

# Baradine Central School Newsletter

## Welcome Mrs Ndhlovu



**Principal**

*Mrs Chris Clarke*

**Head Teacher Secondary**

*Mr Matt Edwards*

**Assistant Principal**

*Mrs Lizzie Horder*

**Administration Manager**

*Mrs Wendy Leonard*

**Sports Coordinators**

*Miss Lucy Baldock*

*Mr Jack Ramage*

**AECG President**

*Ms Suellyn Tighe*

**AECG Vice President**

*Mr Richie Milgate*

**P&C President**

*Mrs Sharon Murray*

*Monday*

*9th May 2016*

*Term 2 Week 3*

## FRONT COVER

A special BCS welcome to Mrs Sithembile Ndhlovu, who has joined our staff in the capacity of a much needed second English teacher. Mrs Ndhlovu's home and family are in Armidale and she is residing in Baradine during work weeks.



May 10th-12th  
NAPLAN

May 23rd  
Year 11 exams

Wednesday May 25th  
Year 7 Vaccinations

Thursday May 26th  
Central School's Touch  
Footy  
Biggest Morning Tea

Friday May 26th  
Central School's Touch  
Footy

May 30th - June 3rd  
Years 7-10 exams

Thursday June 2nd  
Primary Zone Cross Country

Friday June 3rd  
HSC Seminar at Dubbo

Friday June 13th  
Public Holiday

June 19th – July 1st  
Uluru excursion

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Attendance requirement

I have attached a Department of Education information sheet about Compulsory School Attendance. This is part of our school strategy to effect an improvement in our attendance rates for this year. Unfortunately, there are several families and quite a few individual students who are attending less than 85% of time the school is open. Consequently, the process that follows once a student has been identified with below 85% attendance rate involves the development of Personalised Attendance Plan (PAP) where the student is monitored closely for a two week improvement. If the PAP has no positive outcomes then a referral is made to the Home School Liaison team based in Dubbo.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will commence their NAPLAN sessions tomorrow. Formal examination conditions are applicable but our students are well supported with thorough preparations and reassuring staff.

Parents are asked to be mindful of their child avoiding any unnecessary absence from school during NAPLAN. The results are usually available to parents at the end of Term 3.

### Secondary Examinations

Year 12 Half Yearly reports will be available this week. Other secondary examinations have been brought forward slightly due to the Uluru excursion next month.

Year 11 will sit their Semester 1 exams in the week commencing May 23 and Years 7 – 10 will sit theirs in the week commencing May 30.

### P&C Meeting

P&C met last week and the minutes are attached. An AGM has been called for Thursday

May 26 at 5:30pm. Please note this date on your calendar and come and support our school by being an active member of P&C.

### Out and About

Our Year 12s spent an informative day at the New England University Armidale last week and also caught up with some former Baradine students. Year 11 were hosted by Coonabarabran Rotary for the excellent Youth Driver Awareness program which was both confronting and supportive. The agricultural show teams represented BCS with distinction at the recent Coonamble Show.

### Uluru Update

The much anticipated excursion to SA/NT/Qld and outback NSW is only six weeks away. Meetings are being held every Monday at 4.30pm to wrap up final organisation and fundraising. Students are presenting short presentations at the weekly assemblies so that the rest of the school is included in the build up to this fantastic excursion.

***There will be no refunds now as previously advised with the payment plan.***

### Early Morning Supervision

Recently, some secondary students have been arriving at school too early. A reminder to parents that no students should be arriving at school **before 8.30am**. This is a serious matter as there is no teacher supervision until then as per DoE regulations. Any parent who is dropping students off early needs to prearrange supervision by calling the school well before the day.

Cheers

Mrs Chris Clarke - Principal

# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

**Peter Knowles** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Ethan Andrews** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Stephanie Bowling** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Stacey Tanner** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Ila Mitchell** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Tia Shelton** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete

**Mia White** for a huge effort assisting with the School Fete



NAPLAN testing is on this week **for all Year 3 and Year 5 students**

## THIS WEEK

***Non Scholae Sed Vitae - Not in learning but in life***

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week Year Three and Five will be completing NAPLAN (The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy). These assessments will take place on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**. Students all across Australia are required to sit these assessment tasks. As stated last week the results of the tests will provide important information to schools and parents about what each student can do. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement later in the year. Miss Dorman and myself will be supervising the tests in the Year 3/4 room. Students in Year Four and Six will have their normal lessons in the Year 5/6 room with Miss Baldock.

Last week I spoke about the need for parents to enter the school via the office if dropping off or collecting their children outside of normal school

hours. This is an important process in all schools and I ask that all parents at Baradine Central follow this important safety requirement.

Also, if you are collecting your child at 3pm please remain in the concrete area until your child is dismissed from class. We have had several instances lately of parents arriving at the class door to collect their child. The last few minutes in class of everyday is vital, as this is often when teachers give reminders about what is happening the following day and when notes are handed out.

In a few weeks we will be enjoying our annual visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van. A note will go home later this week with the details.

*Mrs Horder - Assistant Principal*

## SECONDARY HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

Last week our Year 12 students travelled to Armidale to attend the University of New England Open Day. They were able to tour the campus, see the colleges, learn about courses offered and get a vibe of what University life is like. They all found the day very informative and got more of an idea of the courses they are interested in. Some that hadn't even considered University came away thinking that they may like to attend next year. Year 12 students will now begin early entry applications and sort out course preferences while they are still excited about the prospects of next year.

Our Year 11 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) day last Friday. It was a great day that we attend each year aimed at making young people safer on the roads. They had talks from the Police, Rescue Squad and a crash survivor. It made all students reflect about the consequences of unsafe behaviour on the roads and will assist them to make the right

decisions when driving.

This week our Year 7 and 9 students sit their NAPLAN exams. This will commence tomorrow with writing, then reading Wednesday and concluding with numeracy on Thursday. Exams all go for approximately 80 minutes. Please make sure your child is revising at home, getting a good night's sleep and eating breakfast so they are well prepared for their exams.

This Thursday from 11:30am-3:00pm and Friday 9:00am-3:00pm Secondary will be running a car wash to raise money for the Uluru excursion. These days are always extremely popular so bookings are required to avoid disappointment. You are welcome to call into the school on these days to make a booking but don't be disappointed if there is a wait. If the car wash has to be postponed due to weather a notification will be put on the schools Facebook page.

*Mr Edwards - Secondary Head Teacher*



*Trent Biles—10th*

**Wyatte Andrews, Tyrone Biles, Ila Mitchell, Chloe Anderson, Stacey Tanner and Caleb White** at the UNE Open Day Armidale.



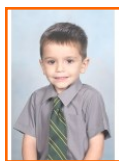
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## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Kinder/1/2 **Cooper Ruttley**

Great effort in Writing.



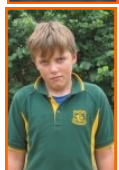
Year 3/4 **Kaleb Biles**

For consistently focusing on his learning and striving to do his best in all tasks.



Year 5/6 **Blayne Morgan**

Great effort with narrative writing in literacy.



## YEAR ADVISOR AWARD

Year 7 **Nigel Lennon**

For a positive attitude to school and a good start to Term 2.



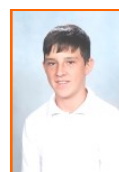
Year 9 **Kelly King**

For a positive start to Term 2.



Year 10 **Jackson Fitzgerald**

For a great start to Term 2.



Year 11 **Stephen King**

For working independently and completing Chemistry experiments well.



Year 12 **Ila Mitchell**

For always being responsible and respectful.



## PRIMARY PBL AWARDS

Kinder/1/2 **Paula Evans**

Following all staffs instructions.



Year 3/4 **Brendon Evans**

Following all staff instructions.



Year 5/6 **Trent Biles**

Follows all staffs instructions (especially in the playground).



## SECONDARY PBL AWARDS

Year 7 **Kirra Drysdale**

Always wears the appropriate school uniform.



Year 8 **Mia White**

For wearing her winter uniform.



Year 9 **Mariah Pennell**

For always wearing her school uniform.



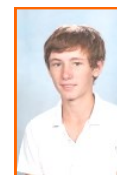
Year 10 **Samantha Owers**

For wearing her school uniform with pride.



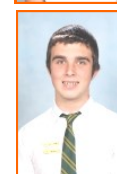
Year 11 **Ethan Andrews**

For wearing quality school uniform.



Year 12 **Caleb White**

For taking pride in his appearance and uniform.



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**PBL  
EXPECTATIONS**

**Participation**

**RESPECT**

**SAFETY**

**QUALITY**

## PRIMARY NEWS/HOMEWORK

### KINDER/1/2

Please be reminded that homework is due on a Friday and if your child has any home readers still at home please bring them in!

Homework for this week will be spelling words and an addition maths activity.

I look forward to another busy week of learning in K/1/2.

*Miss Lummis - Kinder/1/2 Teacher*

### YEAR 3/4

Homework to complete this week:

English - Complete your spelling activities.

Math - Complete the subtraction questions in your workbooks.

Creative Arts - Design and decorate a cover for your homework books.

Don't forget to bring your 'Crunch and Sip' and your library bags if you want to borrow.

Have a great week!

*Miss Dorman - Year 3/4 Teacher*

### YEAR 5/6

Homework is given out every Monday and is due in every Friday. It consists of a choice matrix, times tables practise, spelling list and Speaking & Listening project.

Don't forget enclosed leather shoes for SAKG every Friday and your daily *Crunch and Sip*.

*Miss Baldock - Year 5/6 Teacher*

## SECONDARY HOMEWORK

### YEAR 7/8

Science Extension (*Mrs Talbot*) - Photographic rock cycle, due Wed 16th May.

History Extension (*Miss Brazier*) - NAPLAN practice test and catch up work, due 13th May.

Year 7 Italian (*Miss Brazier*) - NAPLAN practice test, due 13th May.

English (*Miss Birrell*) - NAPLAN practice sheets.

Math Extension (*Mr Edwards*) - Complete 2nd Equations worksheet, due Friday 13th May.

### YEAR 9/10

Science (*Mrs Talbot*) - Earthquake or Volcanic Eruption case study, due 13th May.

History Year 9 (*Miss Brazier*) - NAPLAN practice test and catch up work, due 13th May.

History Year 10 (*Miss Brazier*) - Catch up work, due 13th May.

Math (*Mr Edwards*) - Complete Trigonometry worksheets, due Friday 13th May.

### YEAR 11

Biology (*Mrs Talbot*) - Role of Teeth, due 13th May, don't forget food samples for testing on Thurs 12th May.

Chemistry (*Mrs Talbot*) - Metals and the Periodic Table, due Mon 16th May.

Senior Science (*Mrs Talbot*) - Germination requirements of Australian plants, due Tuesday 17th May.

PDHPE (*Miss Brazier*) - Study notes for dot points 1 & 2, due 13th May. Revision questions in booklet, due 11th May.

Modern History (*Miss Brazier*) - Study notes complete for dot points 1-5, due 13th May.

English (*Miss Birrell*) - Complete ALARM table on 'Homecoming' poem.

Math (*Mr Edwards*) - Complete Measurement topic, due Friday 13th May.

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## SECONDARY HOMEWORK cont.

### YEAR 12

Senior Science (*Mrs Talbott*) - Complete 'Information System' study notes, due end of Week 3.

Modern History (*Miss Brazier*) - Study notes for dot points A, B, C & D and essay on Afrikaner Version of Democracy, due 13th May.

English (*Miss Birrell*) - Research task on women POW's in WW2.

Math (*Mr Edwards*) - Complete Statistics topic, due Monday 18th May.

## FOUND

*A pair of glasses was  
found at the school  
Fete*

*Please contact the  
Front Office.*



## P&C MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5th May 2016

Attendees: Sharon Murray, Di Reeves, Renee Warden, Chris Clarke, Ella Prouse and Carol Hotchkiss.

Apologies: Bronwyn Masman, Lizzie Horder.

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Di Reeves and Seconded by Renee Warden.

Correspondence: letter from Taxation Office regarding the BAS and changes to superannuation.

Treasurer's Report: P&C account balance \$5,788.01, LSL account \$0. Easter Egg Raffle raised \$442 with expenditure of \$100. Street Stall raised \$315.25 with 100 Club winners still to be paid.

### General Business:

- Ideas for fundraising - Golf Day, Trivia Night, Breakfast in the Street, School Sports Day at oval, Progressive Dinner, Disco, Dinner Dance, Masquerade Ball, Woolshed Dance, Movie Night, Nakadoo Rodeo.
- Need to have back-up people to work in the Canteen if Kira is sick. School staff filled in as no-one else was available.
- Discussed Canteen funds and the need for P&C to top up their finances. Motion moved by Di Reeves to transfer \$800 from the general account for a buffer as per P&C Federation Policy. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: AGM Thursday 26th May at 5:30pm.

## Free Child Car Seat Checks

Where: Yuluwirri Kids and Children's Services Building, 14 Robertson Street, Coonabarabran

When: Thursday 19 May, 2016

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am, Yuluwirri Kids

2:30pm – 3:30pm, Robertson Street Children's Services Building

Who: Anyone who uses a Child Car Seat

Cost: FREE

Join local parents and carers in getting a FREE Child Car Seat Check to improve the safety of children who travel in vehicles.

For more information please contact the Road Safety Officer, Cheyenne O'Brien, on (02) 6849 2000.

## SCHOOL RULES TO REMEMBER

**NO** mobile phones at school

**NO** aerosol deodorant sprays

**NO** peanut butter products

**ALWAYS** be sun safe and wear a school hat

**ALWAYS** bring your asthma puffer if needed

**ALWAYS** wear leather shoes for specific classes

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## COONAMBLE SHOW

### ATTENDANCE MONKEY

Week 1

Year 2 & 6 100%

Year 7 92%

*Congratulations*



On Wednesday 4th May, agriculture students exhibited their Santa Gertrudis cattle and Denis Todd's Border Leicester sheep at the Coonamble Show. Coonamble High School, Wee Waa High School, Dubbo Senior College and Baradine Central School were the schools competing on the day. Students did a fantastic job and received the following results:

Larry (bull) - 3rd Place in 6mths & under 12mths.

Livia & Lexi (heifers) - 4th & 5th places.

Quana (heifer) - 3rd place.

We also achieved some excellent results in the Judging Competition. Students were asked to judge sheep, cattle, wool and grain.

In the Cattle Judging **Billy Carey** and **Holly Woodham** were 3rd place (Under 16 years).

In the Wool Judging **Lizzie King** was 2nd place and **Rachel Siemsen** was 3rd place.

In the Sheep Judging **Kirra Drysdale** was second place (Under 16's) and **Lizzie King** was 3rd place (over 16's).

These are very commendable results and the students should be very proud of their efforts.

**Rachael Evans** and **Kelly King** did a tremendous job with the sheep and had some stiff competition on the day. They gained a 1st and two 2nd place ribbons. Well done girls!

Students are learning great skills and confidence when working with the livestock and are doing a fantastic job.

*Mrs Melissa Wright - Agriculture teacher*



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**P&C Annual General Meeting  
(AGM).**

**Thursday 26th May at 5:30pm**

**Baradine Central School**

## STREET STALL

Baradine Central School will be holding a Street Stall on Saturday 14th May. Donations of cooking or any saleable goods would be very much appreciated. 8:30am- 12noon. Please contact Carol at the school office if you are able to help.

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# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

#### **The school leaving age:**

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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# Car Wash

**Date :** Thursday 12th/Friday 13th May

**Time :** 9.30am – 2.00pm

**Cost:** \$15.00 (small)

\$20.00 (large)

Add **\$ 5.00** for extra dirty/muddy Vehicle's



Bookings: School office 6843 1805



## VOLUNTEER / SUPERVISOR / TRANSPORT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Dear Moorambilla Parents, Carers, Family and Friends,

We have relied on volunteer help over the last 11 years and this year is no different. Moorambilla is very grateful to all the volunteers and we would like anyone to express their interest to volunteer. **Please complete form by Wednesday 1 June and send to [dayle@moorambilla.com](mailto:dayle@moorambilla.com).** Please note completing this form only expresses your interest, the Moorambilla mums will be in contact with you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDRENS NUMBER: ☐ YES ☐ NO \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE (Please tick):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor at Camp      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transporting candidates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion & Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Support at Gala Concert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____            |  |

WHEN (Please tick):

- |  |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> August Boys Camp<br>10-13 August                    | <input type="checkbox"/> August Girls Camp<br>13-16 August       | <input type="checkbox"/> August MAXed OUT<br>17-21 August       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September Boys Camp<br>22-24 September              | <input type="checkbox"/> September Girls Camp<br>22-24 September | <input type="checkbox"/> September MAXed OUT<br>21-24 September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gala Concert in Dubbo on 24 September               |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |  |   |

⇒ Boys/Girls Voices Moorambilla Mum: Annie on 0428 562 665

⇒ MAXedOUT Company Moorambilla Mum: Karen on 0458 111 222