



Baradine Central School

Newsletter

Term1 Week 4

Friday 20th February 2015

ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Exciting news received this week from the Primary Zone Swimming Carnival that was held on Wednesday 18th February, 2015. Three of our students were successful in becoming Zone Swimming Champions. A very big congratulations to:

Junior Boy - **Liam Ryan**

11yr Girl - **Molly Murray**

Senior Girl - **Madison Masman**

The other swimmers that attended are also to be congratulated, as due to all their great swimming on the day, our school was successful in being the winning Zone school. Well done!!

Congratulations



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Attendance

The Department has recently updated its Attendance Policy. Essential information for families includes:

- ◆ *Attendance at school is a legal obligation for all students who are enrolled, regardless of their age.*
- ◆ *Parents & carers are required to explain all absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.*
- ◆ *An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any absence.*
- ◆ *Leave will not be approved for family holidays in term time.*
- ◆ *Personal appointments are encouraged to be organised outside of school hours.*
- ◆ *Students should be at school all day, every day.*

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school will be registering to participate in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday March 20th. The theme for the day will be Take a Stand Together.

Good Luck Teams!

Best of luck to our sheep team competing at Binnaway show this weekend. Many thanks to Mr Denis Todd for once again lending his Border Leicester sheep to the school and to Mr McCutcheon for his supervision and organisation.

Some of our students have achieved excellent swimming results and are training for the regional championships. Good luck to the team!

Staffing

The school's staffing entitlement has been reduced on previous year's entitlements due to the student enrolment number now below 100. Staffing losses equate to 1 ½ teacher positions and ½ an administration position. This will not affect any current staff this year as the school has budgeted to pay the shortfall for 2015 and maintain all established classes. We will be proactive in seeking new enrolments to our unique & wonderful school throughout the year.

P&C

A huge thank you to the ladies – Sharon, Sue, Tina, Di & Renee – and Miss Riley - for supporting P&C. P&C is an essential voice for the parent bodies and contributes to the decision making process of the school. It also organises functions to raise funds to support educational programs and is responsible for keeping the canteen operational Monday – Friday.

QuickSmart

Each year, BCS invests significant resources in a booster program for numeracy known as QuickSmart. The program is designed for students in middle school or Years 5-8, to build their skills around rapid recall of number facts and the application of these facts to problems solving. It is an excellent program with stunning results across the country. Parents have received letters for the next intake of potential candidates.

Cheers

Chris Clarke

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week we must celebrate our success at the Coonamble Zone Swimming Carnival. Participation was at an absolute high point resulting in Baradine Primary being the overall winners on the day. Yet another great example of how our students love to participate and how this participation pays off. Special congratulations to **Liam, Madi and Molly** for winning Zone Champions. The whole school wishes our regional squad the very best of luck for next week in Armidale.

This week Kindergarten parents will receive letters explaining the Best Start process and assessment. Kinder parents please keep an eye out in your child's bag for this important information. If you have any questions please feel free to discuss this with Mrs Eastburn or myself.

The Primary's lost property tub is full. This week lost property has been hung out over the railing near Primary for student's to claim. Please send your child looking if you think they have lost an item of clothing. It is possible that some of it belongs to high school students. Feel free to claim it if any item belongs to your children! Clothing still here by the end of next week will be sent to the clothing pool.

School of Ants Project

This year the K/1/2 class are thrilled to be involved in a project with the Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre. Armidale University run a citizen science project called, 'School of Ants'. It is about trying to find out more about Australia's and the world's ant populations. The WEEC is the local gatherer of this information. The WEEC is visiting our K/1/2 class every month and three students each visit will spend time with staff from the WEEC gathering important information from our school playground. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn more about their local environment and also how our environment connects to the rest of the world.

On Tuesday we have a very special visit from Professor Ants (Mrs Ange Bunner) to kick start the project, then on Wednesday **Emily Murray, Charles Ruttle-Higgins and Jayson Ruttle-Higgins** were the lucky ones to start the ant survey in our playground.

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

Principal
Mrs Chris Clarke

Mr Matt Edwards
Assistant Principal
Mrs Lizzie Horder

Head Teacher Secondary

Administration Manager *Mr Jack Ramage*
Mrs Wendy Leonard
Sports Coordinators
Miss Christie Baker
AECG President

Ms Suellen Tighe
AECG Representative
Mr Richie Milgate

KINDER/1/2

Student of the Week **Emily Murray**
PBL Weekly Award **Cooper Ruttley**



This has been a great week for everyone in Kinder-Year 2. We have been doing lots of writing, artwork and maths. Our books have been covered to show we have pride in our work and we have been preparing for the show with entries. Next week we will be decorating biscuits to enter in the cooking section.

In Maths we have been learning about time and using o'clock and half past by drawing our own clock.

In HSIE we have been discussing school, rules, routines and how everyone is an individual.

It was very exciting to have Meg Leathart from the WEEC come into our class to conduct a lesson on 'Bugs and Ants'. Ange Bunner was also a welcome visitor investigating ants in an outside field lesson as part of Science with Mrs Horder.

Thank you to **Jayden Ryan** for being a fantastic Class Captain last week and also to **Emily Murray** for all her responsible and organised help this week. Well done to both of you!

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3/4

Student of the Week **Johnno Shepherd**
PBL Weekly Award **Olive Lennon**



This week the Year 3/4 class have begun to write a persuasive text about "Why I would make a great Class Captain". We have also started our art exhibition for the Baradine Show, a pencil sketch on an Australian icon.

We have been looking at the unit 'Beneath our Feet', and so far we have looked at the soil and water.

In Maths we have been studying 2D and 3D shapes and working on number facts to 100.

Thank you to **Emily Hinchliffe** for being a great Class Captain this week.

Year 3/4 have had a fantastic week learning and participating in school events.

(written by the Year 3/4 class)

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 5/6

Student of the Week **Blake Olsen**
PBL Weekly Award **Zalia Curtis**



Congratulations to **Claudia Eastburn** for being our helpful and reliable Class Captain this week. She will have a tricky job on Monday selecting who will be next week's captain.

In Reading to Learn this week, the class has been continuing its work on exposition texts. The students have been using some very persuasive emotive language to convince the readers of a newspaper to take more responsibility for the natural environment.

In Numeracy, the students have been consolidating their addition and problem

solving skills in a number of model boat related activities. They have also been working hard at their daily 'Maths Minute' activity, each student is working to beat their time and score from the previous day.

Homework is a great way for students to consolidate what they have learnt in class and improve their independent learning skills. Please encourage your child to complete their weekly homework and return it to school every Friday.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher



PBL

RESPECT

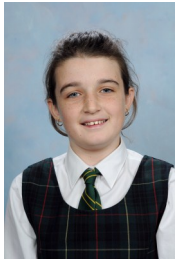
"Follow staff instructions"

At BCS we show respect by following all staff instructions to keep us happy, safe and focused to learn at school.

Thank you to everyone who follows this important PBL rule.

YEAR 7

Year Advisor Award **Mia White**
PBL Weekly Award **Clinton Lennon**



This week Year 7 has been discussing their future aspirations and they have come up with some beautiful career goals. **John Ruttle** and **Clinton Lennon** are hoping to one day become police officers, to help serve and protect their community. **Mia White** is looking towards the skies, with the hope of becoming an astrological scientist, whilst **Melissa Owers** is staying on the ground, styling the hair of the next generation.

Max McGlashan and **Regan Evans** have chosen the field of sports, with one striving to become a footballer and the other a race car driver. Can you figure out which one wants which?

These are some amazing aspirations and at Baradine Central we are aiming to help these students achieve their dreams.

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

YEAR 8

Year Advisor Award **Dylan Hinchliffe**
PBL Weekly Award **Jayden Shelton**



Year 8 have continued their great start to 2015 and are powering through the term.

In SLR the boys have been working on their fitness levels, doing a number of different activities including sprints, push ups, sit ups and the one they love the most burpes!

Whilst in cooking, the girls have been making a number of different dishes

including a quiche, which I was lucky enough to try.

In Geography, students have been practising their geography skills, in particular learning how to draw a cross section.

In Maths, students have been learning more about measurement and perimeter.

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

YEAR 9

Year Advisor Award **Ashlee Olsen**
PBL Weekly Award **Lauchie Woodham**



In Year 9 this week things have been moving forward at full pace in all subjects. In SLR, Mr Ramage has been training and teaching all about fitness. The students legs and arms are always tired when they are finished!

In PE Year 9 have been learning about the socio-cultural influences that come

into play when they choose the foods that they eat.

In Geography Year 9 have been studying Australia's military links with the rest of the world.

There is no rest for us in Year 9!

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

YEAR 10

Year Advisor Award **Ethan Andrews**
PBL Weekly Award **Stephen King**



Students are continuing their Maths unit on 'Money and how to calculate interest'. They should all get savings accounts because they make money (but only if you don't spend anything).

Year 10 are still reading through the play Macbeth and Miss Birrell has shown them some cartoons to help them understand the story line.

Year 10 are still focussing on the 'White Australia Policy' as part of their unit on Immigration in Australia. In Geography students are looking at trade routes and the types of commodities traded between countries. They have been looking at theories to explain evolution, the evidence that supports evolution and timelines of how organisms have evolved.

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor

** Congratulations! **

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Tyrone Biles, Sophie Horder, Claudia Eastburn, Madison Masman

for excellent leadership

YEAR 11

Year Advisor Award **Robert Lennon**
PBL Weekly Award **Tyrone Biles**



Year 11 students are continuing to work well this term. They are all starting to get into the swing of their senior studies and are beginning to receive assessment tasks to work on.

Mr Ramage has been giving the boys a work out in SLR as part of their Fitness Unit, with some struggling to even walk after their lesson with sore muscles.

In Visual Arts they have been experimenting with mark making, using different mediums such as charcoal. They will use these mark making skills to create various artworks.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

YEAR 12

Year Advisor Award **Mathew Gundry**
PBL Weekly Award **Ebony Mitchell**



Year 12 students have again been hard at work for another week. In Industrial Technology **Mathew Gundry** is building a hard wood work bench. **Scott Edwards** is creating an outdoor table and **Daniel Siemsen** is building a segmented coffee table.

In Maths, some are working away at Algebra, while others are learning how to apply Trigonometry to real life situations.

Lahni Patterson is doing a Childcare course via Distance Education through TAFE and was visited by her teacher this week for a skills session. Lahni has also been doing prac at the pre-school in Baradine.

Another reminder to Year 12 to keep studying hard, as their half-yearly exams are only 4 weeks away.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 16th March

Students to wear full summer uniform with the correct footwear (no joggers).

BARADINE JUNIOR SPORTS

Rugby League and Netball registrations

Today - Friday 27th February



4:00pm

Baradine Oval



BIRTHDAYS

March

Olive Lennon 2nd
Aaron Vallette 3rd



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.*

ORBITAL SWING BAND

Sophie Horder has joined the Orbital Swing Band in Coonabarabran. She has joined the flute section and will be rehearsing with them on Thursdays and participating in their performances.

Sophie has been learning flute for a number of years and the Orbital Swing Band are very happy to have her join!

Well done, Sophie!



CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

This year at our Annual Swimming Carnival, we decided to run a handicap event called 'Champions of Champions'. This was a 50m freestyle race.

To gain a spot in this final event of the day you needed to have entered in a number of events throughout the day and have shown great sportsmanship as well.

The final 6 swimmers were **Molly Murray, Zoe Gardiner, Maddie Masman, Fox Jones, Stephanie Bowling** and **Scott Edwards**.

Congratulations must go to **Fox Jones**, who won the event. I hope this is a tradition that continues for many years at Baradine Central.

Mr Ramage - Sports Coordinator



P & C MEETING MINUTES

Notes from P & C Minutes for 24th February 2015.

There were 7 in attendance at our P & C Meeting, and it was great to see some parents attend.

General Business included discussions on the following:

- Temporary executive positions until the AGM, which will be held 12th May.
- Renee Warden has volunteered to be Street Stall Coordinator.
- Year 10 Gold Coast trip and Year 5/6 excursion.
- Baradine Show.
- Easter Raffle and Hat Parade.
- Youth Week.
- Movie night to be held next term.
- Hold 3 discos this year.
- All students encouraged to attend the Anzac Day March.
- Correspondence to be sent to Gwabegar parents to encourage their involvement in P&C and possibly hold some meeting at Gwabegar.
- Questionnaire to be posted on Facebook.

Please feel welcome to attend our meetings, or if you cannot make it and have something important to add, phone Sharon Wilson or Sue Stonham and we will put it on the Agenda.



P&C Federation

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K-2 ANT FIELD STUDY



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



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

Thursday 2nd AprilLAST DAY OF TERM 1