stay on task

#### Homework

**Home Reading**

Year 1 and Year 2 have started completing home readers. Kindergarten will begin next week.

**Mathletics and Reading Eggs**

Mathletics and Reading Eggs are not compulsory though Year 1 and Year 2 can complete some online activities if they are wanting to do more at home. Kindergarten will be oriented to these programs throughout this week. I will soon be sending home more information about these programs and how they will be used in the classroom along with students log ins so they can also been used at home.

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Barellan Central School Primary classes use ClassDojo, an online teacher tool to help build your student’s learning habits and boost classroom engagement.

ClassDojo allows teachers to track student behaviour and learning skills throughout the day.

One of the great features of ClassDojo is that it allows teachers to send you a “behaviour and skills report” every Friday by email. We hope that this will bring parent/guardians and teachers closer together to better understand the progress of your child on a week to week basis.

Please complete the below form and return to school to enable us to set up our ‘Dojo’ accounts. If you do not have access to emails, please indicate this to allow us to work out another means of communication.

If you have questions or concerns with this please contact the school.

Regards

BCS Primary Staff

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**Primary Students’ ClassDojo Contact Details Form**

Student/s Name: __________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

Parents/Guardians Name: ________________

Parents/Guardians Email address: ________________

I do not have an email address
Sport for Term 1
This term I will be organising Primary and Secondary representative Sport, that includes all Zone, Riverina and State carnivals as well as PSSA, CHS and RAP sport.

If you have any enquiries about ANYTHING to do with Sport, please contact me on 0418 768344 or at school ASAP as I only work Wednesday to Friday at B.C.S.

Please note that Secondary Sport has been moved back to FRIDAY afternoon instead of Thursday.

This term is very busy as usual, beginning with our Annual School Swimming Carnival on Thursday afternoon, Feb 12, starting between 3.30 and 4 pm. Friday the 13th will be a pupil free day. I would appreciate help with time keeping again so come along and volunteer if you can assist. BOTH Zone Carnivals will be held in Ariah Park, Secondary on Friday the 20th and Primary on Thursday the 26th of Feb.

Barellan will again host selection trials for the Secondary RAP teams for boys and girls Touch Football, boys and girls Tennis, boys and girls Cricket and mixed Lawn Bowls. This will be on Wednesday, Feb the 18th.

On Friday, Feb 20th, trials for the Riverina Primary Tennis Squads will be held, more details to follow if anyone is interested.

Please include these dates on a calendar if you use one: the fridge is always a good location. Here’s hoping B.C.S. has another successful year in Sport.

Alan Hesketh ~ Sport Organiser

Intensive Swimming from 2014
Following our Intensive Swimming/Life Saving program in Term 4 last year the following students were successful in passing their levels.

If your name does not appear on this list, you may have missed too much time or haven’t reached proficiency yet.

If you have an enquiry please contact me at school. If you wish to purchase the certificates, medallions, etc, please send money in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name and level to school ASAP.

LEVEL 1 - ACTIVE AWARD 1
Timothy Davies, Dakota Smith, Eli Koerper, Bianca Spowart, Suleyman Uzun, Anika Smith,

LEVEL 2 - ACTIVE AWARD 2
Alannah Curran, Darcie Geltch, Tom Jamieson, Sophie Male, Will Tiffen, Charlee-Anne Rowe, Matilda Evans, Emily Foster, Greer Geddes, Patrick Mickan

LEVEL 3 - ACTIVE AWARD 3
Riley Curran, Jonathon Davies, Madison Davies, Lachlan Ellis, Emma Luppi, Clancy Male, John Noakes, Lillian Rainbird, Dom Snaith, Bailey Winter, Olivia Ellis, Allie Haida, Jack Inglis, Ryan Jordan, Zac Kessey, Anika Praestlin, Jordan Spowart, Ben Taylor, Millie Rowston

LEVEL 4 - ACTIVE AWARD 4
Matisse Dewar-Hermann, Ella Male, Ruby Male, Annabelle Geltch, Arnold Luppi, Lily Neville, Melissa Noakes, Cooper Spowart, Tait Snaith

LEVEL 5 ACTIVE AWARD 5
William Ellis, Jane Haeusler, Wyatt Lees, Charlotte Rainbird, Sarah Wilson, Sharni Winter, Harry Rowston, Leah Boyd, Amelia Burcham

LEVEL 6 - ACTIVE AWARD 6
Jake Bourchier, Paige Kenny, Kylie Giddings, Chelsea Gordon, Kira Jasperson, Isabella Smith

LEVEL 7 - ACTIVE AWARD 7
Norm Haeusler, Max Findlay, Lillian Geltch, Shakiera Ashman

ALL ACTIVE AWARD LEVELS FROM 1 TO 7 COST $ 5.50

Bronze Star - Cost $11

Bronze Medallion - Cost $16.50
Kobiga Kandeepan, Sally Lees, Jessie McDermott, Abbey Neville, Lisa Ohslen, Zoe Stevenson, Emma Bradnock, Matthew Giddings, Reece Wilson, Shane Gibson

Bronze Cross - Cost $16.50
Hannah Boyd, Meghan Brumby

Alan Hesketh - Intensive Swimming Co-ordinator
**BARELLAN CENTRAL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER**

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**UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

Orders and money to be returned to school by Friday February 6
Cheques made payable to Barellan Central School P&C

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Total Amount Enclosed $ __________________________
What's in your child's lunchbox?

1. fruit
2. vegetables
3. dairy
4. wholegrains
5. lean meat & alternatives

Fill it with the 5:

- Make water your drink
- Pack ice bricks to keep food cool
- Use a thermos to keep food warm

For further information visit: www.eatforhealth.gov.au
# Canteen Price List Term 1 2015

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**Canteen Volunteer Slip**

I (name) _______________________________________________________

would like to volunteer to work in the canteen on the following days:

Mon / Thursday / Friday

I would like to be added to the roster for ____________ (please state number)

I days per term.

Signed _______________________________________________

Contact phone number _________________________________

Any questions regarding the canteen please call Karen Smith on 0428300729
Thankyou
Mel Dean, along with Richie, Sarah, Laura, Sally and Wyatt Lees would like to thank everyone for their support, love and kindness on the passing of Jim. The Barellan P&C, The CWA Ladies and the whole Barellan community have been so wonderful. We all feel very lucky to be a part of it. Thankyou all.

2015 Catholic Debutante Ball

Any girls who wish to make their debut this year are invited to attend a meeting on Friday afternoon at 3.30pm in the School Library. The Ball will be held on Friday, April 10. Any inquiries please contact Vicki Tubb or Bernadette Bandy.

Night Tennis Competition starts Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th February. Tennis Coaching starts Wednesday 4th February. Junior Tennis Competition resumes Friday 5th February. Please contact Louise on 0409 587 838.

Barellan Rural Fire Brigade AGM will be held on Monday March 2nd at the station. The meeting will commence at 7.30 after training at 6pm. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

Barellan Hall Committee will be having a meeting on the 5th March 2015 at the Barellan Club 730 pm start everyone is welcome to come. Stephan Woodham

For Sale Phone 69639439
Silkie Hens $10
Crossbred Hens $10
Pullets $5
Chickens $1
Roosters FREE

Cruisin' to Barellan

SWAP MEET & MARKET STALLS

Sunday 22nd March 2015
Barellan Showground 6am
(turn over the railway line opposite Commercial Hotel)
$5.00 Gate Entry

CARS, BIKES & TRUCKS
“SHOW & SHINE”
$5.00 Entry Fee per car/bike

ALL Proceeds to Barellan Aged Care Support
Fundraising to build Units for the Aged in Barellan

Site Fees
$20.00 Outside
$30.00 Inside Pavilion
BBQ Breakfast & Lunch & Refreshments available.
Camping sites available - $10 per night extra for powered sites.
Accommodation also available at Commercial Hotel
(Ph. 02 6963 9249)

For more information
(02) 6963 9151 OR 69 639411
Email: shortcol66@gmail.com

NO Fires or Alcohol on grounds
Regular School Attendance
Information for parents and carers

Did you know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Why must I send my child to school?
Education in New South Wales is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school.

From 2010, all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must:
1. be in school or registered for home schooling,
2. in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) or
3. in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education or training.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

Principal’s are responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified.

For this reason, Principals may require medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

If Principals don’t consider an explanation to be satisfactory they will record the absence as unexplained.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Training may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained absences from school.

Must I send my child every day?
YES. It is a condition of enrolment that you send your child to school every day.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:
- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend to a serious illness in the family
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.


Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice is not a valid reason for prolonged absences from school.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life.

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

If your child doesn’t learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

Why is arriving at school on time important?
Arriving at school on time:

- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Late arrivals are recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school in the same way as other forms of absence.

What should I do if family holidays are planned?
If your family holiday is during school time, inform the school principal in advance and request leave and/or an exemption from school.

Depending on the circumstances, and how long the leave will be, you may ask the school to provide tasks that can be completed while your child is absent.

Must my child attend all activities, including daily fitness and sport?
YES. Sport and other physical activities help to keep your child healthy. Children are expected to attend all regular school activities, including sport.

Do not keep your child away from school for the following:
- Birthdays
- Shopping
- Visiting other children
- Routine check ups or care such as haircuts
- Parent family events
- Sleep-in.

Medical and other health appointments for your child should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?
If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence, please draw up and send:
- a note
- fax or email to the school
- telephone the school or
- visit school.

All absences must be explained to the school. Bilingual absence notes and further information on attendance can be found on the Department’s website under the heading School Attendance (School Attendance). At https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/language/support/documents/attendance.htm.

The principal of the school has the right to question parents or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school.

The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

My child won’t go to school. What should I do?
If your child refuses to go to school, you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. The principal may seek support from a home school liaison officer or Aboriginal student liaison officer.

Who are home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers?
Home school liaison officers and Aboriginal student liaison officers have been specially trained to help you with your child’s attendance.

They work with school communities to encourage all students to attend school regularly.

For further information about the Home School Liaison Program you should contact the program manager at your local Department of Education and Training regional office. Contact numbers can be found at the website mentioned below or by telephoning 131 333.

Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?
- won’t get out of bed
- won’t go to bed
- can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
- school lunches not ready
- how to eat breakfast
- homewrok not done
- watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
- last or presentation at school
- birthday
- screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:
- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting homework
- Set time for daily homework activities
- Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- Be firm, children must go to school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- Time arrival at school coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Do you need an interpreter?
Interpreting services are provided where possible for parents and carers who do not speak or understand English well and have hearing and other disabilities. For more information on interpreting services contact your school or

- telephone the Interpreter Service and have them contact the school.
- telephone number to rings 131 450.
- Ask for an interpreter in the required language and the interpreter will call the school and stay on the line to assist you.

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