Annual Swimming Carnival

Wilga are the winners

Wilga House Captains accepting the winning shield.
Dylan Hinchliffe, Scott Edwards, Jacinta Pickette, Claudia Eastburn and Nigel Lennon

Primary Champions:
Charlotte Millington
Jayden Ryan
Molly Murray
Liam Ryan
Madison Masman
Harry Allen
Clinton Lennon
Regan Evans

Secondary Champions:
Zoe Gardner-Siemsen
Fox Jones
Stephanie Bowling
Jacob Fitzgerald
Sophie Horder
Scott Edwards

What’s On

Tues & Thurs - AAS
27th February Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 21 March Harmony Day
Tuesday 25 March Parent/Teacher night
Friday 28 March Moorambilla auditions
Friday 4 April School Fete
Wednesday 9 April School Anzac Service
Friday 11 April Easter Hat Parade

Baradine Central School
24th February 2014
Term 1, Week 5

Principal
Mrs Chris Clarke

Head Teacher Secondary
Mr Tim Lloyd

Assistant Principal
Mrs Lizzie Horder

Administration Manager
Mrs Wendy Leonard

Sports Coordinators
Miss Lucy Baldock
Mr Jack Ramage

AECG President
Ms Suellen Tighe

AECG Representative
Mr Richie Milgate

P&C President
Miss Sharon Wilson
Principal’s News

The school year is moving along very quickly with lots of planning and activities. Last Wednesday was census day in Western NSW Public Schools for enrolments which in turn determines an actual entitlement for each school's staffing for the year. I will be waiting for the outcome of this to be published this Wednesday then we will need to slightly adjust our staffing and timetables to comply.

School funding will also be finalised for this year based on the census information and other enrolment information provided by parents and carers on enrolment forms.

Baradine Central School currently has 120 students K-12 with 49% identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Our annual base funding allocation is $114,685 with a large proportion of this budgeted for electricity, gas and water.

Most wages are still being paid by DEC but this will change in the next two years when the school will be taking responsibility under Local Schools, Local Decisions State reforms.

BCS is receiving additional payments in 2014 of $173,971 for Equity (Disadvantage, Rural & Remote) and $101,616 for Aboriginal student programs.

This extra funding is allowing BCS to address current specific needs of our students and school by:

- having 4 small classes in the Primary school with extra teacher support for every student;
- continuing the dynamic L3 program for Kindergarten and Year 1 classes;
- having structures for executive teachers to mentor and develop the capacity of teachers to deliver quality teaching and learning programs;
- developing intensive support and intervention strategies for Secondary students not achieving syllabus outcomes;
- developing intensive support and intervention strategies for Aboriginal students in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 who did not achieve minimum national standards in the NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy in 2013.

The school also receives other funding for specific purposes. This includes:

- $3,200 implementation of new Australian Curriculum;
- $40,000 to support students with identified disabilities;
- $19,726 to support students K-12 with learning difficulties and other needs other than identified disabilities;
- $2,233 literacy & numeracy programs;
- $24,476 initiatives to maximise student learning outcomes;
- $15,260 for teacher professional learning; and
- $9,126 for technology

All program initiatives and associated funding are accounted for in the 2014 School Management Plan and reported on in the Annual School Report. Both P&C and AECG are parent and community groups consulted regarding school programs and allocation of funding.

All of these processes need to be transparent and I welcome all school stakeholders who have questions or concerns to please come forward and seek a meeting with me for answers or clarification.

Claiming the Date

Friday 4th April

Baradine Central School Fete

Don't miss this great day
Primary News

A very big welcome back to the school year, all students have returned looking outstanding in their summer uniforms. A special hello and welcome to our new Kindergarten parents and carers. Kinder students have been busy settling into school life, learning all the school rules and even completing the ‘Best Start’ assessment tasks. All other Primary students have settled into their new grades well. Year 3/4 are lucky enough to be the first class for the year to be involved in the garden and kitchen program. In order for students to participate in this program they need to be wearing covered in leather shoes. If necessary they can bring work boot style shoes in their bags and change into them just before the lesson. Year 5/6 are also very luck this Term as Mr McCutcheon our Ag teacher is working with them for 1 period on a Friday. We are hoping that some Year 5/6 students may become involved in the sheep showing program.

A special request - can you send in a paint shirt for your child. Several children already have these at school from previous years but many do not.

Just a reminder that if you are having any concerns about your child feel free to make an appointment through the front office to speak to either myself or their class teacher.

Kinder/1 News

My goodness what a flying start we have had to the Year. We are all working so hard in our L3 classroom and I have to say the Year 1 students in the class are very grown up and are great role models for the Kindergarten students. They are showing them the school PBL expectations and also helping them with our class routines and rules so that they are all safe and respectful at school. They have also been great for reminding me of our routines sometimes when I forget.

Thank you to all my wonderful helpers. Big thank you’s also to our lovely Class Captains for the past two weeks Xavia Bucan and Paula Evans you have been most helpful when carrying out your special jobs and roles.

Thank you to parents and carers who have labelled their child's belongings it is so very helpful when returning items to students.

News day rosters have gone home and the students have been really enthusiastic about showing and telling their class members about important items and events that have occurred in their lives recently. Please remind your child which days are their special days.

Congratulations to all Kindergarten students for being diligent with their homework tasks. They have returned them and are off to a great routine for their learning.

Have a wonderful week and I am sure I will have lots of news in the next couple of weeks to share with you. If you do require a chat about your child please make an appointment through the front office.

Year 2 News

Welcome back to 2014. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year in Year 2. This week we have been looking at measurement in Maths and now we are doing some work on ‘time’. We enjoyed having Mr Ramage for PE skills and have already learnt some new games to reinforce skills. Thank you to the children who completed their homework and reading so well this week, it was a pleasure to mark.

Library will be on Tuesdays, so please remind your child to bring their bags and return their books weekly.

We are very proud of our high standard of uniform and high percentage of hats each day. Thank you to everyone.

In Art we have made some very interesting book covers with zebras and colorful birds. We are looking forward to the Baradine Show to enter and show some more of our lovely work.

Pre-loved Uniforms are available for sale at a minimal price from the Front Office
Year 3/4 News

Miss Christie Baker

Welcome to what is looking to be another fantastic year at Baradine Central School. Year 3/4 students have had a busy start with the Swimming Carnival and all of our fantastic classwork we have been completing. As a class we have been reading ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ by Roald Dahl which has captivated us all. In writing we have been working on persuasive texts and students are currently writing an exposition about the statement ‘Books are better than TV’. No surprises that they have all chosen to argue against this!

A reminder that Year 3/4 students have Crunch and Sip every day. They will have Library on a Wednesday this Term so please try and remember library bags and books. Homework and Home Readers are due in on a Friday.

Year 5/6 News

Miss Lucy Baldock

It has been a busy start to the year in the Year 5/6 class with all students enjoying a variety of new and exciting learning experiences. In R2L the class has been learning how to write a quality narrative by studying the novel “68 Teeth” by James Maloney. This novel, about a young lad from the Gulf Country who finds a huge crocodile in a river on the family cattle station, has fantastic examples building suspense and excitement in the complication stage of a narrative. In numeracy the students have been investigating 3D shapes, problem solving, times tables and data handling. In science this semester the students have become ‘Change Detectives’, learning about changes of state and reversible and irreversible reactions.

On Fridays all students must remember their fully covered leather shoes for their weekly agriculture lesson with Mr McCutcheon. In Ag they have the opportunity to demonstrate their practical farm skills and try their hand at sheep husbandry. Some may even be able to represent the school in sheep leading at a number of local shows.

On Fridays students must also remember their joggers for their weekly PE session with Richie.

Library borrowing happens every Thursday. Students will need to bring a library bag to school if they wish to borrow a book to take home.

Homework is given out every Monday and is due in every Friday. Please indicate on your child’s reading record if you would like them to have a weekly home reader.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning with the Year 5/6 class.

Primary Encouragement Awards:
- Ella Phillips
- Matthew Hyde
- Nigel Lennon
- John Ruttlely
- Mia White
- Claudia McConnaughty (absent)

Secondary Encouragement Awards:
- Dylan Hinchliffe
- Tyrone Biles
- Kelly King
- Chloe Anderson
- Stacey Tanner
- Todd Cutts (absent)

Congratulations!
Active After School News

A reminder that Active After School has commenced for this year. It is still on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with Mrs McGlashan and myself. If you would like your child to attend they need to have a returned permission note. The games and sports offered this Term are: netball, soccer, lawn bowls and touch football.

Year 6 Graduation 2013

New sports uniforms are due to be delivered to school on Monday 3rd March for pick-up.

Year 7 News

What a busy first few weeks Year 7 have had! All students have made a great start to their secondary schooling life fitting in and falling into high school routines in no time at all! It has been a baptism of fire for Year 7 with the Annual School Swimming Carnival taking place on the 14th of February with all of Year 7 engaging in a fun filled day. Congratulations to everyone involved.

In the classroom Year 7 have been practising their Geography skills in particular scales. As a part of this work they had to draw a map of the school and draw it according to its scale. Well done to all on a tricky task!
Virtual Selective Class

Mr Tim Lloyd

Applications for Year 7 entry to the virtual selective class provision are now available for gifted and talented students at this school. Students successful for entry to this virtual class will be enrolled at a local class for the majority of their subjects but will be taught English, mathematics and science in a virtual environment together with other gifted and talented students in rural and remote areas through the creative use of communications technologies. This means that they can access a challenging academic program without leaving home and friends to do so. Further details are available on the following web sites:


If you wish to apply for this provision on behalf of your child you will need to complete an online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement urgently. Although the web site indicates that these are late applications they will not be considered late by the selection committees if you apply before 28 February 2014.

All candidates for the virtual selective class provision must take the Selective High School Placement Test on 13 March 2014 and you will be advised directly by the High Performing Students Unit about the test centre you will have to take your child to.
Secondary Homework

A key area for focus this year in Year 7–10 is regular homework. This year all students will receive regular homework in their core subjects – English, Maths, Science and History/Geography – in addition to their usual project/assessment task type work.

Homework for each subject will be fortnightly. Students should seek their teacher for support as well as use Homework Centre to complete their work. Students who choose not to complete their work will do so during Homework Catch-up on Friday’s at lunch time.

PBL

This week we are reinforcing the PBL rule:
“Listen to all teachers and staff instructions”
We are pleased to hear the students are off to a good start to the year with this important rule.
Thank you everyone!

TRASH TO TREASURE

Bring your sculpture to the Baradine Show
22nd March 2014

1. OPEN PRIZE $30
2. KIDS (UNDER 14) PRIZE $20
3. CREATE A MAILBOX PRIZE $50

entry fee: $5
kids: nil entry fee

Drop off sculptures to the main pavilion on Friday 21st March between 10am – 12pm

Enquiries: Ange Bunner 6843 8267

Sheep Show Team Dates

Sat March 8 Dunedoo
Sat March 15 Coona
Sat March 22 Baradine
Sat March 29 Mendooran
Sat April 5 Binnaway

New embroidered green school caps are available fro purchase from the Front Office for $13.50 for all students
Safety tips for parents

Back to school safety tips for parents and carers

Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint that's fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/hr speed limit in a school zone as children are about and can be unpredictable.

Look out for boxes-pulling-out — watch for your child's lights.

Always park and legibly around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road can be dangerous because they may not see you without checking traffic.

It's safer for the kids to get out of the car on the near side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you are using pedestrian crossing areas where possible.

Always hold your child's hand until they reach the age of 8.

Young children need your help to spot danger like vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk to your children about stop, look, listen and think every time they cross the road.

• Stop one step back from the kerb.
• Look for traffic to your right-left and right again.
• Listen for the sounds of approaching traffic.
• Think whether it is safe to cross.

Young Children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

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Girls only Small Sided Football

Here's your opportunity to play football for fun — with no competition and NO BOYS!

Select clubs across Northern Inland Football are offering girls-only Small Sided Football for older girls aged 12 to improve their opportunities to play with their peers in a relaxed, fun and social environment.

Players can also be given the opportunity to develop game skills and improve their skills at the local club. Those interested in participating in this program should contact their local club to learn more.

For further information on Girls Only Small Sided Football, please phone 5432 3535 or visit www.nif.com.au

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FROM

1st February 2014

at myfootballclub.com.au

PARKS WEEK

Parks Week is an annual celebration of the important role that parks play in improving people's quality of life and the environment. It is also the perfect opportunity get out and enjoy nature by booking one of our guided walks or events at your local NSW national parks. Enquiry NWS will be hosting the following events for Parks Week 2014:

TOUR DE TOWER BIKE RIDE

Up for a challenge? Join us for a mountain bike adventure. Starting at the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre in Tamworth — “Gateway to the Pilliga Forest”, our experienced Discovery Rangers will guide you through some of the amazing trails and tracks within the Pilliga. Your final destination will bring you to the NEW Pilliga Lookout Tower at Stott Creek Forest area, where you can rehydrate and help celebrate the opening of the Pilliga Lookout Tower with a free BBQ lunch.

Date: Sunday 9th March 2014

Time: 9am - 12pm approx.

Cost: $5 registration. Includes insurance, ride pack etc.

Registration Form: Available from Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre, Pelican Coffee Shop and Coonabarabran District Information Centre. Registration closing date: 4th March 2014.

PILLIGA LOOKOUT TOWER OFFICIAL OPENING

It all began in 1998 with a pair of pines on top of a rocky outcrop overlooking the middle of the Pilliga Forest. Over the years (1999 and 2012) there have been two replacement towers built. In 2015 the 1973 tower was dismantled and a new 12m high observation tower and platform constructed. As well as continuing in its role as a visitor viewing platform for those in the Pilliga for the first time, visitors to the Stott Creek in Tamahalah National Park will also have the opportunity to climb the tower and enjoy the views in the spectacular Pilliga.

Date: Sunday 9th March 2014

Time: Bus departs at 11am for official opening proceedings at 12pm.

Cost: FREE (Booking essential) so there is limited seating. FREE BBQ lunch after proceedings for all attendees. RSVF required for catering purposes.

GENERAL INQUIRIES:

For further details or to make a booking please contact the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre.

Phone: 02 6743 8911

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John Bayliss, Director of the Macquarie Regional Library, said “The amnesty is a great opportunity for the community to bring back any overdue books and to be able to continue to enjoy the benefits and services of the library.”

“A new service the library offers to overcome the issue of overdue books and fines is the e-book collection”, Mr Bayliss said. “Members can now download and read an e-book on their iPad, smartphone, computer or e-reader, all from the comfort of their own living room. The e-books automatically return themselves when their loans expire, making overdue fines a thing of the past.”

“The e-books are proving very popular”, Mr Bayliss said. “Staff are keen to help members download e-books and lessons are also held regularly in the library.”

So check your bookshelves, search under the bed, in the car and scan the DVD shelf for any library items. Return the overdue item to any branch and present your library card for a free pass on fines. The amnesty begins Saturday 1 March and ends Sunday 16 March 2014.

Please return your overdue books to Baradine library. Library hours are Tuesday 2 to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 12noon and Friday 2pm to 4.30pm.

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Celebrate with us at Pilliga Forest - Tamahalah National Park

Media Release

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Water
Tap water makes the best drink!
Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:
- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body
We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

FAR WEST

ACADEMY OF SPORT

TENNIS
PROGRAM
TRIALS

When: Friday 14th March 2014
Where: Coonabarabran Tennis Courts
Time: 4pm - 5pm

OR

When: Saturday 15th March 2014
Where: Warren Tennis Courts, Victoria Park, Udora Road, Warren
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Who is Eligible?
Tennis players who reside in the Far West region of NSW (ie area bounded by Lake Cargelligo - Lightning Ridge, Trangie - Broken Hill)
Athletes must turn 10 to 16 years in 2014 (ie born between 1998 - 2004)

Cost
Free

What to Bring
Tennis Equipment, Training gear, Hat, Water Bottle, Towel, Sunscreen and Strapping Tape (if required)

How to Enrol
For further information or to enrol please contact the Far West Academy of Sport
P: (02) 6847 3638
F: (02) 6847 3651
fwas@communities.nsw.gov.au

Is dried fruit OK for Crunch& SIP**?

Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (e.g. sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch& SIP option.

Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.
NOTE fruit straps, bars or rolls are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar.