



Baradine Central School

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3

Friday 8th May 2015

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY



2015 winners of the annual Primary Cross Country were:

Sub Juniors

- 1st Brendon Evans & Suzannah Carey
- 2nd Justin Lennon & Paula Evans
- 3rd Lincon McConnaughty & Emily Brand

Juniors

- 1st Liam Ryan & Riley Siemsen
- 2nd Jayden Ryan & Jorja Carey
- 3rd Archie Ruttle-Higgins & Claudia McConnaughty

Seniors

- 1st Billy Carey & Claudia Eastburn
- 2nd Nigel Lennon & Savannah Carey
- 3rd Blake Olsen & Madison Masman

★ Congratulations! ★

FROM THE RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi everyone. As most of you would be aware by now Mrs Clarke is currently on four weeks leave and I am relieving as Principal during this time.

Health Checks

This week we have been lucky enough to have the Coonamble Aboriginal Health Services at our school completing health checks on most of our students. As a result of these checks parents will receive a letter outlining any follow up that may need to be done. We are extremely fortunate to have such a highly professional level of service being offered to our students K -12. Thank you Mrs Hensby for organising this important aspect of student care and special thanks to the health services staff. Gwabegar Public School and St Johns also visited and participated in the health checks. It was a pleasure to have you all in our school.

Our Cultural Centre Display

Have you seen our WWI display in the Cultural Centre yet? It is open every Friday from 9am to 3pm. It is an outstanding display of memorabilia and your children's work. I urge each and every one of you to take some time and explore its' many interesting aspects. Overall we have had a great response from the wider community, you may have heard them talking about it.

Let's all sing

Later this term our Primary Choir will be making the journey to Narrabri to participate in the Eisteddfod. Students involved in the Primary Choir will receive a note shortly outlining all the details. I encourage all parents to try and make the trip to see your children sing on the big stage. To see your child participate in an eisteddfod creates a beautiful lasting memory in every parent's mind.

P&C

Next Tuesday at 6pm our monthly P&C meeting will take place. All are welcome to come along and be part of this important and dedicated group of parents and citizens.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend these meetings to support your children. I am looking forward to catching up with lots of you on Tuesday evening in the front meeting room.

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)

Today our Year 11 students have been lucky enough to attend a driver information day in Coonabarabran. RYDA is a compulsory part of the Crossroads course run at BCS (a Year 11 subject). The RYDA course is aimed at raising the awareness of driving safely amongst young people. Wow students of today are lucky!

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). I would like to take this opportunity to impress upon parents how important it is that students attend school on these days so they can sit the assessment tasks with their friends. It is always easier for students to sit the test on the intended day rather than need to catch up the tests they have missed out on.

Finally

I would like to wish all the mothers and grandmothers in our community a peaceful and relaxing day on Sunday. I hope you all have the opportunity to spend it with those that love you dearly.



Lizzie Horder - Relieving Principal

KINDER/1/2

We have had a busy week again with our learning. In Literacy, we had a fantastic lesson on 'How to feed our Worms', that we wrote as a procedure. Everyone helped to do the demonstration before we went out to test our steps while we fed the worms in their new worm box. Everyone has done a great job with their own procedures to show Mrs Cox when she returns.

Each day we have 'shared reading' with Richie and he has selected some great class stories, library books, big books and stories to listen to and watch on the Smartboard.

Our book study this week is on 'Edward and Edwina'. This is a lovely story with a message to be happy with what we have

and appreciate what is around us, instead of wanting more than we need.

Thank you to all the students who are reading the home readers regularly and bringing them back as soon as they are finished to be changed again. Also, thank you to everyone who has been returning their homework every Friday.

We all enjoyed our Cross Country on Tuesday and were all very fit after our practise runs. Thank you to Miss Baker for all her excellent organisation and preparations and also for her delicious surprise at the end!

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

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

FROM THE RELIEVING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be tested nationally in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy over three days from next Tuesday. The Language Conventions test, which assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation, will be held on Tuesday morning, followed by a writing test. A reading test will take place on Wednesday and a numeracy test on Thursday. The students have been practising for these nationwide tests in class with their teacher.

Here are a few hints and tips to help your child with their NAPLAN tests next week:-

- * Help yourself help your child - familiarise yourself with the test by looking at test examples online.
- * Take cues from your child - if your child doesn't worry, then neither should you.
- * Encourage them to do their best and try hard - choose your words carefully and focus squarely on the effort rather than the result.

- * Listen to any concerns they have - validate their feelings rather than close them down.
- * Give them some relaxation ideas - anxious or nervous children will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies.
- * Help them retain their perspective - while NAPLAN is a useful indicator it is not the biggest, most important thing in the world.
- * The night before - make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep.
- * On test day - ensure that your child has a decent breakfast.
- * After the test - if you are worried about the results make sure you seek advice from your child's school.

Lucy Baldock - Relieving Assistant Principal

YEAR 3/4

We have had a very productive week in the 3/4 classroom. Students have been busy doing lots of work with spelling, writing, reading and numeracy in preparation for NAPLAN. In Writing, they have been writing a variety of narratives and persuasive texts. The students particularly enjoyed being creative and writing a story about a talking fish. In reading groups, students have been focusing on decoding texts and answering a variety of comprehension questions.

In Maths, students have been learning about subtraction both with and without trading. The students have had fun learning

how to do this using a variety of domino cards. They have also been learning about the attributes of 2 dimensional shapes.

The children have been having a great time in PE with Mr Ramage, learning a variety of throwing and catching skills and playing modified netball games.

Students have been busy making some lovely cards for Mother's Day. I hope you all have a lovely day and are made to feel a bit spoilt.

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 5/6

Another busy week this week! The students have been busy running their Mother's Day stall during lunch times and recess breaks. They have been selling a wide variety of beautiful gifts suitable for both mothers and grandmothers. This stall is a fundraiser for the Year 5/6 excursion later in Term 3.

In Scripture the students are continuing to enjoy the story of Joseph with Mrs Henley. The class really love Mrs Henley's

weekly visits.

In Numeracy this week the students have been improving their multiplication and division skills. They have been using these skills to solve a number of tricky real life problems.

A big thank you to **Billy Carey** for being our fantastic Class Captain this week.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 7

Year 7 students have been busy studying for NAPLAN this week as they get ready to participate in the testing in Week 4. They are engaging in their work and are all set to show the school what they are capable of.

On Wednesday the 6th, **Regan Evans, John Ruttle** and **Joey Wark** travelled to Dubbo to participate in a rugby league day where they teamed up with some boys from Gulargambone Central School to show off their skills. The boys fought really hard and never gave up. Playing 5 games in one day was hard

on them, but they came back with big smiles on their faces and were proud of what they achieved.

Currently Year 7 students are completing one of their many assessment tasks in Science. They are looking at the environment and how things work. They are learning a lot about how to support environmental ideas and what effects we have on plants and wildlife with our actions.

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

YEAR 8

This week in Geography Year 8 students started their assignment on desert animals and plants. They have been gathering information on these animals and plants to gain the knowledge they will need to make their own models of a desert. Students really seem to be enjoying this.

In PDHPE students are continuing their unit on tennis. It has been pleasing to see students improve their skills each lesson.

In History Year 8 students have just finished making models of pyramids from Ancient Egypt. The effort students have put in is to be highly commended.

Congratulations must go to the Year 8 students that participated in the Small Schools Rugby League Carnival in Dubbo on Wednesday. These students were **Corey Bruce** and **Dylan Hinchliffe**.

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

YEAR 9

This week in Year 9 PDH students have been learning about body image and using magazine articles that provide a negative or stereotypical view on what a man or woman should look like to further their learning.

In TAS, students are drawing towards the end of their truck

projects, with steel axles being used to fix the wheels to both the trailers and prime movers.

In PE, Year 9 students have been looking at tennis and racquet ball and perfecting their skills with Mr Ramage.

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

YEAR 10

In English, Year 10 are learning about cultural poetry and continuing their study of the novel 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.

In Maths, students are continuing to learn about geometry and solve problems involving parts of a circle. In History they are investigating the associations with the stolen generation and comparing the civil rights movement in the USA and Australia.

In Hospitality, students are learning about knife skills, including how to sharpen knives and make different cuts.

In Animal Studies, **Lizzie King** is learning about the grooming of small domesticated animals and in Child Services **Stephanie Bowling** is learning how to connect children to the world around them.

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor

YEAR 11

Last Friday **Stacey Tanner** and **Chloe Anderson**, travelled to Dubbo to attend a Visual Arts practical day, where they attended the Japanese Gardens and created an ephemeral art work of a hut made from found objects. They also visited the Western Plains Cultural Centre to view the salt sculpture of the 'Last Supper' and 'We Don't Need a Map', an aboriginal exhibition.

On Wednesday 6th May, **Tyrone Biles** and **Wyatte Andrews** travelled to Dubbo with other students to play in the Small

Schools Rugby League Carnival.

Year 11 participated in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness day in Coonabarabran on Friday 8th May. RYDA is a one day out of school program delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

YEAR 12

This week in Maths Year 12 finished off their Probability topic. They are now moving onto topics involving data collection, analysis and statistics.

In SLR students finished off their fitness topic and it was pleasing to see how much their fitness improved throughout this topic. They are now starting the topic of Athletics, which is very handy for them leading into our Athletics Carnival later this term.

Year 12 only have a bit over a term and a half of school left which will go extremely fast. These will be busy times so students need to make sure they keep their attendance up, manage their time wisely and revise regularly so they have the best chance of doing well in the HSC.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 13th May starting at 2:00pm

Please let Mr Jack Ramage know if you can assist with time keeping.

Parent help on the day would be much appreciated.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS BAND WORKSHOP

On Friday 1st May, **Claudia Eastburn** and **Madison Masman** travelled all the way to Dubbo to participate in a Primary Schools Band Workshop. Both girls participated in the Junior Band workshop. Both the Junior and Senior bands learnt two to three new band pieces and alternated between sectional rehearsals and full band rehearsals.

At the end of the day, all the students got together and played a few pieces. There were 140 students from various schools, including St Marys, St Brigids, Dubbo Christian School, St Lawrences and St Johns.

Both girls did an excellent job and did the school proud not only with their music-making, but also their behaviour. Well done to these students!

A big thank you goes to Mrs Jenelle Eastburn for helping with transport – we appreciate your support! A big thank you also goes to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Horder for all their support of the music students and all the music events.

Aimee Rossler - Music Teacher



SMALL SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 6th May, 17 Baradine Central School students participated in the annual Small Schools Rugby League Carnival held by the NRL in Dubbo. Students combined with Gulargambone Central School students to form teams in the Under 13's and Under 16's.

Our Under 13's team played extremely well throughout the day coming away with 2 wins, a draw and a loss. All students played extremely well and should be proud of their efforts. The Player of the Day in this age group went to **Fox Jones**.

The Under 16's team displayed some great skills and determination throughout the carnival, which was very pleasing to see. They were able to come away from the carnival with a total of 2 wins and 2 losses. However if this team was able to win their final game they would have been able to win the carnival! Player of the Day for this age group was **Hugh Horder**!

I am extremely proud of this group of students as they have continued to improve their skills and attitude towards rugby league over the last 2 years through hard work. Well done boys!



Congratulations

Safer Drivers Course for young learner drivers



Preparing you for your P's

Become a safer driver and earn 20 hours of bonus log book credit by enrolling in a Safer Drivers Course.

The Safer Drivers Course is available to learner drivers under the age of 25 who have completed at least 50 log book driving hours.

Wednesday 13th May 2015

To Book:
Ph: 6330 1400 or email cevans@skillset.com.au
Skillset
Suite 3, 207 Brisbane Street Dubbo

Fantastic opportunity and only \$140 for 20 log book hours

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2015 SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

Orders are now being taken for 2015 group photos.

Whole School	School Captains
House Captains	Junior SRC
Middle School SRC	Senior SRC
Year 12 Muck Up	

Please collect an online order form or money order form from the school office.

- Online orders are \$14 per photo
- Orders with the money envelope are \$18 for group photos or \$15 each for the Whole School and Year 12 Muck Up photos.





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QUALITY

"Take pride your school uniform and your appearance."



reminder

Please return the Information Update forms and Health Care Plans to school as soon as possible.

Baradine Central School Cultural Centre

WW1 Display

to

Commemorate the ANZAC Centenary

Open to the Community

Every Friday
9.15 to 3.00pm



Please feel free to come along and view our fabulous display!

All welcome



Win a family holiday worth \$4,000

Envelopes for the Stewart House Donation Drive have been sent home with this newsletter. Have an adult fill in the details and enclose your \$2 donation. Return the envelope to school before Friday 15th May to enter into the holiday draw. More envelopes are available from the Front Office.

P & C Meeting

Baradine Central School P&C Committee would like interested parents and community members to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 12th February at 6:00pm** in the school's Meeting Room.

BIRTHDAYS

May

Sally Owers 8th
 Archie Ruttle-Higgins 11th
 Jamie Bruce 14th
 Regan Evans 14th



ATTENDANCE MONKEY



Week 1 Term 3

Primary

Year 6 95.6%

Secondary

Year 9 96%

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Upcoming Events



12th May P&C Meeting @ 6pm

12th-14th May NAPLAN test

13th May Secondary Cross Country

21st May Primary Southern Zone Netball Trials

25th May Narrabri Eisteddfod

28th May Secondary Under16's Touch at Dubbo

29th May Secondary Opens Touch at Dubbo

29th May Primary Zone Cross Country

3rd-4th June Life Education Van

5th June Athletics Carnival

Monday 8th June Queen's Birthday holiday