Principal’s Report

Students thoroughly enjoyed the visit with Canberra Raiders players last Thursday. Thank you!

Enrolments
Our Primary enrolments are up this year and we have qualified for a fourth Primary Teacher, so we are in the process of finding a suitable candidate to employ ASAP. More information will follow soon.

Enrolment Forms
Please ensure that all paperwork has been presented to the school if you are new to BCS. This includes birth certificates, immunisation schedules and any medical information. These are all legal requirements to enrol in any NSW DEC school. Some information from some families is still outstanding. It is essential that it is finalised by Thursday this week to ensure your child/ren are able to be enrolled in all of our educational programs. Without this information, your child/ren could be missing out on the full educational experience we offer.

RAP Induction Camp
On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our Year 11 students, along with many of our staff, 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.

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

P&C Meeting
Thank you to the 11 parents who attended our first P&C meeting for 2015. We were excited to have some new faces in attendance. A hot topic of conversation ended up being the primary uniform. This has been tabled for discussion at the P&C AGM to be held on Tuesday March 10th at 7:30pm. If you’d like to have your say on our primary uniform then please make sure you are there.

Memberships are due for the P&C - $5 per family ensures that you have voting rights at meetings. If you’d like to be able to vote at the AGM then make sure you have paid $5 before the meeting.

Have a great week.
Students please remember your lunch orders must be placed in the box before recess.

Canteen Helpers
All new families are encouraged to volunteer in the canteen this year. It is not a difficult job and usually only takes a few hours. If you are happy to assist we can arrange for our canteen manager Karen Smith to work with you during a shift to take you through the job. Mums and Dads are equally encouraged to join our list of volunteers! Please contact Karen Smith on 0428300729 if you are willing to help.

Uniforms ......
The P & C would appreciate payment of outstanding money that is owed for uniforms. The P & C are obligated to pay suppliers and if we do not receive money from parents and carers this makes it very difficult. Some people were going to do a direct deposit into the P & C account but maybe with the holidays it could have slipped your minds. As discussed at the P & C meeting I will be reissuing invoices to families, if you are having any difficulties feel free to contact the school office or Jeanette Brumby.

Student Lockers
A reminder for secondary students using the new lockers purchased by our P&C last year. Students who already have a new locker are required to pay a $5 hire fee for 2015. This is due to the school by 27th February.

Students who are not currently using a new locker but would like to use one are required to pay $20 to the office by 27th February. Thank you

AGM
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday, March 10. If you wish to be able to vote on matters that arise at meetings, annual subscriptions must be received before this date.
2/3/4 Weekly News

Leaders: Lillian & Jonathan

Mathletics is set up and ready to go. Students are expected to earn 1000 points each week. Some class time is available but Mathletics home work is necessary. Student will bring home a log on card today. I will also send this log on to parents via dojo.

Accelerated Reader

Our A.R program is set up. Thank you to Mrs Bandy. This week all students will do the Star Test and we will be set to go next week. Home Reading will commence then. Students will benefit greatly from nightly reading of their AR texts. They can work on summaries but can not complete quizzes at home.

Our AR days are - Monday Period 2, Tuesday Period 1, Wednesday Period 1 and Thursday Period 2.

If any parents would like to help with reading at any of these times please contact Mrs Kenny.

Library - Friday

Mr Kandeepan Maths Monday WA, Thursday WB

Sport - Wednesday & Friday

Accelerated Literacy

Going Bush

by Nadia Wheatley & Ken Searle

We will be chunking words from our text and work on text marking this week.

We are setting up the Class Dojo. To help link all parents into the system could everyone please supply their current email address or mobile number.

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 you tube. If any parents would rather their child not be involved please indicate below and return to Mrs Kenny. Could all students bring their HOT SHOTS shirts to school on TUESDAY for a little photo shoot.

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.

4/5/6 Weekly News

This week we begin our unit titled Making Informed Decisions. We will be looking at all things to do with decision-making, our Government and democracy. We will be looking at events which shaped the way decision are made within our country, state, regional and local areas. We will also be looking at decision making when it comes to personal choices and how we can make good decisions.

We are still in a somewhat of a classroom setup state as with 31 students currently in the class, this will take a little longer than usual.

Some time this week a letter will be sent home to you all explaining the 3-way conference which will be held later this term. You will be asked to organise a time to meet with your child and myself for the conference. I encourage everyone to make a time as it will allow you to see and ask questions about the learning goals specific to your child and ways in which we can work together to assist them.

Some reminders for everyone:
- Library day is Tuesday
- Sport day is Friday (current sport swimming)
- Students need all required equipment as per the list in the Gazette, especially headphones and a USB for computer work and research tasks
- All items should be clearly marked with your child’s name to avoid confusion.

Have a great week everyone!

This Week

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_Fly a Rebel Flag_ by Robyn Annear

Text Type

John O’Brien Writing Competition Entries

Maths

Numbers to 1 000; Numbers to 10 000; Hundred Thousands; Whole Numbers

Spelling

b, bb

Homework

Accelerated Reader Text Mathletics

Spellodrome Reading Eggsspress

4/5/6 Equipment List

Students will need to replenish the first 5 items at the beginning of each term

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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
**K/1/2 Class News**

Congratulations to all students on a great first full week! This Thursday night is our swimming carnival. The carnival begins at 3.30pm and parents can pick up infant students from 6pm. Students are welcome to stay and cheer on older students. If parents are available to assist in running activities it would be much appreciated. We will have Friday off school in lieu of the swimming carnival.

I will be taking students from school to the pool at 3.30pm. If you would like your child to stay and change at the school then walk to the pool with me please contact the school or email kellie.nicholls1@det.nsw.edu.au. Please also ensure students bring their swimmers, including a rashie, and a towel. If students do not have a season pass can they please bring $2 for entry.

Library day is Tuesday so please ensure students bring library bags tomorrow.

Some students are yet to bring headphones and paint shirts to school. Please ensure they bring these in as soon as possible.

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**This Week**

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**How2learn heroes**

This week Kindergarten will be introduced to our How2Learn heroes. I wonder how well year 1 and year 2 remember our heroes qualities.

Our heroes focus on the following qualities:

- Resilience
- Reflectiveness
- Reciprocity
- Resourcefulness
- Responsibility

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**Homework**

**Home Reading**

Kindergarten will begin home readers this week. It is important that in these early days of readying children are encouraged throughout. Please sit with your child to complete the reader. You may need to read parts of the book. For instance your child may say the section of the book that is repeated and you read any new words. It is very important to keep home reading a positive experience.

Please ignore the days in the home reader book. If you could complete each page it will be easier to keep track. It is also appreciated if you can keep a running number of the nights students have read throughout the year it would be appreciated.

**Mathletics and Reading Eggs**

Unfortunately we are having issues with our computers in the K/1/2 classroom. Hopefully they will be up and running soon so that students can be oriented to these programs.

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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**

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Library Classes for 2015
Mrs Bandy will be taking the Primary school for Library classes this year.

Library days are as follows:
Kinder/ Year 1 & Year 2 ~ Tuesday
Year 4/ Year 5 & Year 6 ~ Tuesday
Year 2 & Year 3 ~ Friday
Could all students please make sure they bring their books in a Library Bag each week.

Book Club
Could all March Book Club Orders please be returned to the front office by Tuesday 17th February 2015.
No late orders will be accepted.

Notes, Notes, Notes
- Annual School Notes
  Could students please ensure that all notes sent out in Week 1; swimming, walking, internet etc, are returned this week.
- Vaccination Notes
  Year 7 and some seniors received vaccination permission notes last week, could these be returned to school by this Thursday please.

BCS House Captains 2015
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as this years Sport’s Captains.

Farrar
Senior Captains
Shane Gibson Captain
Lisa Ohlsen Vice

Junior Captains
Jane Haeusler Captain
Arnold Luppi Vice

Macarthur
Senior Captains
Hannah Boyd Captain
Hannah Kenny Vice

Junior Captains
Paige Kenny Captain
Sharni Winter Captain
Wyatt Lees Vice
Charlotte Rainbird Vice

Twilight Swimming Carnival 2015
Our swimming carnival will be held on this Thursday starting at 3:45pm.

All family and community members are welcome to join us. Help with time keeping throughout the night would be appreciated.

Students are allowed to come to school in house colours. Coloured hairspray is not permitted in the pool.
Coloured zinc can be applied after 3:00pm prior to the start of the carnival.

The swimming carnival is compulsory for all students. Students will spend Thursday at school following the normal timetable. At 3pm students will have time to have afternoon tea, then be walked to swimming pool to commence the carnival.

Students are reminded to bring sun-screen, towel, hat and water. A BBQ (prices below) and canteen will be operating on the night.

Students are not permitted to leave the pool during or after the carnival unless they are with their parent or trusted adult. Parents are expected to make arrangements to have their children collected from the pool if they are unable to do so themselves.

Looking forward to a great afternoon of swimming and fun.

Barellan Central School Swimming Carnival BBQ
provided by Barellan Amateur Swim Club

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Due to family commitments and my work load on the farm, I am unable to continue teaching guitar at BCS. As yet I have been unable to find a suitable replacement. A big apology to my current students for this inconvenience. For those of you keen enough there is a very talented guitarist at Griffith who has started giving lessons after hours and on weekends. His name is Kyal Jones and he can be contacted on 0407260094.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents and students at BCS for making the past 9 years of tutoring guitar at the school such a memorable experience.

All the best for 2015 and once again many thanks,
Glenn Lucas

Junior 2 Blues Netball ~ Any girls wishing to play junior 2 Blues in a Under11s or Under13s Griffith Town Comp, your registration papers and money must be with Julie Kenny by Wednesday 18th February for our teams to be registered on the 21st February in Griffith. Registration forms may be collected by Julie at BCS on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Barellan United Netball Club AGM ~ Thursday 5th March, 7.30 At the Barellan War Memorial Club. Contact Julie to add agenda items.

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

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.

Cruisin’ to Barellan

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

Site Fees
$20.00 Outside
$30.00 Inside Pavilion
BBQ Breakfast & Lunch & Refreshments available.

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

Barellan Post Office Valentine’s Day Flowers
(this Saturday fellas!)
Orders for Valentine’s Day flowers must be received by Wednesday for pick-up on Friday. Please note the Post Office will NOT be open on Saturday.

Call in and see Trish for more information and her range of other gift ideas.

Aloha
Barellan Amateur Women’s Club Annual
Seafood Night!
Saturday 28th Feb 2015
5pm, at Barellan Pool
Live entertainment by Lee & Macc
Tickets are:
Seafood Dinner $40
Adult BBQ Dinner $20
Child BBQ Dinner $10

Tickets are available at the Pool, please pay prior to event.
For more details please call Heather on 0460 742 322.