Principal’s Report

National Young Leaders Conference
Our Primary Captains and Year 6 SRC representatives are in Sydney with Mrs Hartley and a large contingent of primary school leaders from the Griffith network of schools to attend the Young Leaders Conference. We look forward to hearing about their adventures on their return.

Lots of Activities!
There have already been plenty of opportunities for our students this term – sport, leadership and this week our STEM team will defend their title at the Temora Aviation Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Challenge!

Also this week, senior science students head to Berry Jerry State Forest, the RAP Cricket team is playing today under the guidance of Mr Whytcross and the RAP lawn bowls team will also be playing this week! Lots of learning in between as well. Year 7/8 have been working hard studying Pioneers.

Keeping up to Date
With all of these activities it’s important for our busy students to keep up to date. If students are away from classes it is their responsibility to catch up any missed work.

On Time, Every Time
Homework, projects, assignments, reading…..the list goes on. Something is always due to be handed in. By learning to organise yourself, you can have success in meeting deadlines and hand things in on time, every time!

Attendance
By encouraging children to attend school regularly and punctually, their experience of school life is enriched. We believe that if children are to succeed both in school and in later life, good habits should be instilled at a young age. Good punctuality is part of this duty. It is unsettling for children if they arrive late as well as causing disruption to other pupils and the class teacher.

1 or 2 days each week doesn’t seem like much but …

What chance does your child have of being successful?

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Primary Assembly this Wednesday March 2nd at 12pm. Come and hear what happened at the Young Leaders Conference & there will also be items from K/1 & 2/3/4.

This will be followed by the 2016 Primary Parent Information Session focussing on:

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Home reading
- Mathletics/Spellodrome
- Reading Eggs/Reading Express
- Class Dojo
- HOW2Learn
- Volunteering and Working with Children

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We look forward to seeing as many of our Primary Parents as possible.
Calendar Term 1 2016

**February**
- Mon 29: Young Leaders Conference in Sydney

**March**
- Tues 01: Yr 11 Snr Science to Berry Jerry State Forest
- Wed 02: Primary Assembly & Parent Information Session
  - STEM Aviation Challenge - Temora
- Fri 04: Secondary Riverina Swim - Leeton
  - BCS Clean Up Australia
- Mon 07: Primary Riverina Swim - Albury
- Tues 08: P&C AGM 7.00pm
- 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
  - P&C Street Stall
- 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

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**Clean up Australia Day - BCS Style**

This Friday students will be doing their bit for the environment by cleaning up around the BCS grounds between 9.30am - 10.00am

The SRC will be having a **cup cake sale** at recess and students will be allowed to wear ‘**Green**’ casual clothes on the day.

Cakes will be sold for $1.00 each and the cost for wearing casual clothes is also $1.00.

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Canteen Roster Term 1

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P&C Supporting Our School

P&C are holding a **Street Stall** on Thursday the 24th of March. We are in need of cooking donations such as cakes, slices muffins etc and home grown produce. All cooking needs to be labelled with the ingredients. If you are out of town you can send it in on the bus with the kids and we will collect items from the office on Thursday morning. We will be holding an Easter raffle this year. Tickets will be on next weeks Gazette and will be drawn at the Whole School Assembly. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the street stall as well.

**Jo Ohlsen - President**

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**AR 85ers for Week 4 & 5**

- **K/1**: Lily Curran, Aslan Uzun
- **2/3/4**: Anika Smith x2
- **5/6**: Lachlan Davies, Melissa Noakes

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**Student of the Week**

**Olivia Ellis ~ Year 5**

‘for being a responsible student’

**Congratulations!**
On Friday Coolamon CS hosted the Secondary zone swimming carnival at the Ganmain swimming pool. The weather gods smiled on us again, after the past few HOT days we were blessed with a cool 32 degrees! Barellan CS students participated in numerous events during the day and were very competitive across all age groups. Our stand out performers were Paige Kenny and Lilly Geltch, who tied for the Junior Secondary age champion on 40 points! Barellan CS came in 3rd overall and swam some super relays! A gigantic effort in the last race of the day, the senior girls 4X50m Freestyle relay saw Barellan come from behind to take the event! What makes it more remarkable is the fact we had 3 junior girls swimming and a power house Lisa Ohslen (the only senior girl we had), came from behind to take the win by a touch on the line!! Many of those swimmers competing on the day have qualified for the Riverina carnival to be held in Leeton on the 4th March. A complete list of competitors and events will be finalised by Monday afternoon. Thankyou to parents and carers for transporting, cheering, organising and time keeping!

**Riverina Primary Tennis selections.**

Friday was a busy day across the school with Jane Haeusler contesting the final selection round for the Riverina Primary tennis teams. The trials were held in Griffith and took most of the day. Jane played in four round robin matches throughout the day, winning them all. She then played for seeding positions in the team. She played two super 10 tie breakers, winning them both convincingly 10-4 and 10-3. This has now seeded Jane as number 1 primary girl in the Riverina region!! A massive achievement and testament to time and effort she and her family have put into her tennis, both this year and last. She now heads to Tweed Heads in early May for the State Championships. We are so proud of your efforts Jane and wish you all the luck with your training leading up to this mammoth event!!

**RAP Sport Trials**

Last Monday Barellan hosted the RAP sports trials for teams for 2016. The sports contested were Touch Football, Cricket, Tennis, Basketball and Lawn Bowls. A huge thankyou to the teachers who put their hand up to coach and manage these teams this year. Successful students were: Jesse Ingram (touch), Byron Tarlinton (touch and emergency for cricket), Theresa Goring (touch and basketball), Kokulan Kandeepan (cricket), Kobiga Kandeepan (cricket), Michael Conlan (cricket and emergency for tennis and basketball), Norm Haeusler (tennis) and Zoe Stevenson (basketball). Beigh Hillier, Jake Bourchier, Paige Kenny, Reece Wilson and Matt Giddings were all named as emergencies for their respective sports.

The competition for these sports starts this week with the cricket team competing on Monday 29th February, the girls Basketball team on the 9th March, the tennis teams on the 10th March and the touch football teams on the 15th March.

If you are in these teams be mindful of permission notes being returned and having transport to these competitions. If you are having trouble with transport, please let me or your coach know ASAP so we can organise a lift for you.

Cheers

Mrs Conlan
**2/3/4 Weekly News**

**Leaders: Logan, Riley and Bianca**

This Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March there will be an assembly celebrating students learning achievements followed by a small parent information session explaining the programs used at school.

It is great to see so many parents joining the class on Dojo. If you are having difficulty logging on please contact either Julie or myself.

A reminder that the school hat is part of the school uniform and the school policy in ‘no hat no play’. If your child has temporarily misplaced their school hat another broad brimmed hat is acceptable.

2/3 need to remember their swim gear and $2, if not pool members on Wednesday, as we are going to the pool for PPL.

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**Class Spelling Bee**

All 2/3/4 should be learning the essential words in preparation for the class spelling bee to be held on Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} March

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**Routines**

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

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**Problem of the week**

The first person who hands in to Mrs Kenny or Mrs McDermott with the correct answer and can explain how they worked it out will win a prize.

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**Homework Grid**

A new homework grid is coming home today. I have had feedback asking for homework to go over the weekend. Unfortunately I am unable to do this as I need the weekend to mark all homework for the 28 students. I am unable to sit and mark during school hours, sorry.

Mathletics, reading eggs and Spellodrome tasks can be completed on the weekends if you wish. I have also put AR on the homework grid this week. Any feedback on this is appreciated.

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### 5/6 Class Happenings

On Sunday Arnold, Charlotte, Jane, Annabelle and myself travelled to Sydney for the Young Leaders Day, today. We will return tonight and look forward to sharing our experiences with you all at the Primary Assembly this week. Mr Hesketh has begun the week with 5/6.

This Wednesday the 2nd of March Primary students will host an assembly to celebrate their learning achievements. This will begin at 12pm in the school library. There will be a parent information session following the assembly to explain programs we use at our school.

The Riverina Swimming carnival is next Monday. Permission notes must be returned.

This Friday BCS will participate in Clean Up Australia Day.

Last week students brought home information about the Tell Them From Me survey. These must be returned if you do NOT want your child to participate.

Kellie Hartley

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." —Benjamin Franklin

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### This Week

| Reminders | Library Day is Thursday  
Sport uniforms are to be worn on Mondays and Fridays. |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| **Spelling** | A– s/c  
B– th words  
C– qu and prefix– dis  
D– digraph eu  
E–split digraphs  
F– i-e words |
| **Mathematics** | Fractions and Decimals |
| **HOW2 Learn** | Strategies to help us remember. |
| **Homework** | **AR:** Read nightly.  
Mathletics: Aiming for a 1000 points a week. They can earn one certificate a week. Keep going and they will progress from bronze to silver to gold.  
Class Spelling Bee Words: Learning the words sent home in preparation for the class spelling bee. |
| **Mathletics** | Congratulations to the following students who aced Mathletics last week.  
Bronze: Ronan, Anika, Bianca, Emma, and Lillian |
| **AWARDS** | Awards will not be published this week due to Mrs Hartley being away. Week 5 and Week 6 awards will be published next week. |
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

Years 4-12

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**

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Ex BCS teacher
Col Lambert
with a fish
he caught at
Esperance
WA
Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed

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

If you would be able to help out at the 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:____________________________

BCS Spray Jacket Order

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

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.

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.

Any questions, please contact Jeanette Brumby 69683258, 0428683258

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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I have enclosed payment of $_______ for ____ School Jacket/s

Paid by

- [ ] Cheque
- [ ] Cash
- [ ] Direct Deposit

Signed ____________________________________

Barellan Central School P&C Membership Slip 2016

I _______________________________ would like to become a member of the Barellan Central P&C for 2016 at a cost of $5.00

As a member I have voting rights at meetings.

Enclosed $5.00

Email address:_________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Signed ____________________________________

Locker Hire & Renewal

Student Name__________________________

Year ______________________

- [ ] $20 initial hire
- [ ] $5.00 Renewal for 2016

Signed ____________________________________
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 RSVPs 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

Barellan Auskick
Where: Barellan
Sportground
Time: From 4pm
Registration forms are online and payment can be made at the sportground.
Any enquiries ring Danae Conlan 0428 532669

CWA Junior Competition.
Competitions due 10 August 2016 for local recognition. All Entries go to the State Competition. All local students can enter these competitions, a good activity in school holidays.

**Short Story** ~ Best Mates
**Photography** ~ Eating Ice-cream 10cm X 15cm, no mounts, name, age school on attached label
**Poster** ~ A Circus min size A3, max full sheet cardboard.
Age Groups. under 8 Yrs, 9 to 12 Yrs, 13 to 18 Yrs

Name, age and school on all entries

Enquiries Cheryl Mayberry 0403 166519, Judy Findlay 6963 9346
Barellan Country Women’s Association, meets this coming Friday 4th March at 1pm.

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 Club 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

For Sale
Australorp Cross Pullet Roosters
$10 each
Silkie Cross Pullets  $10 each
Phone 69639439

Barellan Community Health Centre News.....
A meeting will be held at the Barellan Community Health Centre on Tuesday March 1st to discuss with Marg Irons from Narrandera Shire Council, the Policy of Positive Ageing. It is in the interest of all concerned to attend this meeting if we want input from any member of the Barellan Community. Marg has been involved in and organised many support services for residents of Narrandera and Barellan and well understands our needs.

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.

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
WILL OVERS & JASON MALONE to lead Two Blues in 2016

UFNC AGM was held Saturday 27.2.14 followed by Barefoot Bowls
Thank you to all who attended the AGM and enjoyed a roll or two on the green.

President: Mark Kenny
Senior Vice President: Jeff Mickan
Junior Vice President: Jeff Savage
Secretary: Kim Hillman

Game Day Secretaries - Home/Away: Simon & Jeanette Brumby, Sheryl Conlan, Nola Malone & Leanne Hawker
Treasurer: Louise Hornery

2016 Committee which includes all executive and coaches

2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES — will remain the same as 2015 season
Gate Membership - $100.00
Pensioner Membership - $50.00
Senior Player Membership - $200.00 (includes 1 white & 1 navy shorts, socks & insurance)
Each home game one $50.00 membership draw will take place for gate and senior memberships.

Is your wish to transfer your membership or sponsorship for the 2016 Season please see banking details below.

EFT details
Account Name: Barellan United Football Club
BSB: 062-548
Account No: 2800 1310
Ref: please use your name

Committee Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month
10 March 2016
7 April 2016
12 May 2016
9 June 2016
7 July 2016
11 August 2016
8 September 2016

Presidents Report
Firstly I’d like to congratulate all of our club representatives in the 2015 season. Both footballers and netballers were a credit to themselves and our club.
The boys had a difficult season scoreboard wise but that didn’t dint their resolve. The pride in their team and skills and experience learnt last year is already spilling over to this year.
Congratulations to Will and Jason who lead our sides so admirable. Also for the assistance given by Peter Conlan and Brad Male.

To the netball coaches and executive for a very successful season. Making finals in three grades in our first season in Farrer League was a terrific result.

Congratulations to Helen Schubert on winning league Best & Fairest in A grade along with Mitchell Conlan recognized as the Leagues Rising Star, these are great individual and club achievements.

A big thank you to Kim of course who once again has done a huge job for our Club in a very proficient manner. Thanks also to Louise and Nola for handling our finances and to Sheryl & Jeanette and Simon for game day organization.

Nathan and Bec Malone and staff, well done, the bar and BBQ was a fantastic addition to home games.

Special thanks to Bruce Bandy & Jeff Savage for your work as strappers. Jeff Inglis and Brent Jamieson for umpiring reserves.

Thank you to Andrew Rainbird for his efforts in ensuring our bid for South West Juniors is a success.

To the committee itself, what a huge 18 months it has been. Than you and well done. To gauge our success we only have to look at two competitive football sides and four netball sides. We have doubled member numbers and have a supporter base, home ground and crowd that is the envy of all other clubs. We can build on our efforts and successes of last year as we look forward to including our junior teams in what will be another exciting year for Barellan United.

Mark Kenny President

ADAM SCHNEIDER to play for Two Blues
WHEN: Saturday 16 April 2016
Barellan v North Wagga (1st home game)
Function/Dinner will be held Saturday night

More info to come

TRIAL GAMES
Barellan v Crows
Friday 4 March 2016 @ Leeton
Barellan v W/Wyalong
Thursday 24 March 2016 @ Barellan

Please feel free to contact myself on 0427 861 678 or any member of the committee or email: twoblues2665@gmail.com

Kim Hillman
Secretary
Barellan Two Blues
ParentLine is a unique telephone and online counselling and support service for parents and carers. We cover issues with babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age, all over NSW. Our counsellors are professionally trained and specialise in working with families.

What do young people need?
Lots of recent research shows:

* Young people want to talk about tough issues with family
* Young people also need to learn how to stay safe.
* Young people respond best to parenting that is not unduly harsh but neither is it unduly lenient
* Young people want parents that are available to them even if they don’t talk to parents that much

Not sure how to navigate these needs and wants? Our counsellors can help find strategies that best fit with each family and engage parents and young people more positively.

5 signs of a healthy family

Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

* Members are committed to one another
* Families engage in positive communication
* The family spends significant time together
* Members show affection to one another
* The family actively engages together to resolve crises (Parham 1999)

Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together. Simply call us on 1300 1300 52 or email a parenting question to info@parentline.org.au.

Top 5 concerns in 2015
Last year we were most often asked about:

1. Mental health
2. Reducing parent/young person conflict
3. Technology
4. Peer relationships and bullying
5. Impact of parental separation and family violence

Only the best will do

Parent Line counsellors use research-based understanding of young people and families together with proven parenting strategies to help parents develop more positive relationships with young people. We support parents to find strategies that best work for their family and we provide thousands of referrals every year to services all over New South Wales.

NEW ParentLine ONLINE

We want to make it as easy as possible for busy parents and carers to connect with us and obtain the information they need. We now have Online Counselling via our website at www.parentline.org.au, you can email us a question using info@parentline.org.au or find us on Facebook for our latest tips and useful research.