



Baradine Central School

Newsletter

Term1 Week 4

Friday 20th February 2015

2015 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



Congratulations

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

SRC

Mr Edwards and Senior SRC members Caleb White, Fox Jones, Tyrone Biles and Sophie Horder travelled to Gilgandra HS on Wednesday to participate in a district meeting of SRCs and contributed to the leadership initiatives implemented on the day.

Head Teacher Position

The Head Teacher vacancy is now in the advertisement phase of the selection process. Applications will close in two weeks and will be followed by the interview process. I am anticipating a new Head Teacher will be appointed by the end of this term and commence Term 2.

In the meantime, Mr Edwards will continue in the role of relieving Head Teacher.

Enrolments and Staffing

The school has 96 students K-12 enrolled this year. As this is significantly less than previously, the school will lose some staff positions, both teaching and support. Details of the actual staffing allocation will be released next week by the Department.

Early Action For Success

Mrs Horder, Mrs Cox and I all attended a training and information day in Dubbo on the Department's Literacy and

Numeracy initiatives for K-2.

Data collated across the state over the last 2 years indicate the L3 & TEN programs being implemented in K-2 classes is having a positive impact.

BCS receives funding and staffing to have teachers trained and supported to implement these initiatives with Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students. Every one of these students is continually monitored with growth tracked and recorded.

Education Reforms

I have attended a meeting of principals to be informed of the department's 2015 priorities for implementing a new performance monitoring framework for schools and staff. Subsequent training both at district and school level will continue throughout the year. I look forward to sharing this information with parents at opportunities such as P&C meetings.

P&C Meeting

There is a special meeting on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm to welcome new members and fill some vacant positions. Please consider supporting our P&C president Sharon by joining the group.

Cheers

Chris Clarke

P&C Special Meeting

Baradine Central School P&C Committee would like interested parents and community members to attend a special Meeting.

Tuesday 24th February at 7:00pm in the school's Meeting Room.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week our PBL focus has been Quality Uniform. All students are to be congratulated on the lovely way they have presented themselves at school, all making a true effort to be in correct uniform.

From all reports our swimming squad did a marvellous job on Wednesday at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Coonamble. Both Miss Baker and Richie have commented on the high rate of participation and wonderful behaviour from our students. Once again our students make us proud!

A reminder that all students are to have a rash shirt or an old t-shirt to swim in on Tuesdays for sport. This week any child not bringing a rash shirt will not be permitted in the pool. Teachers have been discussing this with their students. We

are a sun safe school and this includes when we are at the pool.

We are about to get our Primary Choir up and running this week. Miss Baker will be conducting the choir and is very excited about its formation. Students from Years 2-6 will be asked to nominate next week if they would like to participate.

This week I was lucky enough to attend an Early Action for Success conference in Dubbo. The focus was writing in the early years and what we as teachers should be expecting to see in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 writing samples.

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

Principal

Mrs Chris Clarke

Assistant Principal

Mrs Lizzie Horder

Sports Coordinators

*Miss Christie Baker
Mr Jack Ramage*

AECG President

Ms Suellen Tighe

P&C President

Miss Sharon Wilson

Head Teacher Secondary

Mr Matt Edwards

Administration Manager

Mrs Wendy Leonard

AECG Representative

Mr Richie Milgate

KINDER/1/2

Another very busy week with Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. We have been lucky enough to have Miss Victoria Gundry appointed to assist our class each Tuesday. Miss Gundry will do reading, sounds, flash cards and some computer work with our class in small groups and individually. We are extremely pleased to have her help in class and hope that she enjoys her work experience with us.

Thank you so much to the children who did their homework and home reading last week. Homework is due each Friday and home readers can be brought in when they have been read.

Library will be on Wednesday's for Kinder-Year 2. Please send a library bag for borrowing each week.

Mrs Cox visited on Tuesday and was most impressed with Kindergarten and their reading. They have all settled into our class routine so well. Good work **Lyden, Lincon, Cooper and Domonic**.

Congratulations to **Jayden Ryan** who was the only K-2 student who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Well done Jayden!

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3/4

This has been a great week in the 3/4 classroom. Students have been busy writing and publishing recounts about their holidays and the swimming carnival last week, which all students who attended really enjoyed.

In Maths they have been learning how to use the split strategy to add and subtract and working on number facts to 20.

In HSIE students have been working on the unit 'Australia, You're Standing in It!' and they are getting more competent at identifying the Australian states, territories and capital cities.

We have had our first couple of weeks in the garden for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with Mrs Miller,

which has been a lot of fun. We have been potting little trees, weeding and putting new soil into some of the garden beds so we can plant some new vegetables soon.

Thank you to **Sandy Vallette** for being a helpful and mature Class Captain this week and congratulations to **Jorja Carey, Paige Pallier, Claudia McConnaughty** and **Sandy Vallette** for representing our class and school at Zone for swimming. Well done girls!

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 5/6

The class have settled into a very busy schedule and are producing some very pleasing work in all key learning areas. In Literacy the students are using great emotive language when writing their exposition text on why Antarctica should not be a tourist destination.

In Numeracy the students have been revising their understanding of place value in numbers up to 7 digits long and continuing with their work on length and perimeter.

In PDH students are learning about how they can be a safe pedestrian when travelling both to and from school. They have been identifying hazards and developing strategies to stay safe in different situations.

The students are using their artistic and baking skills to create a number of fantastic entries for the Annual Baradine Show.

Please look out for their fantastic work in the painting, drawing, cooking and the school display sections.

For homework this term students will be completing a book review. Students have a number of weeks to read a book of their choice and create a presentation to review the book. If you have any questions about the homework task please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Please remind your child to bring joggers and shorts (girls) on a Thursday for their weekly PE session with Mr Ramage. Students must also remember to wear a green school hat and black leather shoes every day to school.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher

PBL

QUALITY

"Always wear your full school uniform with pride"

Thank you to all the students who are wearing their full school uniform to start the year. You all look fantastic representing our school.

YEAR 7

What a joyous time Year 7 had competing in the swimming carnival this year. They were colourful, engaging and supportive of the junior students. **Clinton Lennon** assisted the infants in the swimming pool to ensure they felt a part of the carnival and were able to compete.

In Woodwork the students are beginning to create their chopping boards. They are working on developing their skills and learning how to use hand tools effectively and safely.

The students have adapted well to their change in routine and are enjoying the new found responsibilities that come with being in High School. Continue to achieve your best Year 7.

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

YEAR 8

In Year 8 we have been very busy for the start of the term. In English we are studying the Bridge to Terabithia, which is teaching us about friendships, the value of the environment and creative writing.

In TAS we have been cooking and learning about the different components of a healthy diet.

In Maths we have been converting between different units of measurement. This has proved to be very challenging.

This term is keeping us very busy!!

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

YEAR 9

In Year 9 this week we have been very busy, we have all settled into our subjects, the real work has begun!

In Industrial Technology we have started designing our timber trucks and some of us have even started constructing them.

Mr Ramage has had us doing work outs in PASS. We have had very sore legs and arms when we finish, but we feel fitter and better off for it.

In Geography we have had an in depth look at the way in which American culture, through globalisation, has influenced cultures all over the world, including our own here in Australia.

It's flat out already this term and it's only going to get busier!

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

YEAR 10

We have started financial calculations in Maths. In English we are reading the Shakespeare play Macbeth. In History we are looking at immigration and currently focussing on the 'White Australia Policy'.

In Geography we are studying trade routes and the types of commodities traded between countries. In Science we are investigating the theory of Evolution, the people who were involved with the development of the theory and the evidence that supports evolution.

In Hospitality we are learning about cake decorating and starting to put together pieces for the Baradine Show. In SLR

we are learning about fitness and as part of this we had to complete a fitness test.

Some students are completing TAFE courses as part of their learning. **Stephanie Bowling** started a course in Child Care. In this course the students have been talking about themselves and their skills in video conferences. **Lizzie King** has started a course in Animal Care, she has been investigating the different breeds of canines and felines.

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor

YEAR 11

This week Year 11 students have been busy participating in a variety of activities with **Chloe Anderson** travelling to Dubbo for her first face to face Animal Care session. Chloe is studying Animal Care by Distance Education and will travel to Dubbo regularly to complete practical and face to face lessons throughout the year.

Caleb White and **Tyrone Biles** attended an SRC meeting with other school SRC members in Gilgandra on Wednesday. They learnt about leadership skills, running meetings effectively and

coming up with ideas and activities for our school to participate in.

Victoria Gundry is continuing her Traineeship in Education Support, she is working in the Primary area with Mrs Eastburn and the K/1 class once a week. Victoria works with the students in group work activities and reading.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

YEAR 12

Year 12 would like to give a huge thank you to Mr Paul White who has kindly donated a fridge for their study room. They were all very excited to receive it. Now they will have cold drinks and snacks to help get them through their long study sessions.

Speaking of study I would like to remind Year 12 that their half yearly exams are approaching very fast. They will be in Week 10 of this term so make sure you are all preparing well for them.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor

TIMELY REMINDERS

- Students are **not to arrive** at school **before 8.35am** as there is no supervision before this time.
- All parents and visitors are requested to report to the school office first and sign-in.
- If you need to sign your child in or out of the school you also need to come to the office. We will organise for your child to be brought to the office. This is an WH&S requirement of the Department of Education and Communities and Baradine Central School.
- Any changes to address, phone numbers, student medical conditions or other important details should be given to our office staff as soon as possible. This will help us with communication and keeping all students safe.
- Parents are requested to please notify the school by a note or phone call if their child's after school /pick up arrangements change, even for one day. This will prevent confusion at home time.
- All students need to bring hats to school. We have a "No Hat - No Play" policy. In the interests of protecting young skin, we ask all students to wear a hat to school, preferably broad brimmed. Students will be restricted to the shade if they don't wear a hat.
- Could all parents please clearly label their children's belongings including hats, sloppy joes, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc.
- All student absences need to be explained by a letter as soon as possible after the absence. Students should give their absentee notes to their teacher in the morning.
- Students unable to participate in sport or physical activity must have a signed note from parents/ guardians explaining the reason for the inability to participate.

BIRTHDAYS

January

Emily Brand, Chontelle Vallette, Blake Olsen,
Justin Lennon, Jayson Ruttley-Higgins, Samantha
Owers

February

Ethan Andrews - 10th
Ila Mitchell - 22nd



**An invitation to seniors to
Celebrate
2015 Seniors Week
at a FREE
Entertaining Morning Tea
on
MONDAY, 16 MARCH
10am at the
Baradine CWA Hall**
For more information contact Nea Worrell on 68431684
or Baradine RTC on 68431166

A Seniors Week event funded by Department Ageing, Disability and Home Care
and organised by Baradine CWA.

2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

BCS held their Annual Swimming Carnival on Thursday 12th February with Wilga coming out victors for the day. It was a great day with lots of participation and lots of fun had by the students and staff.

Congratulations to the following students who broke some old records:

Stephanie Bowling - 16yo 50m Freestyle and Senior 50m Butterfly

Scott Edwards - 17yo+ 50m Freestyle

Madison Masman - 12yo 50m Freestyle and Senior 50m Butterfly

Liam Ryan - Junior 50m Butterfly

Congratulations to the following who were Champions:

Primary Sub Junior - **Lincon McConnaughty**

Primary Juniors - **Claudia McConnaughty & Liam Ryan**

Primary 11yo's - **Zalia Curtis & Blake Olsen**

Primary Seniors - **Madison Masman & Billy Carey**

Secondary Sub Junior - **Regan Evans**

Secondary Juniors - **Zoe Gardner & Fox Jones**

Secondary Seniors - **Stephanie Bowling & Scott Edwards**



A big thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted on the day to help make the carnival a success. There is a lot of organisation that goes into making the day successful including volunteer timekeepers, setting up lane ropes, setting up the canteen, organising shade shelters and two way radios, tables and chairs for students and staff, organising novelty events, setting up the swimming program and decorating the stands, just to name a few things.

PRIMARY ZONE SWIMMING

On Wednesday 18th February, 15 students and some parents along with Miss Baker and Richie travelled to Coonamble to attend this year's PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. The weather was fantastic and the competition was strong. All of our students swam to the best of their ability and enjoyed a great day with lots of success.

Congratulations to:

Billy Carey, Jorja Carey, Savannah Carey, Zalia Curtis, Claudia Eastburn, Lilly Frazer, Madison Masman, Claudia McConnaughty, Molly Murray, Blake Olsen, Paige Pallier, Jayden Ryan, Liam Ryan, Sandy Vallette and Holly Woodham.

A big thank you to all the parents that attended to support the children, to Richie for driving the bus and to Miss Baker for organising the day.



STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please remember that student supervision commences at 8:35am.

Students who arrive **at school prior to this must report** directly to Mrs Clarke.

Barnardos Playgroup Baradine

For Families with children
aged 0-5 years

Come along and meet with
other families while your
children learn through play.

When

Every Wednesday 10.30 – 12.30

During the school term

Where

Baradine Children's Park,
opposite the supermarket

Contact:

Carolyn

Office: 6842 4973

Mobile: 0429 459 011

FNSW Family Strengthening Project



BARADINE SHOW CELEBRATING



1935 - 2015

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH

Nakadoo Bull Rides **Yard Dog Trials**

Toot's Magic Show **Trike Adventures**

Champagne Marquee

Side Shows

Art

Music

Demonstrations

Stalls

Displays

Barbeque

Fireworks

Sponsored by Santos

a Baradine sesqui-centenary event

Remember - Baradine Central School is a Sun Safe School

In Term 1, BCS staff and students are particularly vigilant about wearing hats when outdoors. Your child will be required to wear their hat. Remember – **NO HAT, NO PLAY.**



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Upcoming Events



Tuesday 24th FebruaryP&C Special meeting

Monday 2nd MarchSecondary Regional Swimming

Tuesday 3rd MarchPrimary Regional Swimming

Thursday 5th MarchPrimary NRL Clinic

Saturday 7th MarchBaradine Show

Wednesday 11th MarchSolid State Circus show for Primary

Monday 16th MarchSchool Photo day

Thursday 19th MarchSeniors Week Afternoon Tea

Friday 20th MarchMoorambilla auditions

Monday 23rd MarchYoung Leaders Conference

Thursday 2nd AprilEaster Hat Parade