Principal’s Report

Welcome Back
It’s great to see our students back at school today. They all look very smart in their uniforms too!

New Faces
We welcome Miss Kelly Jefferis as our Kindergarten/Year 1 teacher for 2016. Kelly joins us after working at Hillston Central School in 2015. Kelly will be busy this week completing the Best Start Assessments with the incoming Kinder students.
We also welcome Mr Peter Casey who will be teaching Industrial Arts. Peter is a highly experienced teacher who we look forward to joining us at BCS.
Miss Jayne Cole is filling in for Mrs McDonnell while we wait for the VET Hospitality teaching position to be filled for this year.

Trade Skills Centre
Our new Trade Skills Centre is nearing completion. Classes will hopefully start in the new building in the next few weeks.

Laptops
New laptops are being organised for the secondary students. Under the new arrangements, students will likely lease the new DERvices at $40 per term. This will enable the students to keep them at the end of their schooling. Further details to follow.

Lots of Activities
There are lots of things happening already for this term.
* Friday we are holding a Year 1-12 sports afternoon – all welcome.
* Next Monday our Kindergarten students start.
* Year 11 RAP Induction Camp held Tuesday Week 3.
* Final enrolment numbers submitted to NSW DoE Wednesday 10th February.
* BCS Swimming Carnival Thursday 11th February.

Thank you
On Presentation Night a survey was distributed for parents to complete. Thank you to all the families who completed the survey – there were 47 returned! That’s over 70% of families.

The survey shows that the majority of respondents are happy with BCS.
There were some great ideas on how we can further engage the community and we look forward to putting some of them into action throughout the year.
If you have any suggestions on ways to make our school even better, then please let us know.

Volunteers
We are always happy and extremely grateful to have volunteers in our school. If you have a spare hour once a day or once a week/month/term we would love to have you come into our classrooms to help. This could be to listen to students read whilst completing their AR work or assisting with numeracy groups. If you have a particular area of expertise that you could share with us at BCS then let us know.

For those wishing to volunteer pop online to complete a working with children check:

Have a great week.

As we continue on our journey toward ‘growth mindsets’ use the graphic below to help guide your use of phrases.
Barellan Fire Brigade AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Barellan Rural Fire Brigade will be held on Monday, 24 February commencing at 7.30pm at the Station.

Ian Waide - Secretary

Junior Tennis
Tennis will commence on Friday, February 5th. Students will be notified when Hot Shots Tennis will re-commence.

Julie Kenny