# Baradine Central School Newsletter





**Principal** *Mrs Chris Clarke* 

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#### **FRONT COVER**

2017 Kindergarten students with Mrs Horder and Mrs Worrell showing off the craft they just made at school.



Monday November 7th Getting Connected with Kindergarten

Wednesday November 9th Year 7 Transition Program Homework Centre

Friday November 11th Primary Pyjama Day

November 14th-17th Years 7-10 exams

Monday November 14th Getting Connected with Kindergarten

Wednesday November16th Homework Centre

Thursday November 17th Yr 3/4 Warrumbungle Excursion

Monday November 21st Getting Connected with Kindergarten

Wednesday November23rd Year 7 Transition Program

> 7th November 2016 Term 4 Week 5

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### **Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

#### **Professional Learning**

Last week I attended a meeting in Dubbo with my Principal colleagues from the 40 schools in Western Plains Group with Director Sean Andrews. These meeting are a forum for Principals to discuss Dept. of Education policies and plan for appropriate implementation in our own schools.

One of the current priorities is known as the Premier's Targets and it relates to the academic achievement of students in the National Assessment Plan (NAPLAN). All Public schools are striving towards the following:

Premier's Target 1: An increase of 8% of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 achieving in the top 2 bands of NAPLAN.

Premier's Target 2: 30% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will achieve in the top 2 bands by 2019.

I urge all parents to check your child's NAPLAN report and see if they have previously achieved in the top 2 bands and have a conversation with a teacher about it.

#### **Head Teacher Teaching & Learning**

A new executive position in our Secondary department, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning, is currently being advertised and will close on Wednesday. A merit selection panel has been formed to review the applications and interview the short listed candidates. I am anticipating that the position will be filled and announced by the end of the month. The new HT will share the leadership of the Secondary Department with Head Teacher Secondary Studies Mr Edwards.

#### **Enrolments 2017**

The new enrolment figure for 2017 is looking positive, but the Primary department is only a few children short of a third permanent teacher position. When we reach the magic number of 52 students K-6, the Department pays for a new permanent position. At present, we have formed three classes, with the school paying the costs of one casual teacher to work all year on a class.

## Baradine Central School is currently enrolling for 2017

## **Remembrance Day**

Friday is Remembrance Day when the school joins with the local RSL to remember the armistice or the end of the WW1.

The following is from the post on Australian

#### War Memorial website:

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE cont.

name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established

Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Our School Captains and a few senior students will be present at the cenotaph from 10.45am for this important occasion.

Cheers

Mrs Chris Clarke - Principal

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



**Tyrone Biles** for a great effort with his Timber portfolio.

**Emily Brand** for improved work in Year 3.

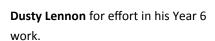


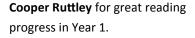
**Jye Cunningham** for effort in Year 7.

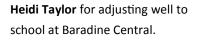


**Hugh Horder** for a mature approach to his Year 10 studies.

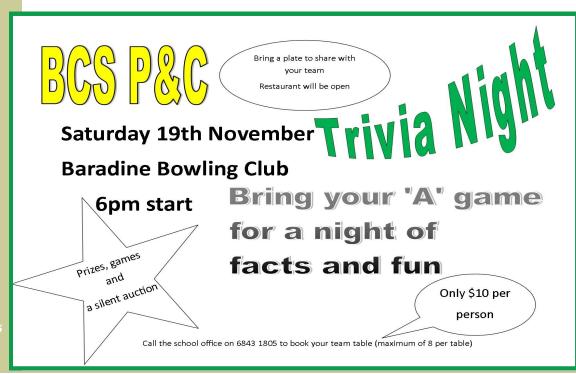
**Kelly King** for effort in Year 9.











## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Tomorrow we begin swimming for sport. This year Primary students are again very fortunate to have their pool entry subsided. This means entry to the pool for sport on Tuesday will only be \$2 per student. This is a Primary initiative to ensure all students K-6 have the opportunity to participate in swimming skills activities. Please ensure you send your child each week prepared to attend the pool with their \$2 entry fee, rash shirt, swimmers, towel and sunscreen. As we are a sun safe school students that do not have a rash shirt will not be allowed in the water. It is expected that all students will come to school every Tuesday organised to swim, unless a note is provided by the parent.

This Wednesday Year 3/4 are lucky enough to be having a talk from the Red Cross. The talk is specifically aimed at the Year 3/4 age group and is about staying safe. Some of the St John's students will be joining us for this informative session.

All of Primary is a buzz about Pyjama Day on



Friday. This is a Junior SRC fund raising project. They are also including a handball competition into the day. A gold coin donation is being collected for wearing your pyjamas, the handball

competition is free BUT if you wish to purchase your own powerful handball they cost \$3 each. Money raised from the sale of handballs will go to Stewart House. Special thanks to Miss Dorman and the Junior SRC for

putting so much effort into planning this day.

Please ensure your child wears appropriately covered up pyjamas as well as normal socks and joggers.

Looking forward to a great day on Friday with lots of participation!

Mrs Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

## PRIMARY NEWS/HOMEWORK

#### KINDER/1/2

Homework this week will consist of the usual weekly spelling words, as well as a number activities for maths. Kinder have been looking at ordinal numbers to ten as well as counting to 30, while Year One and Year Two have been looking at ordinal numbers and place value.

It has been great to see a number of people attending Homework Centre on a Wednesday afternoon, homework completion has risen and I look forward to this continuing.

Here's to another fun week of learning!

Miss Lummis - Kinder/1/2 Teacher

#### **YEAR 3/4**

English - Read for 10 minutes and write out your list words each night.

Maths - Complete your maths worksheet.

Integrated Learning- Complete two of the extra activities on your homework matrix.

Remember to wear your correct school hat each day and pack your 'Crunch and Sip'.

Homework Centre is on every Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Please return your note and money if you are attending the excursion to the Warrumbungle's in Week 6.

Miss Dorman - Year 3/4 Teacher

#### **YEAR 5/6**

Homework is given out every Monday and is due in every Friday. It consists of spelling, home reading, numeracy facts, choice matrix and a speaking & listening presentation. Students should be in the middle of writing their speaking and listening presentation ready for Week 9.

#### Remember:

- Swimming notes
- Daily 'Crunch and Sip'
- Leather shoes for SAKG
- Homework Centre (a great place to research your presentation)
- Transition to High School every Wednesday for Year 6

Miss Baldock - Year 5/6 Teacher

## YEAR 9 ASPIRE

On Wednesday 2nd November, Year 9 students travelled to Dubbo for the Aspire Taster Day. While there they learnt about some of the difference courses offered at University and what life would be like on campus. They looked at extracting DNA from fruit, how to make a solar energy car and many other courses that they could study.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very respectful throughout the day.

Miss Casey Birrell - Coordinator





# Just a reminder...

**Primary** 

Return swimming notes

Year 3/4

Return notes for the Warrumbungle's Excursion

Year 11

Return notes for the blood bank donation

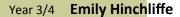
Around here, we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

Walt Disney

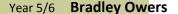
## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## Kinder/1/2 lan McKenzie

Wonderful illustrations with his writing.



For trying her best in all areas.



Fantastic reflection in his daily learning log.







## PRIMARY PBL AWARDS

Kinder/1/2 Zoe Ndhlovu

Following all staff instructions.



Year 3/4 **Josie Campton** 

Following all staff instructions.



Year 5/6 Paige Bissaker-Morgan

Following all staff instructions.



## YEAR ADVISOR AWARDS

## Year 7 Holly Woodham

For an excellent effort at Super 8's cricket.



## Year 7 Billy Carey

Speaking respectfully to others.



#### Year 8 Mia White

Showed great enthusiasm at cricket and has been working well in all classes.



## Year 8 Max McGlashan

Speaking respectfully to all staff and using polite manners.

SECONDARY PBL AWARDS



#### Year 9 Corey Bruce

Showing great leadership and sportsmanship during the Super 8's cricket day.



## Year 9 Kelly King

A great improvement throughout the year in the way she talks to her peers and staff members.



### Year 10 Hugh Horder

For excellent work and improved attitude in History.



#### Year 10 Lauchie Woodham

Speaking to staff and students respectfully.



## Year 11 Haylee Dunn

For her commitment to and the manner in which she undertook her work experience.



## Year 11 Stephanie Bowling

Speaking to staff and students respectfully.



## SUPER 8's CRICKET - STATE FINALS



This week I received some great news informing me that both our boys and girls Under 14's cricket teams have made the Central Schools State Finals in the Super 8's!

The final will be held in Dubbo on Tuesday 29th November. Students will start training for the finals next week during and after school.

Mr Jack Ramage - Sports Coordinator





Non Scholae Sed Vitae - Not in learning but in life

## SECONDARY HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE





Homework Centre has been running since the beginning of this term and I have been very disappointed with the lack of High School attendance. In the three weeks it has been running, we have only had three Secondary students attend. This is a fantastic resource the school is providing for its students for free. The school is covering all of the costs associated with running Homework Centre which saves students and their parents a lot of money. The cost for parents hiring a private tutor usually starts at a rate of at least \$50 per hour, to give the same assistance we are offering for free. This service is unsustainable if it is not utilised by the students and the money will be used elsewhere, leaving parents with the burden of finding help for their children. Students are encouraged and reminded regularly by staff to attend Homework Centre, but we really need the support from parents for it to be successful. We do not have the power to force students to attend, but you as parents do and all students have homework and assessment

tasks. Since we are offering this service students have no excuse to hand in an assessment task late, since they have access to their teachers for help, a computer, the library and the internet at Homework Centre. While we want as many students there as possible, it is extremely encouraged that our Year 11 and 12 students attend to help cope with their workload.

Homework Centre runs every Wednesday from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

This week our Year 11 students are showing their kindness and how charitable they are. They will travel with Mrs Talbot on Thursday to Dubbo to donate blood. It is extremely important that people continue to do this and we are very proud of our students for being brave and helping out their fellow human beings. The blood they donate may save someone's life one day. Notes for this excursion are due back Tuesday.

Mr Edwards - Secondary Head Teacher

## SECONDARY HOMEWORK



## **YEAR 7/8**

English (Miss Birrell) - Ensure completion of tasks provided in class.

Math (Mr Edwards) - Complete revision sheets for yearly exams.

History Extension (Miss Brazier) - Students have got a revision booklet to complete for their yearly exams. This booklet will be handed out on Wednesday 9th November.

Year 7 Italian (Miss Brazier) - Revision for language test #4 by Period 2, 22nd November.

Literacy Support (Mrs Ndhlovu) - Students are to practice their spelling words everyday. They will have a spelling test every week.

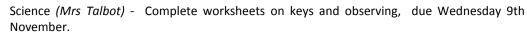
Science General (Mrs Ndhlovu) -



## **YEAR 9/10**

Year 10 English (Miss Birrell) - Ensure completion of tasks provided in class.

Math (Mr Edwards) - Complete revision sheets for yearly exams.



History (Miss Brazier) - Students have got a revision booklet to complete for their yearly exams. This booklet will be handed out on Wednesday 9th November.

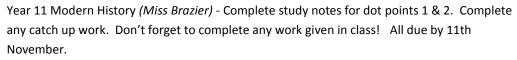
Year 10 Careers (Miss Brazier) - Don't Forget! Work experience is on in Weeks 6&7 (November  $21^{st}$  – December  $2^{nd}$ ) any notes for this are now OVERDUE! Please have them handed in to Miss Brazier or the office as soon as possible. Thank you to those students who have been prompt with this.



#### **YEAR 11**

English (Miss Birrell) - Find a related text for discovery.

Year 11 PDHPE *(Miss Brazier)* - Complete study notes for dot points 1, 2 & 3. Complete extended response question (2014 past paper). Complete catch up work. All due by 11th November.





7th November 2016 Term 4 Week 5

## **UPPER HUNTER BEEF BONANZA**

## **Carcase Results**

(Hook Competition)

The results are in and we achieved some very pleasing ribbons.

Genious - Was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the hook



Week 4

Year 6 97.1%

Year 7 90.6%

Congratulations



**ATTENDANCE MONKEY** Top deck- Was awarded a 6<sup>th</sup> place



Lizzie King (top photo) and Ted Matthews

Date: Thursday 17th /Friday 18th November

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cost: \$15.00 (small)

\$20.00 (large)

Add \$ 5.00 for extra dirty/muddy Vehicles

Extra \$5.00 — Inside vacuum





Bookings are essential: School office 6843 1805

All proceeds to Year 10 Excursion



## K- 6 Pyjama Day

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Gold coin donation

A teddy bear or soft toy can be brought as part as your Pyjama day outfit (Please label with your child's name).

**Please Note:** Appropriate pyjamas suitable for school to be worn. Covered shoulders and suitable length shorts, nighties & tops are required. Enclosed shoes, joggers and socks must be worn. Year 5/6 please remember to bring your leather shoes for SAKG.

All proceeds go to Junior SRC

## **Handball Tournament**

During the day we will be running a handball tournament for Years 2-6.

Handball prizes will be awarded to the winners.

We are also selling handballs on the day for \$3.00.

All proceeds from handball sales will go to Stewart House

## **Bus Safety Week 2016**



NSW Bus Safety Week is coming up, from 6–12 November 2016, to highlight the importance of bus-related safety issues for all road users.

Bus Safety Week is part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign which aims to reinforce the road rules relating to buses within our community and promote safer on-road interactions between pedestrians, motorists, bicycle riders and buses.

Crashes involving buses often result in more severe outcomes to other road users due to their size, mass and long stopping distance.

All crashes within Warrumbungle Shire involving buses, between 2010 and 2015, were on local roads with speed limits of 100 kilometres per hour.

Earlier this year in Cobargo a young boy was hit by a vehicle whilst crossing the road from his bus stop, resulting in a fatal head injury.

"It's not uncommon for school students to use bus stops on high speed roads within Warrumbungle Shire, which can be dangerous, and that's why as a community we need to apply safety measures near school bus stops when they are in use in the mornings and afternoons," explained Warrumbungle Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, Cheyenne O'Brien.

Safety measures the community can take near school buses and busistops include:

- Preparing for students to unexpectedly cross the road by slowing down near school buses and bus stops when they are in use in the mornings and afternoons.
- Parents should try to park their vehicles or at least wait on the same side of the road that the bus will
  pull up on, to discourage students from crossing the road without checking for traffic.
- As a pedestrian give way to buses, as they can't slow down as quickly as lighter vehicles.
- Teach students/children to stop, look, listen think every time they cross the road.
- Teach students/children to wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road.
- If pedestrians at a bus stop are under the age of 11 ensure an adult is by their side and keeping an
  eye on them at all times.

For more information on Bus Week you can visit bebusaware.com.au. Bus safety tips will also be shared regularly throughout Bus Week on Warrumbungle Shire Councils Facebook Page.

Please contact Warrumbungle Shire Councils Road Safety Officer, Cheyenne O'Brien on 02 6849 2000 or email info@warrumbungle.nswgov.au for information on Bus Week in Warrumbungle Shire Council.

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