Principal’s Report

School Planning – We Need You!

The NSW DEC has set a new method of planning for schools which takes effect this year. By the end of Term 1 we must have our 2015-2017 plan finalised. As such, we will be asking parents, staff and students to provide feedback on areas of importance in our school.

A quick survey has been set up online for you to put forward your ideas. This survey is completely anonymous. Please share your ideas with us so we can plan the next phase of development for our school. You can use the link below to take part. The link will be placed on our Facebook page so you can access it with a single click.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2CZRGH

Welcome Mr Mannes

Year 4 welcomed Mr Mannes to BCS today. After spending a little time with together on Friday it seems that they will all get along nicely.

Canteen Upgrade

Our canteen is having a make-over this year. Our DEC Asset Manager informs me that we are lucky to be the recipients of over $100,000 of equipment and refurbishing, including new bench tops, brand new top of the range fridge and freezers, a new reverse cycle air-conditioning unit, new bathroom facilities, new cupboards and drawers and a new 900mm stainless steel stove. These items are all essential to bring our canteen up to the NSW DEC standards for food service. The upgrade is planned to be completed by the end of June this year. The campaign to have a demountable building upgraded is a long and hard one, so we are extremely happy to have received this renovation to our facilities.

Science Lab Upgrade

Our Science Lab has been a hive of activity this term with its refurbishment. There are new benches, cupboards, flooring, paint, sinks, gas taps, lights, fume cupboard, fridge and hot water system. New blinds have also been ordered. Work is scheduled to finish this Friday, so science classes should be back to normal and enjoying their new classroom from Monday. More pictures to follow on the finished product next week.

Have a great week!
**P&C Supporting Our School**

**Canteen Roster**

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**Students please remember your lunch orders must be placed in the box before recess.**

**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

**P&C 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. Please fill in the form and return to the school office in an envelope, clearly marked P&C membership.

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**2015 P&C Membership $5.00 per family**

I (name/s)

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Wish to be a paid member of the BCS P&C.

Please find enclosed $__________________________

Signed__________________________

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**Calendar Term 1 2015**

**February**

- Tues 24 Mobile Library Visits (new date)
  Yr 11 Rotary Driving School @ Yanco
- Thurs 26 PSSA Swimming Carnival @ APCS
- Fri 27 Primary Assembly @ 2pm

**March**

- Tues 3 School Photo Day
  Biology & Senior Science Excursion
  Touch Football in Griffith
- Tues 10 P&C AGM - 7.30pm
- Fri 6 Secondary Riverina Swimming @ Leeton
- Mon 9 PSSA Riverina Swimming @ Albury
  Visiting Performance ~ ‘Let’s Chat Habitat’
- Wed 11 Primary AFL & Netball Trials
- Wed 18 Student-Led Conferences
- Tues 31 BCS Cross-Country (TBC)

**April**

- Thurs 2 Last Day Term 1

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Order envelopes for School Photos were distributed with today’s Gazette. Please note these forms, with payment, must be returned to school by next Monday. NO orders will be accepted on the day.

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**Primary Assembly**

**Friday, February 27**

**Commencing at 2pm**

All parents are invited to attend
The Twilight Swimming Carnival

B.C.S students and parents crossed the road to the swimming pool because it was the swimming carnival. First we went to the pool for the carnival. After that we started the swimming. I came first in the first race that was free style and I even went in the junior relay. When it was the adults race Mrs Luppi hugged Mr Davies and they jumped in the pool and it was funny. Alannah Curran

On Thursday we went to the pool. We did races. I tried the free style and did the backstroke and did breast stroke. Suleyman Uzun

The whole school went to the pool from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. We went to the swimming carnival.

Most people had either blue or red zinc. Everyone said go Macarthur or go Farrer. I said go Macarthur because I was in Macarthur. When I went to the carnival I went in free style, back stroke, butterfly, breast stroke and then the secondary swam then it was presentations. When all the racers went to presentation the teacher said what team won, it was Macarthur. All the Macarthur’s jumped and then everyone jumped in the pool and some left. Allie Haida

We went to the swimming carnival on Thursday. I went to the swimming carnival my first race was the breast stroke. I came second and then I played. My team won. Lachlan Ellis

2/3/4 Weekly News

Leaders: Tre & Suleyman

Swimming Carnival - A mighty effort from the 2,3,4 students who participated in so many events at the twilight carnival. It was so good to see so many family and friends to support the children also. Thank you to Riley and his family for bringing Elliott along to cheer for Macarthur.

Well done to Jonathan, Matilda, Anika, Ben and Suleyman for achieving Bronze awards in Mathletics in week 3. Tom started with a Silver award straight off, huge effort Tom!

In week 4 five certificates were earned. Matilda, Tom, Charlee-Anne and Ben had Bronze and Anika achieved Gold

HOMEWORK

ACCELERATED READER

Going Bush
by Nadia Wheatley & Ken Searle

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

Students will bring home a Class Dojo Letter today which will give each parent their own account code. Please go to the www.classdojo.com/parent site and register.

Thank you to students for bringing in their hotshots shirts we added our little piece to the clip and hopefully the Tennis Club will be successful in achieving a grant to update the courts.

Right Gear - All students are expected to attend class with the equipment they need to learn. Could parents please help children to bring 2 pencils to school
K/1 Class News

This week we become the K/1 class. It is wonderful to now have four classes at BCS and we wish the year 2 students all the best in the 2/3 class. I know they will work very hard and have lots of fun.

Best Start Assessment feedback to parents forms went home on Friday. If you have any questions in regards to these please contact me.

I have sent home invitations to parents last week for you to connect to your child’s Class Dojo. I have also sent invitations via email to many parents. It would be wonderful if you could connect soon. There is a Class Dojo app that is a quick way to check Class Dojo for those of you with smartphones or tablets.

I am away this Thursday to attend Best Start training. Miss Rhiannon Clark will be taking K/1 and following our normal Thursday routine.

This Week

Mobile Library
Please ensure you have completed the Mobile Library form and returned to the school so you child is able to borrow when it visits our school tomorrow.

Assembly
This week we will have our first primary assembly for the year. If you are available to come we would love to see you there. It will begin at 2pm in the school canteen area.

Library
Library day is tomorrow please ensure your child returns their books that were borrowed last week and ensure they have a library bag to protect our school books.

Homework

Home Reading
It is important that in these early days of reading 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
Mathletics and Reading Eggs passwords went home on Friday. This is not compulsory.

4/5/6 News

This week we say goodbye to the Year 4’s in our class. We hope they enjoy their new class with Mr Mannes. Good luck to the students heading to Ariah Park for the PSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday.

This week I will send home new details for you to access Class Dojo if you have not already done so. Class Dojo is an excellent way to see how your child is performing in the classroom as well as a great way for me to send out messages/reminders if and when needed. Mobile Library will be here tomorrow. Please remember to bring in books.

This Week

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Fly a Rebel Flag by Robyn Annear

Text Type
John O’Brien Writing Competition Entries

Maths
Multiplication & Division

Spelling
K, c, q, ck, x, ch

Homework

Accelerated Reader Text
Mathletics

Spellodrome
Reading Eggspress

MATHLETICS
Bronze Award: Jane, Tyler, Charlotte, Norman, Paige, Sharni

SPELLDROME
Millennium Helmet: Jane, Norman, Paige, Tyler, Charlotte, Tait, Steven, Sharni
Golden Bike: Annabelle

ACCELERATED LITERACY
Congratulations to Jane and Norman who both won a canteen voucher last week!

CITIZENSHIP
Ruby Male
Paige Kenny
Jane Haeusler

Our first 85s Club winners for the year are:
2/3/4 - Jordan Spowart & Spencer Tarlinton (prize box)
4/5/6 - Jane Haeusler & Norman Haeusler (canteen vouchers)
Australian Schools Competitions 2015 - The Australian Schools Competitions run by the University of New South Wales will be on again this year. Competitions are held in schools throughout Australia and the Pacific. All students from Years 2 to 12 are encouraged to participate.

Participating in the competitions is good practice for the students in undertaking external examinations (e.g. Naplan and HSC). All students receive a certificate of participation or for those students who perform well, certificates of merit or even distinction.

Entry fees (subsidised by the school) are $5.00 for each student for each competition, except for the writing competition which costs $12 and the primary spelling competition which costs $7.00 (these last two are hand marked by specialists in their fields which is why they cost extra). The entry form is included in this week’s Gazette and is due back with the payment to the school office by Friday March 13. Dates for competitions will be included in the school calendar as they become closer.

### Australian Schools Competitions

**ENTRY FORM**

**Family Name:**

1. **Digital Technologies** Yr 3-10 $5.00ea
   (previously Computer Skills)

   **Names:**
   

2. **Science** Yr 2-12 $5.00ea

   **Names:**

3. **Mathematics** Yr 2-12 $5.00ea

   **Names:**

4. **Primary Spelling** Yr 3-6 $7.00ea

   **Names:**

5. **Writing** Yr 3-12 $10-00ea

   **Names:**

6. **English** Yr 2-12 $5.00ea

   **Names:**

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Payment enclosed: $ _________________

Signed __________________________

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This Week’s Sporting News

**Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival** ~ A small but dedicated group of 11 swimmers travelled to Ariah Park last Friday to compete at the Secondary Zone Carnival. Everyone swam to the best of their ability and a lot of places were achieved. The best individual result for the day was Lillian Gelch, in the Junior Girls Championship coming runner-up. The school finished a close fourth overall and considering the small number of swimmers, this was a wonderful result. The most pleasing thing from my point of view was the number of students who ‘volunteered’ to swim in place of those who chose not to attend.

The Senior Girls also won both their relays. The Riverina Carnival is on next Friday, March 6, in Leeton. I will have entries and permission notes available ASAP. A HUGE thank you to the parents who arranged transport for the swimmers and helped with officiating.

**Primary Zone Carnival** ~ This will be held in Ariah Park this Thursday, Feb 26. Swimmers will need to be there by 9am if they wish to do a warm-up and the first event will commence around 9.30. Permission notes and travel arrangements need to be finalised by tomorrow, 24th.

**Secondary RAP Teams** ~ A number of gala days, carnivals and knockouts are coming up quickly. Students and parents need to keep an eye out for dates as in some teams, we only have 1 or 2 students participating so they will probably need to organise their own transport.

Secondary Boys Cricket is this Wednesday, 25th, in Coleambally. Kokulan Kandeepan will be playing in these games. Next week, the boys and girls Touch Football teams travel to Griffith. This is on Tuesday, March 3. In the girls team, Shane Gibson and Hannah Kenny are representing B.C.S.

**Primary Tennis Trials** ~ Congratulations to Jake Bourchier, Norm and Jane Haeusler and Tait Snaithe who attended the first round of selections for the PSSA Riverina tennis team. Norm, Jane and Jake were successful in being selected to attend the final round of selections for the combined Riverina team in Griffith in the next few weeks. All 4 students won matches and participated in the right spirit. More details to follow.

**PSSA Netball and AFL Trials** ~ These will be held in Coolamon in Week 7, Wednesday, 11th of March. We have 4 boys and 4 girls attending these trials, good luck to those students.

**PSSA Riverina Tennis Trials** ~ will be held in Griffith on Friday, March 6.

ALL students are reminded that they need to keep up with their schoolwork and follow the school’s Super 6 to be granted the privilege of representing the school in any sporting endeavours.

**Final Notice for Awards**

This week is the last chance for anyone wishing to purchase certificates from the Intensive Swimming / Life Saving Program we conducted at the end of last year. If you have any questions about costs, etc, please contact me at school.

All Swim Survive (Level 1 to 7) Certificates were $5.50

Bronze Star - $11.50

Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross - $16.50

Alan Hesketh

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

2Blues Seniors Training ~ Thursday 5th March, 6 p.m at the sports ground followed by the AGM.

BCS Community Gazette
A reminder for community member wishing to receive a copy of the School Gazette to please pay $10 to either the school or Post Office before the end of March. Thankyou

St Therese Catholic Church will be holding a Street Stall this Friday, February 27. Donations for the stall or raffle will be gratefully accepted.

GLS Workshop
When: Wednesday 4 March 2015 6pm-8pm
Description: Narrandera Shire Council is conducting a free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. The two hour course, Helping Learner Drivers Become Safe Drivers, offers parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.
Location: Narrandera Library, East Street, Narrandera
Contact: Council’s Road Safety Officer on 0448 623 049

Child Restraint Checking Day
When: Saturday 7 March 2015 9.30am-11.30am
Description: Narrandera Shire Council is conducting free Child Restraint Checks at Kiesling Lane. Parents and carers of young children are invited to come along and find out more about the child restraint laws and to get their child restraints checked for correct installation by qualified Roads and Maritime Services approved fitter on site.

Community Meetings

Barellan Hall Committee will be having a meeting on the 5th March 2015 at the Barellan Club 7.30 pm start everyone is welcome to come. Stephan Woodham

Barellan Museum AGM Tuesday, March 3rd commencing at 1.30pm at the Museum. All welcome to attend.

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.

Junior 2Blues Netball
The Griffith Town Competition where Barellan 11s and 13s will be playing this year starts on Saturday March 21st. Thank you to all players and parents for returning registration papers and money so promptly. Watch this space for details on training and coaches.

Seafood Night!
Saturday 28th Feb 2015
5pm, at Barellan Pool
Live entertainment by Lee & Maccs
Tickets are:
Seafood Dinner $30
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 0266 562 979.