

BARADINE CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

March 7th, 2017



Zone Swimming Champions

Emily Murray



Jayden Ryan



Contacts

PRINCIPAL

Mrs Chris Clarke

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Mrs Lizzie Horder

HEAD TEACHERS SECONDARY

Mr Matt Edwards

Mrs Melissa Wright

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Mrs Wendy Leonard

P&C PRESIDENT

Mrs Sharon Murray

AECG PRESIDENT

Mr Richie Milgate

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH

- 7th – Secondary Regional Swimming Carnival
- 8th - Year 7 Vaccinations
- 13th – U15's Touch Football Trials
- 13th - Year 7/8 Dubbo Zoo Excursion
- 14th - Parent/Teacher meetings
- 17th - AECG meeting in Coonabarabran
- 18th – Baradine Show

MARCH

- 23rd – Secondary Zone Winter Trials
- 29th – North West Winter Trials at Armidale

APRIL

- 3rd - Year 12 exams
- 3rd -4th – Secondary State Swimming
- 5th-6th – Primary State Swimming

APRIL

- 6th - Secondary Opens Touch Footy Trials
- 7th - Easter Hat Parade
- 7th – End of Term 1
- 24th - Staff Development Day
- 25th - ANZAC Day
- 26th - Student return for Term 2
- 28th - RYDA Program

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Get Well Soon Ted

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Year 8 student Ted Matthews who is recovering from surgery in Westmead Hospital following an unfortunate accident.

Congratulations Lauchie

Former student Lauchie Woodham is enjoying life in the big world after securing a welding apprenticeship with Alloy Welding Industries in Dubbo.

Lauchie studied metals and engineering at Coona TAFE as part of his school studies while in Year 9 and 10.



Changes to Newsletter

Today we are publishing a new version of the newsletter which will now be issued fortnightly, not weekly. We welcome your feedback on how to continuously improve this important source of information for you.

P&C Meeting

P&C held a meeting last Tuesday and a lot of the following information was contained in my report to P&C.

Current Enrolment Term 1 Week 7:

K-6 = 49
7-12 = 60
total = 109 students
52.7% Aboriginal

Attendance Term 1 average of first 3 weeks

All cohorts/ classes are below target across the board, however, this reflects the poor attendance of just a few, not the majority.

K-6 Target is 92.4%

K	94.1%	✓
Year 1	90.7%	
Year 2	70.7%	concerning
Year 3	89.3%	low
Year 4	94.8%	✓
Year 5	95.6%	✓
Year 6	90.7%	

7-12 target is 88%

Year 7	97.6%	✓✓
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Year 8	92.4%	✓
Year 9	81.1%	concerning
Year 10	83%	concerning
Year 11	77.3%	concerning
Year 12	88.6%	✓

Class Numbers W7- Term 1:

Kinder – 10 students
Year 1 - 5 students + 1 part time
Year 2 – 5 students
Year 3 – 5 students
Year 4 – 9 students
Year 5 – 10 students
Year 6 – 5 students

Total K-6: 49 students (3 short of 3rd teacher position)

Year 7 – 14 students
Year 8 – 14 students
Year 9 – 6 students
Year 10 – 9 students
Year 11 – 10 students
Year 12 – 7 students

Total 7-12: 60 students

Funding

This year, BCS has been funded as detailed below, largely based on information supplied by parents and carers on enrolment forms.

Staffing: \$1,649,942

Base allocation: \$222,288

Gonski funding:

Targeted students \$25,110 (this will increase)

Equity loadings (\$432,047)

- Socio-economic background \$221,565
- Aboriginal background \$117,117
- Low Level adjustment for disability \$93,365

Total 2017 \$2,329,388

What's Going Well

Settled Start For Classes Across the School

Both feedback from teachers and the data on behaviour incidents reflect that the commencement of the new school year has been mainly positive, settled and calm.

Primary Class Structures

This year we were able to commit to a straight Kindergarten class, thanks to the Gonski funding. The 10 students who have enrolled will benefit enormously from the luxury of a small class, large classroom and a teacher trained in the early action for success literacy and numeracy strategies known as L3 and TEN.



Small numbers in Years 1, 2 and 3 necessitated the formation of a composite class of 15. These students are continuing with their learning from last year with very little disruption. Each student is tracked on the literacy and numeracy continuums and their learning is formally monitored every five weeks with data entered on to an electronic database.



Years 4, 5 and 6 form the Senior Primary class of 24 students with a stronger focus on independent learning skills and transition processes into Middle School. The class is supported heavily in recognition of the needs of targeted students.



Instructional Leader

Congratulations to Baradine based teacher Mrs Tracy McGlashan who has been appointed as the Instructional Leader for the literacy and numeracy K-2 program, *Early Action for Success*. Mrs McGlashan will be supporting Binnaway CS, Baradine CS, Gwabegar PS, Pilliga PS and Quambone PS.



Literacy/Numeracy Support Classes

This year, we have introduced literacy and numeracy support classes based on NAPLAN performance data. The groups have different focuses but essentially are designed to move students up in their NAPLAN bands when they take the tests in Years 3, 5 7 and 9.

Agriculture

Mrs Wright and the interested students in the show teams are currently preparing both the sheep and cattle for upcoming local shows.



Homework Centre

Homework Centre is held every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Both Primary and Secondary staff support students to complete their weekly assignments and/or assessment tasks.



New Classroom

The arrival of the demountable classroom was received with relief and excitement. The school was able to apply for it due to the shortage of teaching spaces and the increased secondary enrolment over last two years.



New Fence

The Department has erected a new security fence around the fixed play equipment and back entrance to the Primary classrooms.



New Bubblers

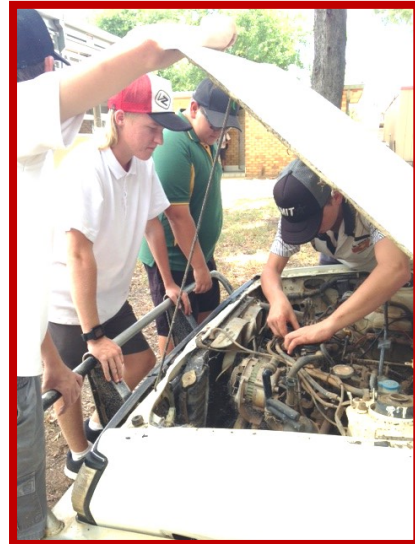
The school has funded a set of new bubblers for students' welfare and convenience (mainly Secondary) near the Library.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop

Interested students travelled to Orange on Monday 6th March with Miss Brazier, to participate in a special Aboriginal Dance workshop. I look forward to seeing this activity nurture further dance development at Baradine Central School.

Clubs

Students are enjoying special interest clubs occurring on Thursday afternoons (fortnightly), this Semester. They include leatherwork, mechanic tinkering, cooking and fitness training.



School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships

I met with the Regional Coordinator for school based apprenticeships and traineeships, Mr Troy Kelly, last week to discuss opportunities for our students who wish to pursue this career path. The school is also looking to organise a community information event to get the word out to employers in a few weeks.

Primary Choir Years 2-6

Mrs Horder has committed to BCS participating in the annual Narrabri Eisteddfod. A choir has been formed under the guidance of Miss Dorman and practice has been timetabled.

Kitchen Garden

Our Kitchen Garden Program commenced six years ago when BCS was successful in gaining a grant for \$60,000 from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. The program is largely self-sustainable and well established now and teaches our students the benefits of healthy food and living.

Even though we have just endured an extremely hot and dry summer, the school will be entering garden produce into the Baradine Show along with some of the students' cooking.

Sporting Opportunities

Mr Ramage is once again running Sporting Schools as an after school activity on Tuesdays from 3.00 – 4.00pm.

Our best performed competitive swimmers competed in Armidale yesterday and today at the Regional carnival. The squad this year is:

- **Lincon & Claudia McConnaughty, Emily Murray, Trent & Kaleb Biles, Jayden Ryan** for Primary; and
- **Madison Masman and Fox Jones** for Secondary.

Current Issues

Technology

Several unplanned interruptions in the school's IT network created a lot of disruption for staff and a specialist team from Dubbo attended to resolve some of the more urgent problems.

Hardware becomes outdated quickly these days and the school has decided to outlay \$20,000 immediately to upgrade technology in four of the classrooms.

Attendance

The data provided in this report clearly demonstrates that unsatisfactory attendance is an ongoing issue for a few students.

When a student falls below 85% attendance, they are flagged for support intervention from the school. If this fails to effect improvement, the student is then automatically flagged to the Home School Liaison Officer in Dubbo. The officer visits Baradine fortnightly and will be doing house visits to seek cooperation from the family.

When all support interventions fail, the matter ends up in court.

Community Perception of Bullying



The school will review its processes for dealing with bullying in response to some parents concerns that bullying is prevalent.

The school's current data does not substantiate this, however, we will retrain students and staff to identify all bullying and report it.

Marty Pace, the Police Youth Liaison Officer will be contacted to assist the school in its planning processes.

Senior Students



Students in the Senior School Years 9-12 will benefit enormously from developing their work ethic to meet attendance and assessment requirements for their courses. Less attention to mobile phones and music devices and more focus on their learning responsibilities is required.

Leather Shoes

Leather shoes or boots are a legal requirement due to safety concerns for the practical classes. We encourage all Secondary students to have their leather shoes on or alternatively leave them at school in a locker. Without them, they are excluded from the trade training workshops – cooking, woodwork, metal work and farm.

Language

Students caught using inappropriate language (swearing) at school incur a detention and are reminded to be respectful of the school setting.

Events Coming Up

Parent Teacher Meetings Scheduled Tuesday March 14th

Teachers will be conducting the annual Term 1 Parent Meetings in the school's Library from 3pm-5.30 pm and then Secondary teachers will travel to Gwabegar for meetings between 6pm -7pm.

Parents and carers are encouraged to attend to be provided with information on how your children are engaging with their teachers and classes. You will also have the opportunity to read and sign their personalised learning plan and goals.

GoMAD Project

The Warrumbungle Environmental Education Centre is providing a wonderful opportunity to four Secondary students to participate in GoMAD at Taronga Zoo Dubbo in the near future. Miss Riley will support the group over the next few months to work on a special project that they will devise to improve Baradine Central School. They will be required to make a short film on their project.



Dance Extravaganza

It's on again! This year's theme will be 'BCS On Tour' and rehearsals are already underway. The big night will be August 3rd.

Winter School

Applications are being called for Senior students who identify as Indigenous to apply to attend Winter School at the University of NSW in the July vacation. From memory, Reece Buckton was our last student to have this amazing experience.

The University of New South Wales Indigenous Winter School is a fully supervised, five-night residential program designed to provide Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with an opportunity

to experience university life. Winter School is coordinated by Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit, which covers all costs of the program.



Anzac Competition

All students have an ANZAC Day project to complete. These are due in the last week of term and are to be completed both in class and at home.

Following are the topics:

- Year 7 – WW1 (Trench Warfare)
- Year 8 – WW1 (Passchendaele)
- Year 9 – WW2 (Europe and the Holocaust)
- Year 10 – Vietnam War
- Year 11 – WW2 (Pacific)
- Year 12 – Afghanistan

Student Representative Councils Induction

Our Whole School Assembly on Wednesday March 15th, will incorporate our new SRC representatives induction along with sporting House Captains.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cheers

Mrs Chris Clarke - Principal

Principal's Awards



Lincon McConnaughty

for achieving Regional Swimming representation when only in Year 2



Poppy Evans Prouse for being an excellent school leader and role model in Primary



Codey Dunn for improvement in his Year 10 classwork



Trent Biles for being an excellent school leader and role model in Primary



Jo Rawson for excellent work ethic in Year 8

Merit Awards

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



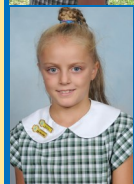
Paige Stonham

Working hard in all areas.



Gemma Blattman

Trying her best in all areas of her learning.



Paige Bissaker-Morgan

For being a fantastic role model to the younger students in her class.



Molly Murray

For being a thoughtful and caring student towards her peers .



Zac Haywood

For encouraging others during literacy classes.



Rachael Evans

For consistent effort and contribution in class across all KLA's.



Ankica Morgan

Continues to behaviour respectfully at all times.



Aaron Harvey

For always contributing well in class discussion during Geography.



Corey Bruce

For a great start to year 10.



Liam Blackhall

For completion of his assessment task in English studies.

PBL AWARD



Jackson Ruttley

Choosing safe ways to play.



Ruby Ling

Choosing safe places to play.



Emily Brand

Choosing safe ways to play.



Bradley Worrell

For applying himself to literacy activities with dedicated focus and concentration.



Alice Harris

For completing her History homework to a high standard.



Brody Whillock

Consistent effort and for completing his school work and homework on time, to a high standard.



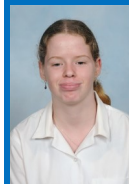
Max McGlashan

For showing increasing respect and responsibility in the classroom and playground.



Codey Dunn

For taking responsibility for his learning through his homework tasks in particular in History.



Kelly King

For a great improvement in her bookwork.



Samantha Owers

Taking responsibility for her learning through completing her homework.

Primary Homework



Kinder Miss Lummis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy homework: beginning sounds Maths homework: sheet on time Please remember to bring back the weekly readers with the homework.
Year 1/2/3 Miss Dorman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English -Read for 10 minutes and write out your list words each night. Maths - Complete your maths worksheet. Remember to wear your correct school hat each day and pack your 'Crunch and Sip'.
Year 4/5/6 Miss Baldock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

NSW School-based Adolescent Vaccination Program

A specialised team of nurses will visit our school on

Wednesday 8th March 2017 at 10.00am

to implement the following program.

All Year 7 students

HPV Human Papillomavirus – 1st Dose
dTpa Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis
Varicella



MARCH

Olive Lennon 2nd



All grand parents and grand friends of the students in Kinder - Year 6 are invited to be special guests at an assembly in the Wet Area at 9:10am on Friday 10th March. This will be followed with a special Morning Tea.

The children will deliver an invitation to you with an RSVP slip to be returned by Thursday.

Secondary Homework

Literacy Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are to practise their spelling words; they will have a weekly spelling test.
Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography General: Complete a neighbourhood liveability survey; they have some set criteria they are to follow in completing this activity. History General and Extension: Please complete the revision sheets located in your homework books. These are due on Friday each week. English General has two pages in their literacy skills book to complete, due Monday. English Extension has a flow diagram and grammar/punctuation task to complete, due Monday. Revise spelling for your spelling test on Mondays. General Maths: Please complete the homework sheet in your homework folders. Due Thursday each week. Science Extension: Complete report on 'Is it a metal?' Science General: Complete a worksheet activity on properties of metals.
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography General: Complete a neighbourhood liveability survey; they have some set criteria they are to follow in completing this activity. History General and Extension: Please complete the revision sheets located in your homework books. These are due on Friday each week. English General has two pages in their literacy skills book to complete, due Monday. English Extension has a flow diagram and grammar/punctuation task to complete, due Monday. Revise spelling for your spelling test on Mondays. General Maths: Please complete the homework sheet in your homework folders. Due Thursday each week. Science Extension: Complete report on 'Is it a metal?' Science General: Complete a worksheet activity on properties of metals.
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History General and Extension: Please complete the revision sheets located in your homework books. These are due on Friday each week. English General and Extension have two pages to complete in their Literacy skills booklet, due Monday.
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History General and Extension: Please complete the revision sheets located in your homework books. These are due on Friday each week. English General and Extension have two pages to complete in their Literacy skills booklet, due Monday.
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern History: In class essay assessment on Wednesday 8/2/17, complete study notes for dot points a – g English standard: Students should be preparing for their upcoming belonging assessment by submitting creative writing drafts. An edited piece, answering in relation to the stimulus, is due Monday.
Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern History: Complete study notes for dot points a – g, complete essay from past paper booklet PDHPE: Complete study notes dot points 1 – 5 English Standard: Students should be preparing for their upcoming in-class assessment – speech on The Story of Tom Brennan. Biology: Monohybrid cross and sex-linkage problems Chemistry: continue working through textbook questions for Acids topic
7 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students have their ANZAC day projects to complete. These are due in the last week of term and are to be completed both in class and at home.

Edmodo at Baradine Central School

Edmodo, an interactive website, has been introduced by Ms Walker to provide students and parents with additional means of getting connected where students can safely collaborate, get and stay organised, and access assignments, grades, and school information related to their English studies.

What is Edmodo?

Edmodo is a web-based platform that provides a safe and easy way for teachers and students to connect and collaborate, share content, and access homework, grades and school notices. It is like Facebook but in a safe and controlled environment appropriate for school.



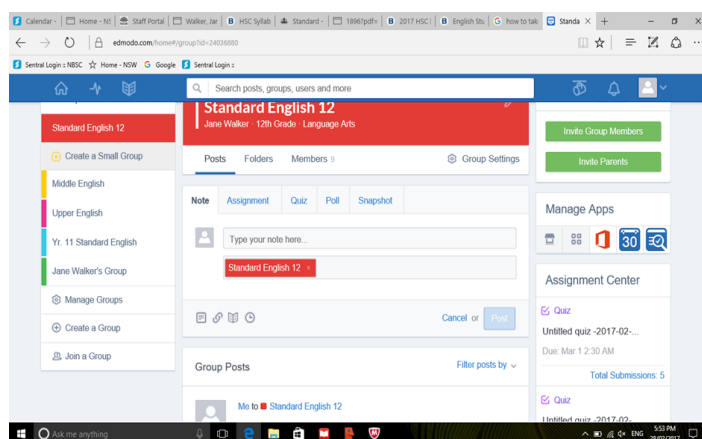
What should students do?

- Go to www.edmodo.com
- Create a new account using your school email

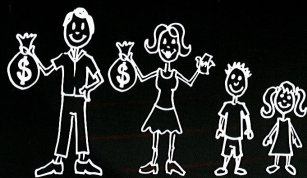
- Remember to write down your password in a secure place
- Enter the group using the Code for your subject (On the VC wall)
- Review homework, check upcoming assessments and complete any activities

What can parents do?

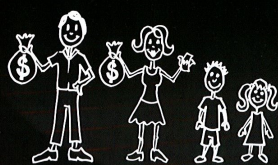
- Parents are highly welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the child's learning experience
- Parents can get a parental access code from their child or teacher (Ms Walker) and view all posting anonymously



Cash back on the school run



School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive

Can't get online?

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.



Baradine Junior Sports

Registration dates for 2017 are going to be on Friday 10th March and Wednesday 15th March.
Baradine Oval at 4.30pm.

Online registrations will happen again this year please be organised and sign on before this date.

You will not be able to train or play without paying the registration fee.
Contact Tracy McGlashan for more information 0458540358