Principal’s Report

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of the primary swimmers who represented BCS last Wednesday. Lots of hard work saw BCS come home PSSA Zone Champions for 2016! 13 of our students will head to Albury for the Riverina Carnival.

World’s Greatest Shave

This year’s Leukaemia Foundation “World’s Greatest Shave” is on! Last year we had Kiara Taylor participate. She took the brave step to shave her head to raise money and awareness for this important cause.

This year, Angus Duncan in Year 11 is going to wax his legs! Congratulations to these 2 students for increasing the awareness of this cancer and supporting research to find a cure.

Although survival rates are improving, blood cancers are the third biggest cause of cancer death in Australia.

Getting sponsored to shave, colour or wax the hair on your head, chest or face, is an extraordinary way to help families facing the challenge of blood cancer and to help Australia’s best researchers.

The money your sponsors give you will go towards research, which is needed to discover kinder and more effective treatments for blood cancer.

Student of The Week Awards – Get Caught!

Don’t forget to “get caught” being positive to be nominated for “Student of the Week”.

Week 4’s student of the week was drawn out this morning – congratulations to Timothy Davies in Year 2. He was nominated for his ‘outstanding effort at the swimming carnival’ – great effort Tim! Tim receives a $2 canteen voucher.

If your name wasn’t drawn out, don’t worry – the student with the greatest number of nominations at the end of each term will win a voucher (TBC) to the value of $30.

Senior Studies

As our Year 11 students begin to settle into routines of senior studies, and as Year 12 prepare to finish theirs, here is a tip to help get the most out of link lessons.

Have a good week!

Primary Assembly Wednesday March 23rd at 12pm.
This will be followed by the 2016 Primary Parent Information Session.
**Calendar Term 1 2016**

**February**
- Tues 23: Mobile Library Visits **PICK UP ONLY** due to anticipated heat
- Thur 25: RYDA - Yanco
- Sun 28: Young Leaders Conference in Sydney
- Mon 29: Young Leaders Conference in Sydney

**March**
- Tues 01: Yr 11 Snr Science to Berry Jerry State Forest
- Wed 02: STEM Aviation Challenge - Temora
- Fri 04: Secondary Riverina Swim - Leeton
- Mon 06: Primary Riverina Swim - Albury
- Wed 09: Questacon Smart Skills Workshop
- Wed 16: RAP Study Day @ ACS
- Tues 22: Mobile Library Visits 11.15am - 1.00pm
- Wed 23: BCS Cross Country Carnival
- Thurs 24: Term 1 Whole School Assembly
- Fri 25: Easter Break Commences
- Tues 29: School Resumes from Easter Break

**April**
- Fri 08: Last day Term 1
- Tues 26: Staff Return Term 2
- Wed 27: Students Return Term 2

**PSSA Swimming Carnival Report**

Wednesday proved to be another weather blessed day as Barellan CS hosted the PSSA Swimming carnival. Seven schools participated on the day and sportsmanship and cheering were heard throughout Barellan.

Barellan CS once again proved its ability in the pool taking out the Champion Schools shield for the third year in a row. Ganmain PS were worthy winners of the Handicap shield as they almost toppled us for top title. A great achievement for a small school.

We had some individual stand out performers in Charlotte Rainbird who took home Senior girls champion and Olivia Ellis and Riley Curran who were awarded runners up in the Junior categories. Barellan were very successful in our relay events taking blue ribbons in three out of four events!

The Riverina carnival will be held in Albury on Monday 7th March. We have a strong team who will represent the Coolamon/Ardlethan zone in this event. A reminder that if your child received a permission note to participate in this next carnival, could it please be returned ASAP and please notify me if you are planning on withdrawing from this event.

A huge thank you to Vicki Tubb for collating all the entries and ensuring a smoothly run carnival. Thankyou to all the teacher and parent helpers on the day, whether you were timekeeping or cooking a BBQ, it is all greatly appreciated.

Thankyou

*Mrs Conlan*

**Canteen Roster Term 1**

| Mon 22.02 | Thur 25.02 | Fri 26.02 |
| Mon 29.02 | Thur 03.03 | Fri 04.03 |
| Linda Forrester | Jeanette Brumby | Julie Kenny |
| Mon 07.03 | Thur 10.03 | Fri 11.03 |
| Karen Smith | Sarah Lees | Tracey Gordon |
| Mon 14.03 | Thur 17.03 | Fri 18.03 |
| Celeste Irvin | Sue Wilson | Linda Forrester |
| Mon 21.03 | Thur 24.03 | Fri 25.03 |
| Alison Male | Jane Snaith | Easter Break |
| Mon 28.03 | Thur 31.03 | Fri 01.04 |
| Easter Break | Julie Kenny | Sarah Lees |
| Mon 04.04 | Thur 07.04 | Fri 08.04 |
| Linda Forrester | Simone Girard | Tracey Gordon |

Attached to today’s Gazette is a canteen volunteer form. If you are interested in doing canteen please complete the form with your preferred days. Any volunteers who are unable to do their canteen day please arrange a swap with a volunteer on another day.

Thank you to everyone who supports our school canteen and to all our amazing volunteers.  **Tracey Gordon**

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**P&C Supporting Our School**

**P&C News......**

Our P&C is in desperate need of some new faces. Some of our executive has held positions for over 10 years. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday the 8th of March at 7pm in the library. Our P&C has donated over $30,000 in one year. This is a mammoth effort for a small school and a smaller executive. Come along and have a look at how we support your children. We are looking for new members and new volunteers in our canteen. If there is any chance you can give us one day a term or even a year it will be a great help. If you are able to help please contact Tracey Gordon or myself. We really hope you are able to join our hard working organisation. We hope to see as many of you as possible. We need to guarantee the running of this very beneficial organisation. Please find P&C membership form attached to today’s Gazette. Also attached today is a spray jacket and hat order form and a return slip for the hire of a school locker.

Thanks

*Jo Ohlsen - President*

**Guitar Students please note that guitar lessons will now be held on WEDNESDAYS after 11.00am**
**BCS Hat & Spray Jacket Order**

The P&C will be placing an order for Spray Jackets and hats.

This will be the **ONLY** order placed this year for the jackets. Orders must be returned by Friday, March 4th as the jackets can take up to six weeks to arrive.

Jackets are $75.00. A payment plan can be put in place if required.

Hat orders need to be returned by **NEXT Friday**, February 29th. Hats are $20.00 and come with your child’s name embroidered on the back.

Cheques to be made payable to: Barellan Central School P&C
Or direct deposit: BSB 062 548 Account Number 28001273
Cash must be placed in an envelope marked P&C Uniform Order.

**Spray Jacket Order Form**

$75.00 each. Sizes available: 6,8,10,12,XS,S,M,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL

Orders must be returned by **March 4th**

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- Cheque
- Cash
- Direct Deposit

Signed ___________________________________________

**BCS Hat Order**

Orders must be returned by **Friday, February 29th**

Hat sizes: Small 55cm; Medium 57cm; Large 59cm; X Large 61cm
All Hats $20.00

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**5/6 Class Happenings**

Congratulations to all students that attended the Zone Carnival last Wednesday. Your efforts were certainly noticed and you should all be very proud.

If you are yet to connect to your child’s Class Dojo account please do this as soon as possible. I will hopefully get back into the routine of giving Dojo points this week.

**The Mobile Library will be picking up books only tomorrow, no borrowing this visit.**

This Sunday myself and 4 students in the class will be travelling to Sydney for the Young Leaders Day on Monday. This has been offered to the primary captains and the year 6 SRC representatives. Mr Hesketh will be the teacher for 5/6 on the Monday while I am away.

Next Wednesday the 2nd of March Primary students will host an assembly to celebrate learning achievements. There will be a parent information session following the assembly to explain programs we use at our school.

**Kellie Hartley**

“Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.” - Rita Pierson

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**This Week**

**Reminders**
- Library Day is Thursday
- Sport uniforms are to be worn on Mondays and Fridays.

**Spelling**
- A – g/j
- B – ch words
- C – ee, ea
- D – split digraphs – bossy e

**Mathematics**
- Problem solving

**HOW2L earn**
- Remembering strategies

**Homework**

**Homework Grid**

A new homework grid is coming home today. Thank you to those parents for their feedback on the comments section of your child’s homework page. I have recognised that there is too much for students to complete during the week so have changed the expected workload. Please continue to share your thoughts on homework as I recognise it needs to fit around your life and all students have different commitments outside school hours.

**AWARDS**

- Silver– Jane– 1180,
- Spellodrome– Milleninum Helmets– Jane, Ella, Matisse, Nace and Marian
K/1 Class News

It is great to see many students bringing in an item for news or talking about their likes. If students do bring in an item they are encouraged to sit it on my desk for the day.

Remember that students are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit for Crunch and Sip. Please complete and return the permission forms if you haven’t yet done so.

The Mobile Library will be picking up books only tomorrow, no borrowing this visit.

Have a great week everyone.

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Homework

Home Reading

Home reading is progressing well. It is great to see so many students reading most nights. There are some students on their way to 25 nights read. Once students have read 25 nights they go into a Reading Raffle where they could win prizes. Please remember to sign the nights you read together.

Reading Eggs Awards

Gold—Zeke

2/3/4 Weekly News

Leaders: Tre and Suleyman

Cheers to all students who participated in the zone swimming carnival on Wednesday and you were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to the students who will be representing the school at district level as this is a huge achievement.

Class dojo codes were sent home last week to all parents. If you or your child has forgotten a previously sent home code please contact either Julie or myself. A reminder that volunteers are always appreciated in the 2/3/4 classroom so if you would like to volunteer for either AR or mathematics please contact either Julie or myself.

The Mobile Library will be picking up books only tomorrow, no borrowing this visit.

Class Spelling Bee

2/3/4 will have our very own class spelling bee to be held on Wednesday 23rd March. The words are essential words that students must be able to spell correctly daily. The list will be sent home this week.

Routines

AR: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Library: Thursday
Sport: Friday

Crunch and sip

Please send your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable. This is eaten in the classroom before recess. Bottles of water are also encouraged in the classroom.

Homework

Accelerated Reading, AR, is an intensive reading program run at school. For this to be successful students are required to read nightly and/or complete summaries at home. Please encourage your child to do this. It is also important for confident readers to sometimes read aloud to an adult or a younger sibling. Remember to sign the green sheet in the AR folders.

Mathletics is a computer program used at school. Could you please encourage your child to log onto this program at home as this will reinforce to your child the mathematical concepts being taught at school.

Class Spelling Bee Words

Encourage your child to look at these words nightly.

Mathletics

Congratulations to the following students who worked diligently in Mathletics last week.

Silver: Anika
Bronze: Dakota, Bianca, Tre, Lillian, and Matilda

The Extraordinary Swimming Carnival - Bailey Winter Yr 4

When I dove into the water it was so slippery and when I was doing freestyle I felt like my arms were splashing up the water. When I touched the end it was extraordinary I smelt the gas from the BBQ. I could hear all of the people cheering loudly. They were saying, “Roll out the carpet, roll out the mat come on Macarthur knock them flat.” It was Macarthur V Farrar. They were also saying, “2,4,6,8 who do we appreciate, Macarthur and let’s go!” CLAP, CLAP, BANG, BANG. When I was doing breaststroke I was bending my knees and gliding under the water. When I did all of the stuff I was a little bit nervous at first, I had butterflies in my stomach, but then I felt proud of myself. My mum and Brett were there to cheer me on and Blake was swimming in the little pool.
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.

Some great features of ClassDojo is that it allows parents greater insight into their child’s behavior and engagement during class as well as opening another medium for communication between yourself and your child’s teachers.

Your child will bring home a code for you to access ClassDojo, connecting to your child’s account.

If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If your child is in Years 4-12 and you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday the 4th of March. The FAQs are available from the website above.

Kellie Hartley

85’s Ticket Winners Weeks 2&3

Levi Wise Year 2
Anika Smith Year 3
Matilda Evans Year 4
Jordan Spowart Year 5

Riley Curran, Charlotte Rainbird & Olivia Ellis with their PSSA Swimming Awards

Our successful 2016 PSSA Swim Squad
Thank you very much for your help

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
URGENTLY NEEDED

Our canteen can not run without the help of our volunteers. We are in desperate need of some new canteen volunteers.

If you would be able to help out on canteen a couple of days a term please fill out this slip and return to the front office.

PREFERRED DAY/S
☐ Monday
☐ Thursday
☐ Friday

Name: ...........................................
Phone Number: ...........................................

Thank you very much for your help

LOCKERS

Lockers are available for hire to all students in years 7-10.

New locker users are required to pay an initial $20 fee which is non-refundable.

Students who have previously paid their $20 then pay $5 per year to renew their locker hire.

Padlocks will be issued on payment.

All lockers that are unpaid will be emptied this Friday at 3.15pm.

BCS P&C

LOCKER HIRE & RENEWAL

Student Name: ...........................................
Year: ..............

☐ $20 Initial Hire
☐ $5 Renewal for 2016

Signed: ...........................................

Barellan Central School P & C Membership Slip
2016

I ___________________________ would like to become a member of the Barellan Central School P & C for 2016

As a member I have voting rights at meetings.

Enclosed $5-00

Email address: ___________________________

______________________________

Signed ___________________________

AGM Tuesday, March 12th at 7.00pm.
All welcome and encouraged to attend.
Barellan Fire Brigade AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Barellan Rural Fire Brigade will be held on Monday, 29 February commencing at 7.30pm at the Station. Ian Waide - Secretary

Barellan Community Health Centre News…..
Leeton medical centre will be holding clinics in Barellan on Monday March 7 & Tuesday March 22. All appointments need to be made directly with the Medical Centre on 69532699.

The local Community Health Centre has a number of items available for community members to borrow from time to time, free of charge, however due to a number of items not being returned the supply has reduced considerably. If you have borrowed any equipment but forgot to return it could you please do so by delivering it to the centre any morning. If you have equipment you no longer need and wish to donate it these would also be appreciated. We can only provide this service as long as we have the equipment to lend. Thank you for your support.

Fire Brigade Appreciation Dinner
A dinner will be held at the Barellan War Memorial Club on Thursday, March 10, in recognition of Bruce Bandy and Donald Bassett’s 50 years of service to the Barellan Fire Brigade. There will be a Chinese Smorgasbord meal (choice of 4 dishes and Fried Rice) commencing at 7:00pm.

The cost is $17 per head and RSVP’s are required by 29th February and should be made to Ian Barbour 0407972132, Ian Waide 0490031396 or Les Irvin 042869592.

Please arrive at 6:30pm for a 7.00pm commencement. Thankyou

Firearms Safety Tests.
The Barellan Clay Target Club will be conducting a Firearms Safety Awareness Course (which is a requirement when obtaining a shooters license) at the Barellan Clay Target Clubhouse at 6.30 pm on Tuesday March 1st. The course fees are $143 adults (over 18) $77 juniors (12 to 18) payable on the night by cheque, cash or credit card. Numbers are limited.

For more information please phone; Ken Whytcross on 0428696670 or Les Irvin on 69639354

St Therese Catholic Church will be having a Street Stall on Friday, 26 February. Donations for the stall or Chicken Dinner raffle would be most appreciated. Thankyou

Kamarah Cricket Club Pink Ribbon Ladies Day
February 27th Kamarah Cricket Oval 1pm.
Afternoon Tea app 3.30pm
Wine, beer, food provided.
Donations gratefully accepted, all money raised to the Griffith Breast Cancer Support Group.
After the cricket there will be games/activities, great prizes to be won.
Bring a chair, sunscreen, hat & humour.
Children Welcome

BUFNC AGM
SAT 27/2/16
4PM @ CLUB

All positions declared vacant.
If any players or supporters have any motions for consideration at our AGM could they be emailed to “twoblues2665@gmail.com” ASAP or see Kim or Mark.
This year the secretary’s role will be split up as follows:
- Uniform/Apparel co-ordinator
- Game day manager
- Roster coordinator

Following the AGM:BAREFOOT bowls commencing @ 7pm, organise your teams and themes for a great night.
Entry $10 per player – nominate your teams early for mixed 4s.