Principal’s Report

Swimmer Success

Congratulations to the secondary and primary students who have taken part in zone swimming carnivals at Ariah Park over the last 2 weeks. Students have once again done themselves and the school proud with their attitude and behaviour, showing great sporting spirit. Good luck to the swimmers who will compete at the Riverina carnival early this month.

Clean Up Australia Day

Each year BCS participates in the annual Clean Up Australia Day. This year the official day was Sunday 1st March and the School’s Clean Up Day was scheduled for last Friday. Students and staff did a terrific job of cleaning up rubbish from inside and outside the school, including around the town oval and the blocks closest to the school. Students participated with their usual fantastic BCS enthusiasm and positive attitude. A job well done to the whole student and staff team. Thanks Mr Hartley for co-ordinating this community event.

School Photos – Change of Date

Envelopes went home last week with the Gazette for our school photos. Please note that there is a change of date. Advanced Life Photography are now coming to Barellan Central School on Thursday 2nd April – the last day of term. If you are ordering your photos online, you can still do so. If you have any issues completing the online order, please let the school know.

Uniform

Secondary students are looking fantastic in their new uniforms – congratulations to all students for consistently wearing full school uniform.

Our primary students have changed over to black shorts instead of the brown ones. As the weather cools down, black track pants and black jumpers with the BCS logo can gradually replace the brown ones.

**Parents and students please note:

- The BCS uniform is PLAIN black shorts.
- The black shorts must still be worn with black school shoes, not joggers unless it is a school sport day.
- Riverina shorts are not acceptable to wear as BCS uniform.

Thankyou

Student Absences

Parents are reminded that if your child is away from school, we must receive notification from you within 2 school days as to why they are absent. This will not only ensure that your child’s absences do not go on their report as ‘unexplained’, but it is a legal requirement from the NSW DEC.

Science Lab

The renovated Science Lab will be officially handed over to BCS tomorrow morning. Mr Hartley now has the unenviable job of putting it all back together! It will take a little time to get back to ‘normal’, but the finished product is definitely worth it.

Survey Thank you

Thank you to the parents who have already taken part in our quick 3-question survey. Don’t forget your ideas are extremely important in the planning of our school and in the education of your children. Have your say! The link is on our Facebook page so you can access it with a single click.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2CZRGHP
School Fees

Each year, we ask for a General Contribution to assist with general classroom costs. The contribution assists us towards the cost of supplying students with many items, including textbooks, notebooks, paper, photocopying, pens, pencils and stationery, colour and black & white printing, craft supplies, use of iPads and laptop computers, and specialist items in many areas including science, the creative arts and technology (wood, food and IT).

The contributions we do receive go some of the way to helping us to pay for the increasing costs of running our curricular and extra-curricular programs both here at school and at other venues when participating in excursions.

This year, more than ever, we look to you to assist us in contributing to the ever-increasing costs of educating our children. The NSW DEC recommends a maximum General Contribution fee of $97 per secondary student enrolled and $45 for each primary student enrolled. As you can see, we are seeking a reduced amount from our families.

Barellan Central School General Contribution Fees – 2015 (per student)

Primary Student - $40
Secondary Student - $80

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Congratulations to our 2015 SRC who were elected last week.

The 2015 SRC members are as follows:

Year 3  Lachlan Ellis, Emma Luppi
Year 4  Jack Inglis, Matisse Dewar-Herrmann
Year 5  Annabelle Geltch, Charlotte Rainbird
Year 6  Paige Kenny, Sharni Winter
Year 7  Kokulan Kandeepan, Chelsea Gordon
Year 9  Lisa Ohlsen, Jessie McDermott
Year 10  Meghan Brumby
Year 11  Shenaye Greentree, Theresa Goring
Year 12  Linda Forrester, Hannah Kenny

Primary Captains  Norman Haeusler, Jake Bourchier
Senior Captains  Matthew Giddings, Reece Wilson

This week’s gag is for the musicians.
P&C Supporting Our School

Canteen Roster

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Due to a clash of dates our school photos have been moved to Thursday, April 2nd.

Order envelopes for School Photos were distributed with last week’s Gazette. Please note these forms, with payment, must be returned to school by Monday March 16. If you require a sibling photo, please ask for an envelope at office. NO orders will be accepted on the day.

This Week’s Sports News......

Last Wednesday the Secondary Boys RAP Cricket team travelled to Coleambally to play the opening rounds of the knockout. The team defeated both Yanco Ag. High School and Leeton High in the first 2 games but lost a narrow final against Wade High. Despite it being a long, busy day, the team performed really well and should be proud of their achievements. Kokulan Kandeepan represented B.C.S. and turned in some pleasing efforts in the field and bowling.

Touch Football

The RAP Boys and Girls Secondary play a gala day in Griffith Tuesday, March 3, so good luck to them. Hannah Kenny and Shane Gibson are the B.C.S. representatives in the girls team this year.

Secondary Riverina Swimming Carnival

This will be held on Friday, March 6, at the Leeton Pool. All students who have qualified should have returned notes by now and be aware of the events they are swimming in. Good luck to our swimmers representing our zone.

Primary Zone Swimming Carnival

What a privilege it was to manage this team of 23 swimmers at Ariah Park last week. All the students competed in the right manner and a number have now qualified for the Riverina Carnival in Albury next Monday, March 9. I should have final details tomorrow. We had 2 Age Champions, Paige Kenny in the Senior Girls and Charlotte Rainbird in the 11 Years Girls plus 2 Runner-up Champions in Ryan Jordan in the Junior Boys and Norm Haeusler in the Senior Boys. B.C.S. was the champion school for the carnival by a comfortable margin in the end. All relay teams either finished 1st or 2nd.

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended and those who assisted with time-keeping, it was certainly much appreciated by the students.

Don’t forget the Gazette is available each week on the school’s website in beautiful colour.

http://www.barellan-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
2/3 Weekly News

Leaders: Logan, Riley & Bianca

Super swimmers, congratulations to all the students that represented B.C.S last Thursday and won the district swim carnival.

School photos have been postponed until the end of the term.

On 20th March there will be a cricket coaching clinic at B.C.S.

Two silver awards this week to Jonathan and Charlee-Anne, fantastic effort to you both.

Bronze awards to Emma, Matilda, Brianna, Anika and Bianca. Everyone is managing to do some Mathletics at home which is excellent. On Tuesday at lunch computers are available in our room to do Mathletics.

Accelerated Reader

We are working on 15 minutes of uninterrupted sustained silent reading each day during AR. Students can also practise sustained reading at home each night.

Accelerated Literacy

Going Bush

by Nadia Wheatley & Ken Searle

This week we will finish reading the book and work on text marking.

If you would like to see the tennis you tube clip Google - Barellan Holden Home Ground Advantage.

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K/1 Class News

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A note will be going home this week about the first of our visiting performances for the year. “Let’s Chat Habitat” should be a lot of fun next Monday afternoon, so please make sure you get your note and money back to school ASAP.

This Week

AL
*Fly a Rebel Flag* by Robyn Annear

Text Type
Persuasive

Maths
Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

Spelling
e, ea

Homework

Accelerated Reader Text                      Mathletics
Spellodrome                                          Reading Eggspress

Mathletics
Bronze Award: Nace Borland, Jordan Spowart, Ben Taylor
Gold Award: Anika Praestin

Spellodrome
Millennium Helmet: Jacob, Jake, Will, Paige, Wyatt, Arnold, Tyler, Charlotte, Tait, Cooper, Aysel, Steven, Sarah, Sharni
Golden Bike: Jane, Norman

ACCELERATED LITERACY
Many more students have completed their quizzes over the past fortnight, so hopefully they will be rewarded with their names being drawn in this week’s *85s Club* draw.

CITIZENSHIP
Annabelle Geltch
Paige Kenny
Let’s Chat Habitat

Term 1 K-6 Visiting Performance
Monday, March 9
‘Let’s Chat Habitat’
Helping to raise students’ awareness of their environment.

Let’s Chat Habitat is a colourful collection of short segments with the common theme of taking care of the environment. It tackles both the micro and macro from litter in the playground, turning off taps, lights and appliances to the protection of endangered species. Students are shown how everyone doing a little can make a big difference.

The variety style format allows this show the flexibility to swap between performance genres, giving the performance a lively energy and pace. Rap and opera singing green peas and peas doing impersonations, audience participation, morphing shadow puppet fish reciting poetry, whales, sharks and dinosaurs are just a few of the colourful characters used to explore the many ideas raised in the show.

A permission note will be sent home for students, please ensure the note and payment is returned this week.

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: ________________________________ |
| * Digital Technologies Yr 3-10 $5.00ea |
| (previously Computer Skills) |
| Names ____________________________________ |
| * Science Yr 2-12 $5.00ea |
| Names ____________________________________ |
| * Mathematics Yr 2-12 $5.00ea |
| Names ____________________________________ |
| * Primary Spelling Yr 3-6 $7.00ea |
| Names ____________________________________ |
| * Writing Yr 3-12 $10-00ea |
| Names ____________________________________ |
| * English Yr 2-12 $5.00ea |
| Names ____________________________________ |

Payment enclosed: $ __________________
Signed __________________

Clean up Australia for schools

Look at all our bags of rubbish!
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 pm at the sports ground followed by the AGM.

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 730 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.

Junior 2Blues Netball
CORRECTION
The Griffith Town Competition starts on Saturday 14th March.
The 11s are registered as the Barellan TBs and will play in an 11/12s age group.
We still need someone to nominate as the coach, team manager, delegate, umpire for the team and first aid officer. There is help available to develop umpiring skills if you have not done it before.
Rebecca Rainbird will run training this Saturday 7th March from 8.30 -9.30 at the Barellan courts to get the girls started.
Sally Irons will be at training this Saturday to give parents help with umpiring. To help this new group of Barellan girls it would be great if a number of mums or dads could volunteer to share the umpiring duties and help each other develop confidence and umpiring skills.
The 13s are registered as the Barellan Swifts and will play in a 13/14s age group.
Kathy Bourchier will be coaching the team and training will start on Thursday 12th March at 3.30 at the Barellan Courts. Julie Kenny will run the first training.
Umpire Julie Kenny, Team Manager Tracey Gordon & Karen Smith, Delegate Julie Kenny, we still need a first aid officer for 13s.
For all girls interested in NET-SET-GO it will run on Thursday afternoon later in March.
Any girls who need a body suit please contact Christie Smith to purchase a new uniform. Anyone who has body-suits which they would like to sell please contact Julie Kenny.
Sunday 22nd March 2015
Barellan Showground 6am
(turn over the railway line opposite Commercial Hotel)
$5.00 Gate Entry

SWAP MEET &
MARKET STALLS

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
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NO Fires or Alcohol

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