

NEWSLETTER



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Successful Art Exhibition

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Congratulations

Year 9/10 Art Elective class!

What's On

Week 9	2-6 December	Year 10 Gold Coast Excursion
Week 9/10	2-13 December	School Swimming Scheme
Week 10	9 December	Presentation Night
	11 December	Helpers Morning Tea
	12 December	Year 6 Graduation



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

NSW Teachers Federation Industrial Action

All families should have received a note last Friday advising of a disruption to teaching tomorrow, Tuesday December 3, due to a 2 hour Stop Work meeting from 9am – 11am.

The **2 hour state wide stoppage has been** called to discuss Gonski funding and implications for schools and teachers, particularly rural and remote schools.

Due to high level of staff participation in the industrial action, the school will be **providing minimal supervision only between 8.30am and 11am.**

Normal classes **will not operate** during this time however bus children K-12 will be supervised by three teachers with alternate activities.

Town children are requested to arrive at 11.05am due to supervision ratios.

The canteen will be open as usual.

School Swimming Scheme will be cancelled on Tuesday 3rd December due to the industrial action. If you have prepaid your pool entry fee, your child will be refunded their \$2:50 for that session. Swimming for Primary sport will go ahead as usual.

It is my expectation that school will resume normal classes at 11.05am.

Parents or carers with further enquiries can contact the school on 6843 1805 during school hours.

Student Reports

Teachers are finalising the end of year reports for each student. These will be available for parents at the conclusion

of next Monday's Presentation Night.

9/10 Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Miss Pech and her talented art elective class – **Mikaiyla Currin, Victoria Gundry, Lahni Patterson, Claude Ward, Ila Mitchell and Khia Ruttley.** They have each exhibited four pieces of their years' artwork in an exhibition held at the Discovery Centre last Friday evening. The exhibits included self-portraits and lino prints.

The exhibition was very well received by the community members who attended. If you missed it, you can view some of the work on a short video that has been put on the school's Facebook page.

Year 10 Excursion

Our lucky Year 10 students who have headed off today on their special trip to the Gold Coast with Mr Edwards, Mrs Masman and Richie. Their expenses have largely been paid for out the proceeds of the car washes that they conducted over recent months.

Intensive Swimming

The annual two week block of intensive swimming for Primary students commences today. Thank you to Miss Baldock who has organised this important program.

Canadian Exchange Teacher

I would like to introduce the school community to Mr Miles MacFarlane who will be joining the Secondary teaching staff next year. Mr MacFarlane will be exchanging with Mr Edwards for 12 months. See the attached letter from him.

*Cheers,
Chris Clarke - Principal*

SRC ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING

Three members of the Baradine Central School Student Representative Council, **Stephanie Bowling, Stacey Tanner and Jacinta Pickette,** attended a recent Warrumbungle Shire Council Meeting - public forum and presented a proposal for assistance from Council with water at the school.

The SRC meets regularly to discuss both school and local issues and to seek solutions to such issues.

Currently the SRC is working towards a solution for a particular problem voiced by all of the Secondary students. It relates to the quality of the surface of one of the grassed playing areas known as the cricket field.

The SRC would like the playing area developed with a proper lawn surface but to do this effectively we would need a suitable supply of water to the area.

The SRC's request to Council was for Council to consider connecting the Baradine Central School cricket field area to the Council's untreated bore water supply.

The students are to be congratulated on the quality of their presentation to the Council meeting.



Year 6 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 12th December

PRIMARY NEWS

Congratulations to the Year Five students

that delivered their speeches in the hope that their peers and staff would vote for them as number 1. Last Wednesday the Whole School Assembly was a very special event because Clinton Lennon, Artemis Pech, Samantha Taylor and Mia White talked about the qualities that they would bring to the Captains role in 2014. Congratulations to these four students for their outstanding speeches and confident delivery. Regan Evans, the fifth candidate, was absent due to illness on the day. Special thanks to Mrs Susie Sutherland and Mr Richie Milgate who helped to organise this important school event. Good luck to all the candidates! School Captains for 2014 will be announced at the school's Annual Presentation Night.



Intensive Swimming began today and I would like to remind parents to pack swimmers etc. everyday for those children

involved even if the weather looks bad or is cold in the morning. A reminder to all parents, students are not to wear their swimmers to school for either intensive swimming or sport. Children are given the opportunity to change at lunchtime so we meet hygiene requirements at the pool.

This week teachers are busy finalising your child's report ready to go home on Presentation Night.

On Friday of Week 10 the students will be attending St Johns Annual School Concert. Students will leave BCS after recess and return in time for intensive swimming to begin. Our local area walking note will cover permission to attend. If you do not wish your child to attend this event please let their class teacher know.

On Monday of Week 11 is the K-2 Santa Party and the 3-6 Pool Party. This will be an out of uniform day for all Primary students. All Primary students will then be expected to return to normal uniform for the remaining 2 school days of the school year.

Attendance has been fantastic across all classes with the competition for the 'Monkey' being fierce. I encourage parents to send their children to school every day until the very end of the school year - remember you will have them all day every day for six wonderful weeks, let us enjoy them for as long as possible.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

KINDER/1 CLASS NEWS

Welcome to Week 9. Thank you again to my beautiful Class Captains for the last two weeks, **Brendon Evans and Kalem Hinchliffe**.

The students have been working so hard in class and have produced some fantastic narrative stories in their writing books. They can tell you all about the different characters that are in the books they are reading and also the complication (problem) that happens and how the characters solved the problem (resolution).

In Maths they are learning all about groups of objects so that they can put this information together to figure out our times tables. This is tricky but they are working on it.

The students have recently finished some Christmas trees in one of our art classes and have put them down at the hospital.

The students worked so hard so please go and have a look at them, they are very cute.

It is getting hotter and the students really need to make sure they bring their hat to school. They have their water bottles on their desk and regularly fill them up during the day.

Thank you to parents who are adhering to the school uniform policy and ensuring their children are coming to school in the correct uniform. Thank you also to those parents who have been organised and provided notes when students are out of uniform.

Just a reminder that if you are away from school please bring in a note the next day. I have supplied each student with little booklets and these are working well.

Have a great week .

Tracy McGlashan - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 1/2 CLASS NEWS

It is getting very close to the end of the year but there is still lots to do for the 1/2 children. We have been working on our 2 times tables, money and capacity in Maths this week. In Science we have been recalling our knowledge of how insects and bugs move, eat, live and protect themselves to write descriptions. We have finished a couple of artworks that we have been working on for a couple of weeks in Visual Arts. We

have used a combination of techniques to create them such as crayoning, painting with edicolos and watercolour paints as well as cutting and gluing wool to create a 3D textured effect.

Year 1/2 has also had Scott Edwards working in the class for a couple of days as a Work Experience student. We liked having him there to help us with lots of our class and group work. Thanks Scott!

Christie Baker - Classroom Teacher

PRIMARY NEWS

YEAR 3/4 CLASS NEWS

The class continues to be extremely busy this term. In R2L the class have been studying explanation texts. As a class last week the students wrote an explanation of how spiders eat their prey, it is an extremely gory process.

In Numeracy the students have been focusing on angles, different units of measure and decimals. The students have also become very fluent on their 9 times tables.

Last week the class were lucky to have a Year 10 Work Experience student helping them. The class would like to thank Jesse for being a fabulous asset to the class.

In PDH the class have completed their Q4:H2O challenge. The whole class (including Miss Baldock) learnt the importance of drinking plenty of water, especially when it is hot.

Lucy Baldock - Classroom Teacher

GENERAL NEWS

SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Don't forget the pool is now open and students will be going to the pool to swim for sport.

Primary - Tuesdays

Secondary - Wednesdays

Please remember to send your child with their swimmers and \$2.50 entry (unless they have a Season Ticket)

QUICKSMART

Last Monday the 25th November, Mrs Hensby, Mrs Masman, Mr Milgate and Mrs Hotchkiss attended the final day of a 2 year course for Quicksmart in Mudgee.

This workshop was relevant and highly practical in supporting each of us as instructors and also classroom practice placing an emphasis on the following;

Quality teaching approaches within Quicksmart, exploring QS student learning, updating and extending QS teaching skills, examine important features of Maths in learning and teaching, feedback from other schools on their QS program.

The day was filled with a mixture of input and hands on activities.

Carol Hotchkiss - Quicksmart Tutor

SECONDARY NEWS

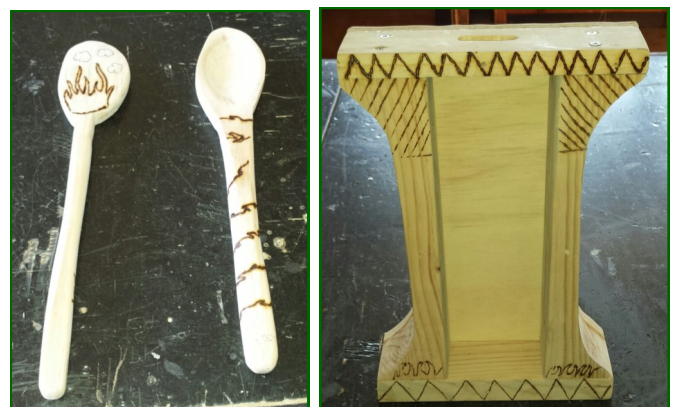
Woodwork

The students have been really busy in the last few weeks in the Industrial Arts workshop with students aiming to get projects finished before the end of term.

Our Year 6 Transition students, who have been learning the ropes in the workshop, have made some excellent progress with their wooden spoons adding their own personal touches with the wood burners.

Our Stage 5 students have been very busy with their free design projects and we have seen some very creative ideas. Some students added trailers to their timber toy trucks that they had made and other students came up with completely original ideas such as this large wooden money box with a plexi-glass window. The students have all been working furiously and should be commended for their work.

Andrew McCutcheon - Woodwork Teacher



SECONDARY NEWS

SPORT

Students are continuing swimming for Wednesday sport. The numbers going down to the pool have been pleasing. Please ensure you child continues to bring their swimmers and money on Wednesdays, especially as the weather is beginning to heat up.

On Friday Week 10 (13th December), we are taking students to Coonabarabran to participate in an Indoor Soccer and Basketball fun day. Gulargambone Central School will be attending the day to participate. Notes will be going out shortly. Please make sure your child returns theirs promptly as numbers for the bus are limited.

Matt Edwards - Sports Coordinator

SENIOR SCIENCE EXCURSION

Early start, warm day, perfect conditions for an excursion to Dubbo with Baradine Central School's Senior Science class comprising of three young ladies – **Jacinta Pickette, Josephine Mitchell and Amy Anderson**. The aim of the day: to explore the Dubbo Regional Botanic Gardens and discover the benefits of blood donation, with the possibility of the students donating for the first time.

The day started quietly, until the request for music came from the back seat. Courageous Science teacher Mrs Alix Talbot relented and allowed her students to choose a radio station. Thankfully the music seemed to comatose the students and all arrived safely in Dubbo to a blustery reception. The next request – lunch; surely 10am is too early for such a meal but seeing as we were hoping to donate blood a meal and plenty of fluids was determined to be a good idea. A little Christmas shopping was squeezed in whilst we waited for the wind to cease.

The wind died down and we journeyed to the Regional Botanic Gardens to explore the diversity of the grounds and consider water management practices. The weather was warm, the fish were swimming (thankfully the students didn't join them) and a stroll around the grounds was delightful. The students became aware of the diversity in such an area, the vast number of different plants and animals and the

interactions between them. All the students were captivated by the number and size of the koi in the main water feature and there was much clicking of photos to capture the moment.

The time had come time to drain the blood. Being a frequent donor myself, I thought it was wonderful that the students were interested in participating in such an adventure. Blood donation is such a special gift and it is such an essential service in our communities. According to the Red Cross Blood Service website 1 in 3 Australians will require blood or a blood product at some point in our lives, but only 1 in every 30 of us will roll up our sleeve and donate. Jacinta and Josephine filled out their forms and waited to be interviewed. Sitting in the chair with my arm bandaged, having donated already, I waited to see if they would be able to donate. Both students were cleared to donate. Even Josephine's fear of needles didn't stop her from giving the gift of life. The blood centre staff were excellent and even took the students on a walk-through of the centre, explaining how the blood is processed, the screening process and the uses of the blood and blood products. Our plasma alone (about 55% of whole blood) can be transformed into 17 different products.

Our donations potentially saved the lives of 9 people.

Alix Talbot - Science Teacher



Leather shoes

I know we keep harping on about this, but Technology / Science / Agriculture students need the correct footwear to participate in those subjects. Students are still attending in thin, canvas shoes which are not permitted in the garden, workshop, food tech room, ag plot or at school in general. Please ensure your child has the correct leather shoes to allow them to participate in practical lessons.

Baradine Central School is on Facebook!

Keep up to date with everything that is happening at our school by 'Liking' our page at

<https://www.facebook.com/BaradineCentralSchool>

We're on the web. View online at www.baradine-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

ACHIEVEMENTS

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who achieved the highest attendance for the week.

Remember to send your child to school everyday.

Week 7

Primary - Kinder/Year 1 with 95%

Secondary - Year 8 with 95%

Week 8

Primary - Year 3/4 with 96%

Secondary - Year 8 with 90%

Principal's Awards

Liam Blackhall for Achievement of all multiplication tables.

Artemis Pech for always having a big smile and lovely manners.

Wyatte Andrews for excellent participation in work Placement (Welding).

Claudia Eastburn, Reece Buckton & Stephen King for being an excellent school citizen.

Emily Murray for great work in Kindergarten.

Riley Siemsen for great work in Year 1.

Week 7 Awards

Student of The Week

Kinder/1 **Brendon Evans** for a fantastic work ethic and for always being a kind responsible person in the Kinder/Year 1 room.

Year 1/2 **Paige Pallier** for fantastic work in Writing.

Year 3/4 **Molly Murray** for amazing work on square numbers in Numeracy. **Rachael Evans** for an amazing effort in all areas of her learning. She is a great role model.

Year 4/5/6 **Katrina Gardiner** for always being a fantastic school citizen showing respect, pride and a great work ethic.

Year Advisor Awards

Year 7 **Ashlee Olsen** for an improved attitude in Woodwork.

Year 8 **Haylee Dunn** for consistently trying hard in Science.

Year 9 **Chloe Anderson** for participating well in all areas of the school.

PBL Awards

Kinder/1 **Aaron Vallette** for always following teacher

instructions in the classroom.

Year 1/2 **Jorja Carey** for always following staff instructions.

Year 3/4 **Liam Ryan** for taking pride in his uniform and appearance. **Jye Cunningham** for always following staff instructions.

Year 4/5/6 **Chontelle Vallette** for showing respect by following instructions. She is a fine example to others.

Year 7 **Lauchie Woodham** for showing respect in class.

Year 8 **Stephanie Bowling** for always following staff instructions.

Year 9 **Victoria Gundry** for following all teacher instructions.

Week 8 Awards

Student of The Week

Kinder/1 **Justin Lennon** for always trying to do his best at all activities, wearing the correct uniform and for having great attendance.

Year 1/2 **Tristan Nielsen** for fantastic work in Maths.

Year 3/4 **Jackson Fitzgerald** for brilliant Spelling Test results every week.

Year 4/5/6 **Artemis Pech** for being a focused worker in class and showing excellent listening skills.

Year Advisor Awards

Year 8 **Thalia Spinks** for excellent descriptive writing on the weather.

Year 9 **Caleb White** for participating well in all school activities and classes.

Year 11/12 **Todd Cutts** for a great effort in his fitness assessment.

PBL Awards

Kinder/1 **Emily Murray** for always following teacher instructions both inside and outside the classroom.

Year 1/2 **Olive Lennon** for always following staff instructions.

Year 3/4 **Blake Olsen** for always following staff instructions.

Year 4/5/6 **Clinton Lennon** for always following staff instructions and is an excellent role model to others.

Year 8 **Maderline Lennon** for always following teacher instructions.

Year 9 **Ila Mitchell** for participating in all classes.

Year 11/12 **Jacinta Pickette** for showing respect for those she interacts with.

REMINDER

*School Annual Presentation Night * Monday 9th December * 7 pm sharp*

Make sure you attend school everyday in the correct uniform



Letter to the Baradine Central School Community

Greetings from Canada! This is just a quick note to introduce myself and my family in advance of our arrival in January.

My name is Miles MacFarlane and I am the teacher swapping places with Mr. Edwards for our 2014 International Teaching Exchange. My wife Alicia, and my son Carlen (10) are accompanying me and we are very excited to be spending the year in your amazing country, and, in particular, your communities.

We are coming from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in the heart of North America where we are entering the coldest months of the year. (Mr. Edwards and I have warned each other about January temperatures in our respective homes and they're exactly the same except on opposite sides of the 0!)

I teach all subjects in year 8 at a middle school with more than 600 students. Alicia is a teaching assistant for students with special needs at the same school. Carlen is in year 5, loves Minecraft, and is working his way through John Flannagan's Ranger's Apprentice series. He attends a small middle school near our rural home.

Part of the incentive for pursuing an exchange, apart from the obvious travel opportunities and life experience, is the personal and professional challenge. We are looking forward to immersing ourselves in your culture, appreciating the Australian climate, and learning about your education system. Maybe we'll even catch a glimpse of the Pilliga Yowie! Of course, we are happy to share what we know about Canada for those that are curious. It is when we encounter something different that we are better able to understand ourselves.

Until then, we wish you a joy-filled holiday season and a Happy New Year!

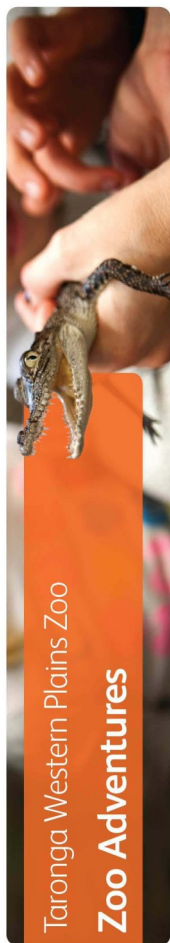
From the MacFarlane Family
Miles, Alicia and Carlen



In the centre of Canada, Manitoba is called the Keystone province and Gateway to the West

Active tips for busy families

- ✓ make time to be active as a whole family
- ✓ go out and play basketball, tag or soccer, throw a ball or ride a bike with your children
- ✓ meet friends or family in a park and take balls, hoops, Frisbees, bats or other outdoor games to play
- ✓ set a limit on television watching, computer time and video games to no more than 2 hours a day



School Holiday Program Zoo Adventures – Summer 2014

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years, to be held during the January school holidays.

This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th January 2014.
Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd January 2014.

Age: 5-12 years

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$55.00 per day
Early Bird Special - \$40.00 per day (bookings before COB 16/12/13)

How to Book: All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website
<http://www.taronga.org.au/ZooAdventuresDubbo>

Contact Taronga Western Plains Zoo on 6881.1433.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could promote the above information in your newsletter or perhaps mentioning at your weekly assembly and staff meeting.

Kind regards,

Kim Wood
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Nominations for Baradine's 2014 Australia Day

Awards are now open
Members of the community are invited to consider
submitting a worthy recipient.
The categories are

- *Community Group Award*
- *Sports Team Award*
- *Individual Sports Award*
- *Certificate of Recognition*

Nomination form are available from
Wangmann's Newsagency
Baradine RTC

Nominations close on Tuesday, 10 December, 2013

Baradine Australia Day Committee

SUMMER READING CLUB

SUMMERREADINGCLUB.ORG.AU

MEDIA RELEASE

WHODUNIT?

The Summer Reading Club will once again be infiltrating the Macquarie Regional Library service throughout the summer holidays.

Children are invited to explore mystery, sleuth, detective and crime fiction by participating in 'super sleuth' based activities that inspire them to continue reading, become investigators, masters of disguise, observers of clues, code decipherers and problem solvers as they participate in the 2013 Australian Summer Reading Club: **Investigation**.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success with over 600 children taking part across the region and thousands of books read.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at the library they will receive a Top Secret Summer Reading Club Starter Pack and then they can collect Super Sleuth Trading Cards and Mystery Lucky Dips as they read. There will also be lots of Mysterious School Holiday Activities for them to scope out.

"A child's reading achievement typically declines over the summer break and this reading loss each summer accumulates to a crucial two-year gap in reading levels by the time children are in primary school. We encourage parents to prevent this slide in reading levels by supporting the summer reading program" Said Mr Bayliss, the library director

"This year with a fantastic line-up of activities and incentives, the Summer Reading Club is expected to be bigger than ever", believes Mr Bayliss.

At the Baradine Branch, the Summer Reading Club activities will run from 2 December 2013 until the end of January 2014.

More information about the Summer Reading Club and the Whodunit Launch Party is available from the library website. mrl.nsw.gov.au



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Don't forget your fruit for Crunch and Sip



RURAL WIG CLINIC
Market Stall
Fundraiser
@gwabegar CTC
every wednesday
9am - 5.30pm

10% of sales each week donated to Gwabegar CTC. Help support our local not-for-profit wig clinic and keep our community centre open. Come check out our great range of affordable products - Jewellery, hair care, chemo hats/wraps, hair extensions, sunglasses, wig products and weekly bargains.

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RURAL WIG CLINIC
@gwabegar CTC
every wednesday
9am - 5.30pm

Medical/General Wigs avail for Women/Men/Children-Cancer patients, hairloss, elderly, fancy dress or need a change in hair style. (wig kits \$45 includes wig of your choice, wig stand, mannequin head, wig spray, brush, hair net.)

Wigs are also avail for hire. (\$30 deposit-\$10 wkly hire). Additional wigs are \$20 after wig kit purchase. Wigs are avail single without kit \$28. Wig cleaning \$15, chemo wrap or hat \$14.95. Additional products - synthetic hair tie brown/black \$2, clip in hair extensions \$20 for 4 or single \$8.

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PRICE LIST Nov/Dec 2013
 @ Gwabegar Ctc - Anzac Parade
 Every Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm

Gwabegar Community Link Centre
 Internet access - \$3 per hour
 - \$2 per hour students/pension card
 Photocopying - 20¢ per page A4
 - 40¢ double sided - our paper

Rural Wig Clinic-

- Wig Kit \$45. Additional wigs \$20 after kit purchase.
- Wig hire \$30 deposit + \$10/wkly hire/Wig cleaning \$15
- hair Shampoo/conditioned \$12- Free laundry
- chemo hat/wrap \$14.95 - Synthetic hair ties \$2
- clip in hair extensions \$20 for 4 or single \$8
- bobbypin hair extensions \$3 - flash band or ext \$3
- Assorted Jewellery nov/dec Special any 3 for \$2
- makeup kit \$3 - keyrings \$2 - headband \$2
- shampoo sample \$2.50 - cotton pads \$2 - handcream \$2.50
- wax moulding \$2.50 - pkt 12pc hair rollers \$2
- cosmetic bag 50¢ - hair brush \$2 - hair dryer \$15
- body piercings from \$2 - Assorted bargains each week.

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY EXCEPT WIG CLINIC CLIENTS.

Contact Jacqui Owers - 0481296487