Bullying No Way Day
Dear Parents and Carers,

**Anti-Bullying Plan**

The Baradine Central School’s draft Anti-Bullying Plan was released to the community yesterday as part of the Bullying No Way Day. The document is a comprehensive plan for understanding and dealing with bullying in a school setting and supportive strategies for bullies, victims and bystanders.

Those who obtained a copy of this document are invited to leave any comments on it at the office over the next two weeks. If you weren’t at the launch and would like a copy, they can be collected from the school’s office.

The draft plan will be formalised as the official version and be uploaded onto the school’s website on Friday November 28.

**Bullying No Way Day**

This special day was the culmination of teaching and learning activities during 2014 on anti-bullying. Baradine Central School was very lucky to obtain the services of the youth motivational speaker Simon Clegg, who delivered an inspirational address to both students and the community. Thank you to Senior Constable Brenton Rosier who also actively participated in our day.

Congratulations to all students for their individual contributions to class presentations at the assembly. The poems, posters, films, song and PowerPoints all reinforced the Bullying No Way message.

The school has now committed to implementing the Anti-Bullying Plan with the aim of changing the current identified bullying culture over the next three years to a much more positive one.

**Primary News**

The Transition to Kindergarten program will conclude next Tuesday. We had 5 preschool students attend and we are looking forward to seeing them at ‘Big School’ next year. Our new friends from Preschool had the opportunity to experience what school will be like. They especially enjoyed playing on the equipment at lunch time with the Year 5/6 students and swimming at the pool was also very enjoyable.

Our Year 6 students have also been busy with their Transition to High School program. They have spent several Wednesdays being introduced to life in the Secondary department. Every Wednesday when I ask them what High School is like I hear words like, “awesome”, “better than Primary”, “unreal” and “heaps of fun”.

A reminder to parents that the Year 7 Parent Information Session will be held on Wednesday 26th November in the VC room at 9:30am.
Kinder/1 News

Another busy week at school this week and the weather is warming up again. The students are enjoying their time at the pool for sport and are learning a range of new skills.

Thank you Xavia Bucan for assisting with all of my important tasks as Class Captain this week.

Thanks must also go to Victoria Gundry for your extra help in the K/1 classroom on Tuesdays.

We have started to paint again this term and thank you to those parents who remembered to send the children's paint shirts in so that they are able to partake in this activity.

Our Anti Bullying Day on Thursday was successful and the students enjoyed displaying and telling everyone how we are kind, friendly and how we use good manners.

We have been writing letters in class this week and are learning about our address and the importance of knowing where we live. Please tell and ask your child if they know their address. Most of them did not know this information and I have set it as a task for their homework.

Year 2 News

We have had another busy and interesting week at BCS. Yesterday we were involved in the Bullying No Way Day and also listened to the items presented at assembly.

Today we enjoyed a lovely day with Mrs Cox, our L3 Facilitator. Mrs Cox came to do some fun maths activities in class where Year 2 students proved themselves to be very clever with some tricky work. Mrs Cox will also be visiting again next Friday with two teachers from Coonabarabran who are looking forward to sitting in on Year 2's classroom lessons and meeting all our lovely students.

Year 3/4 News

We have had another fantastic week of learning in the 3/4 classroom. In Spelling students have enjoyed Mrs Draper's lessons looking at sounds with games such as Bingo. They have also been improving their alphabetical order, dictionary skills and editing skills in spelling lessons this week.

As part of the launch of the Anti-Bullying Policy, students have been busy writing acrostic poems about the importance of not bullying and being a nice person and friend to others. They published their poems onto large pieces of cardboard and shared these with other students at the special Whole School Assembly.

In Maths students have been working on their division skills and recognising that division is the inverse operation of multiplication. Students were very good at using their multiplication squares which they made in the lesson to help them solve division number sentences. We have also been working on time using and reading timetables to find the duration of different events.

Thank you to Mrs Draper for spending the last 3 weeks with us here in our classroom. You have taught us lots of great new things and we will miss having you here!

Year 5/6 News

The 5/6 class really enjoyed the 'Bullying No Way!' day on Thursday. They all understand the importance of being a positive bystander and helping their friends by reporting any issues to an adult. The hamburgers for lunch were particularly delicious.

In PDH, on Monday, the students will be creating their 'Designer Nutritious Sandwich' which they planned this week. The students will then evaluate the nutritional value and taste of their sandwich when they try them during Monday lunchtime.

In Science this week the students made a periscope, a periscope uses mirrors to enable you to see over and around different things.

Please remind your child to wear enclosed leather shoes to school as these are required for all cooking, gardening and wood work activities.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please remember that student supervision commences at 8:35am. Students who arrive at school prior to this must report directly to Mrs Clarke.
Grandfriends Day
Primary Sport

The School Swimming Scheme will be running again this year with Mrs Irene Worrell at the Baradine Pool. They will run for two weeks starting on 1st December and finishing on Friday 12th December.

Miss Lucy Baldock

Notes to eligible students will be sent home soon with all the relevant information.

PBL

This week our focus was: “Respect”

Treat others the way you wish to be treated. This will be emphasised this week as we had our Bullying No Way Day at school with our guest presenter Simon Clegg.

Year 8 News

In Year 8 this week we have been very busy preparing for our Bullying No Way presentation that was shown on Thursday at the school assembly. We have also been very busy completing our timber projects with quite a number of different designs taking shape.

Exams started off Week 6 for us with lots of study happening in the week leading up to them. I sure hope we all gave the exams our best shot!

Year 9 News

In HSIE we are completing our WWII models and continuing with our community case study of Gunnedah. We’re also looking forward to having Miss Scott take us for some of these lessons.

In Maths we are getting our heads around Quadratic Equations and in English we are still interested in the ISIS propaganda videos and reports we are analysing.

In Science we are continuing with our topic on ‘Ecology’ and learning the basics of how to conduct a field study. In Food Tech we have been looking at ‘Food for Special Occasions’ and making pies when focussing on Australia Day celebrations.

Written by Stephanie Bowling and Haylee Dunn

Year 10 News

This week Year 10 completed their core subject Yearly exams for English, Maths, Science and HSIE. Other subjects may have exams which may be completed in class time over the next week.

Year 10 attended and participated in our anti bullying day on Thursday. Students listened to a presentation from Simon Clegg, followed by anti-bullying presentations from each class. Year 10 made a presentation on the facts and myths of bullying. Year 10 also prepared and provided hamburgers for lunch, as part of their fundraising efforts for their Gold Coast excursion.

Students from Year 10 are off on their 2 weeks Work Experience starting next week. We have chosen two different work locations, trialling the jobs we might like to do in the future. Some placements include, Primary school, Preschool, farming and metal fabrication.

Written by Caleb White.

Sun Safety

Remember - Baradine Central School is a Sun Safe School

In Terms 4 and 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.
Year 11 students created a social media campaign as part of the anti-bullying efforts at school. We searched online for images that send an anti-bullying and “culture of kindness” message then looked for active anti-bullying campaigns on Facebook and Twitter. We determined that #BullyNoMore had the kind of traffic and content that represented our approach to anti-bullying. We want to be inclusive and make sure everyone feels safe and welcome and minimise the idea of “fighting against” bullies. We selected several images to share on the school website and then a song with an anti-bullying message that we used for our presentation at the assembly.

Please visit the school’s page, or find your own anti-bullying/culture of kindness messages and spread the news. We are using the hashtags #BullyNoMore and #Enough to reach a wider audience. We hope to see you supporting the efforts from your own online profiles!

Written by Lahni Patterson

YEAR 7 2015 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Wednesday 26th November 2014
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Baradine Central School VC Room

Morning Tea will be provided

Please RSVP to the school on 6843 1805 by Monday 24th November 2014 for catering purposes.

Congratulations

Attendance Monkey for Term 4 Week 5

Primary - Year 2 & Year 3/4 90%  Secondary - Year 11 100%

Public Speaking Winning Speech

ROSA PARKS

By Sophie Horder

A woman so insignificant & powerless changed the lives of so many simply by refusing to give up her seat upon request.

We all know Rosa Parks as the woman who made a bold decision to not give up her seat for someone she thought was of equal importance to herself. This simple action opened the door for many others to follow in her footsteps. She believed in living her life as a model for others. She had always been an activist & promoted the rights and freedom of the African-Americans yet never before did she make a stand like this one, & never before did an action so simple have such a significant impact to the lives of African-Americans.

Following her arrest she quoted "It was not pre-arranged. It just happened that the driver made a demand and I just didn't feel like obeying his demand. I was quite tired after spending a full day working." Later she realised that she didn't react the way she did because she was tired from work but in fact she was tired of being treated as a second class citizen. This fuelled her ambition for change. Half the nation was against Rosa, in her stance against racial segregation. Despite these odds and being in prison for her beliefs Rosa’s one small act sparked a nationwide controversy. A 381-day boycott of Montgomery Bus Services occurred as a direct result of her actions. This then lead to the Supreme Court banning segregation on all public transport.

Rosa Parks has influenced my life by proving to me and allowing me to realise that no matter how big the situation or problem, no matter how insignificant you are in the world, or no matter how many people are against you, you are capable of making a difference. Change can be fearful whether it changes the world, or yourself but as Rosa once said, “You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.”
Enter our Australia Day Student Competition

PRIZES FOR
an art work (A3 size),
a project (1/2 sheet cardboard)
or descriptive writing on the theme of
Australia - Past or Present

Kindergarten/Year 1/2
Year 3/4; Year 5/6
Secondary
Entries must be received at the Rural Transaction Centre
no later than
TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2015

IMPORTANT – to be eligible for judging
name, class and phone number must be
on the back of each entry

A Baradine Australia Day Committee initiative

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2015 Australia Day Awards

Nominations for Baradine’s 2015 Australia Day Awards
are now open

Members of the community are invited to consider
submitting a worthy recipient.

The categories are

- Community Group Award
- Sports Team Award
- Individual Sports Award – Junior
- Individual Sports Award – Senior
- Certificate of Recognition

Nomination forms are available from
Wangman’s Newsagency
Baradine RTC

Nominations close on
FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2014

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Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive starting soon

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our programs affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $97 for school-aged children and $48 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fees).

For more information or to make a booking, visit
www.dar.nsw.gov.au/swimsurvive or phone 13 13 02

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Safari

A collection of images and impressions gathered during a journey through Southern Africa

on display now at the
Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre
Baradine
Have you changed your phone number or address?

In case of emergencies, the school office needs up-to-date contact details for all parents, guardians and emergency contacts for each student. All parents need to ensure that their address and contact details are up to date with the school. If there have been any recent changes please contact the school office ASAP.

Notes

We are currently experiencing a lot of missing notes that have been sent home with students but are not being returned on time or at all. This can lead to a misuse of time, energy and resources as follow-up calls need to be made, notes reprinted and redistributed. This not only impacts on our ability to plan and organise, but it also removes vital administration staff away from their daily duties.

Please encourage your child to unpack their bag at the end of each day and remove any notes. The notes system is our primary communication tool and provides information on events and important aspects of our school community.

Our notes now have a format which requires families to indicate yes or no to an event. Please assist us with this process by returning ALL notes and by completing the fields as detailed on the note.

We also ask that you support us by following the designated return date. Notes that are returned late make it extremely difficult to organise transport and payments. Notes returned after the due date will not be accepted, unless under exceptional circumstances.