Primary Cross Country

The Annual Primary Cross Country was held on Wednesday 6th May with beautiful weather conditions for the runners participating.

Division Winners are:

**SUB JUNIORS**
1st Emily Murray & Cooper McGlashan
2nd Suzannah Carey & Jayden Ryan
3rd Shauri-Lee Taylor & Archie Ruttley-Higgins

**JUNIORS**
1st Savannah Carey & Liam Ryan
2nd Claudia McConnaughty & Tristan Nielsen
3rd Riley Siemsen & Dusty Lennon

**SENIORS**
1st Claudia Eastburn & Clinton Lennon
2nd Madison Masman & Regan Evans
3rd Rachael Evans & Max McGlashan

Selected students (8 years and up) may now be eligible to compete at the Zone Carnival to be held at Quambone on Wednesday 4th June.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN

Next week, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the National Assessment Plan tests (NAPLAN) for literacy and numeracy. The tests occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for all schools across Australia. Results for students in Years 5, 7 & 9 will be compared against their results from 2012 with each individual's growth measured.

Parents and carers will receive comprehensive reports from NAPLAN in late September.

It is essential that your child is at school for these mandatory tests. Please do not schedule any appointments for your child that can be avoided during this time.

New Science Laboratory

The much anticipated refurbishment of the science classroom has now been completed. The $200,000 upgrade brings this facility up to the current standards and is suitable for HSC classes such as Chemistry and Biology. It features a dedicated chemical storage area and state of the art science classroom design and furniture. Mrs Talbott and her science classes will gradually move back in over the course of the next week.

You’re invited ……….

Our new science facility will be open to the public for inspection next Tuesday afternoon between 3pm and 4pm.

Sheep Show

Congratulations to Fox Jones and Stacey Tanner who braved freezing conditions to parade the sheep last weekend at Gunnedah Show. Mr Todd has reported their efforts were very successful and they won a swag of ribbons.

ASPIRE

The wonderful team from ASPIRE / NSW University have visited this week spending valuable time in most classrooms inspiring our students to dream big and contemplate university pathways to their futures.

Cheers
Chris Clarke - Principal

As the winter approaches it may be necessary for your child to have time away from school due to illness. I encourage parents to send their children to school every day unless they are sick. Last week our attendance was down on what it has been in the past. If your child is too sick to attend school please send in a note or ring the office upon their return. If you take your child to the doctor during their absence please ask the doctor for a certificate as this can be used to support your note or phone call.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that I will be taking 3 weeks long service leave commencing on Monday the 12th May. I will return to work on Monday the 2nd June. Miss Lucy Baldock will be relieving in my role as Assistant Principal. I am taking a trip to Alaska and look forward to sharing my experiences with the students upon my return.

Congratulations

Attendance Monkey for Week 1
Primary - Kinder/1 97.5%
Secondary - Year 8 100%

Free to give away

Quantities of wooden benches with ceramic sinks & large classroom size blackboards.
Inquiries office staff Ph:6843 1805
It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. - Frederick Douglass

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on:

**Tuesday 13th May** - Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing.

**Wednesday 14th May** - Reading.

**Thursday 15th May** - Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Function & pattern, Chance & data and Measurement & space).

Embroidered green school caps $13.50
Sports T-shirts $20 (4-16) & $24 (S-XXL)
Sports shorts $17 (4-16) & $29 (S-XXL)

Kinder/1 News

Term 2 is off to a wonderful start, with lots of learning taking place. Thank you to my Class Captain this week Emily Brand, who has displayed beautiful manners and a responsible attitude to her jobs this week.

In Maths this week we are learning about before and after numbers following on from our position topic last week. We know that if we count bigger, the numbers are after. If we are counting smaller, (backwards) our numbers are before. It is a bit tricky but we are concentrating really hard.

I was very impressed by how speedy the students were in Cross Country. Congratulations to everyone for participating and to those who ran a place within their age group.

I would like to wish all of our mothers a Happy Mother’s Day for Sunday. We hope you like your surprise, have a wonderful day.

Year 2 News

Thank you to Tristan Nielsen (Week 10) and Paige Pallier (Week 2) for being great Class Captains, showing a mature and responsible attitude towards school routines and helping to make our classroom run so smoothly.

In Maths we have been looking at volume and the space shapes can take up. We have been designing different shapes out of the same amount of blocks. We have also been discussing ‘chance’ and how it can affect us.

Year 2 were lucky enough to have a special visit from Sharyn Cox (Language, Learning & Literacy) L3 trainer. In class we are trying some new and interesting ways of learning with language activities.

Year 3/4 News

Year 3/4 students have worked well this week. In Literacy we have been pulling apart narratives looking at their text structure and typical language. Soon students will be writing a narrative of their own! In Maths students have been learning their 7 times tables and linking their knowledge of these with division and repeated addition.

The Class Captain this week is Keira Ruttley. ‘My favourite class is PE. We have been playing French Cricket and Titanic (a goal shooting game). I like it when we get to play bull-rush. I also like art. At the moment we are painting a self-portrait.’ By Keira Ruttley
Year 5/6 News

Next week the Year 5 students will be completing the NAPLAN assessment in Writing, Reading, Numeracy and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Please ensure your Year 5 child comes to school on time as these assessments start at 9am. Prepare them by ensuring they have a good night sleep and a filling breakfast in the morning.

The Year 5/6 class have also been enjoying their SAKG sessions in both the kitchen and the garden. Please ensure your child has a pair of enclosed leather shoes every Friday for these sessions.

This week the class also had their Mother's Day stall. This is the first fundraiser for our 2014 excursion to Canberra! A big thank you to Mrs Hotchkiss and Mrs Henley for helping us organise the amazing gifts that were for sale on the stall.

Primary Sport Dates

- Peachy Shield and Netball Gala Day (Coonamble) Thursday 29th May - Years 3 - 6
- 2nd Round PSSA Rugby League Knock Out Game: TBC
- Zone Cross Country (Quambone) Wednesday 4th June
- Netball and Football Training every Wednesday, 3:00 - 3:30pm - Years 3 - 6

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.

Secondary Head Teacher News

Mobile Hone & Music Policy

I would like to remind everyone about our school’s mobile phone and music device policy. We live in an age when social media is a big part of most people’s lives and the school is a part of this with our Facebook page. However, we still need to ensure that our students are safe at school and that learning is the key focus. This is why students are not permitted to use mobile phones or music devices while they are at school. Students are allowed to have them in their bags but if they are seen at all either in class or in the playground then the student is required to take them to the office and pick them up at the end of the school day. If this happens more than 3 times then a parent/caregiver is required to come in to school and sign for them.

Parents can support the school in our efforts to provide a safe learning environment with as few distractions as possible by discussing mobile phone usage with their children and contacting the front office if a message needs to be passed on rather than calling/texting students directly during school hours.

Year 7 News

In English we have been studying poetry and metaphors, while in Maths our focus has been on geometry and angles. This week in Woodwork we have been drawing up sketches for motorised vehicles.

Year 6 are really looking forward to moving into the new Science lab.

Written by Nariah Cunningham.
Year 8 News

This week in Year 8 Geography we have been studying the different flora and fauna that are present in rainforests. One particularly interesting creature we have learned about is the red arrow tree frog that is considered one of the most poisonous creatures on earth. In History we have been studying how people lived in medieval times and the differences between everyday life then and now. In Science we have been busy making models of cells for Miss Talbott using different materials from modelling clay and match sticks to lollies. In PASS we have been studying sporting clubs and the different roles that people play within them as well as sharpening our ultimate Frisbee skills with Mr Ramage.

Written by Fox Jones
Congratulations go to Fox Jones on winning the Reserve Champion Handler at the recent Gunnedah Sheep Show.

Year 9 News

In English we are studying poetry and learning how to write poems. In Maths we are learning about algebra and angles. We are learning how the tectonic plates made valleys and volcanoes in Science. We are learning about natural disasters and hazards. We are finishing our gumball machines in Woodwork and studying food for special needs including vegetarians and different allergies in Hospitality.

For Sport we are continuing netball and footy training in preparation for upcoming sporting events.

In Fire Cadets team captains were chosen: Thalia Spinks Captain of the ‘Town team’ with team mates Dimiti Taylor, Caleb White and Chloe Anderson; Rachel Siemsen Captain of the ‘Out of Town team’ with team mates Lizzie King, Stephen King and Maderline Lennon.

We had our ASPIRE visit on Thursday in which we looked at different faculties at Uni including Engineering, Communication, Law, Science and heaps more.

Written by Dimiti Taylor

Year 10 News

In Year 10 we have been studying Trigonometry in Maths, and in Geography we have been studying Australian Flora and Fauna. Each student in Year 9/10 is in the process of completing a PowerPoint on one Australian animal. We have been learning some interesting facts about these selected animals. Did you know an emu has two eyelids?

Written by Stacey Tanner.

Year 11/12 News

The Year 11 Maths students are learning how to analyse and interpret statistics. News and sports reports are filled with numbers that are meant to describe the world. Knowing how data is collected and presented makes us better, more critical consumers of that information. In some situations data is presented to sway our opinions, like Colgate’s claim that 80% of dentists recommended Colgate while 20% recommended other brands. In the survey, though, dentists were asked about many brands, so other brands could be just as popular as Colgate. The Cuyama road sign is a funny example of inappropriate use of statistics where three sets of completely different data are combined into one misleading number.

Year 12 Maths students are exploring statements of probability. Isn’t it a useful skill to know how to determine your chances of winning a contest if you know how many tickets you purchased, how many tickets were sold, how many draws there are, whether your ticket is re-entered in a draw, and so on? It also gives us the opportunity to explore how lotteries and games of chance are skewed in favour of the agency rather than the player.

Year 11 English students are exploring the Australian drama, "The Club" by David Williamson examining how the playwright uses dialogue to develop character, how word choice contributes to the audience’s appreciation of the story.
P&C AGM
Tuesday 27th May at 3:30pm
Meeting Room at Baradine Central School
All interested parents are welcome to attend.
Contact Sharon Wilson on 6843 1107 for any further information/interest.

**OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT 2015**

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015

Application for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 will be available from **Monday 28 April 2014 until Friday 16 May 2014.**

Applications made after the closing date will **NOT** be accepted.

All applicants with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) can apply online.

Applicants without internet access must complete a commercially printed form. Parents or caregivers of students who attend a government primary school may access an application package from the school.

All candidates seeking Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 must take the **Opportunity Class Placement Test** which is conducted in test centres in NSW on one day only.

Information details can be obtained from Mrs Linda Buckley.

2013 Year Books are available from the Front Office at a very low cost of $15 per book. It contains lots of wonderful and colourful pages of the students throughout the year.

Old Photos Needed

Baradine will be celebrating their Sesquicentenary Anniversary in 2015 and are seeking any old photos that may be available of the following:

⇒ War photos
⇒ Township photos
⇒ School photos

Could you please bring them to the Front Office at Baradine Central School or the Rural Transaction Centre where they can be scanned while you wait.
Max McGlashan - 10th May
Archie Ruttley-Higgins - 11th
Jamie Bruce - 14th May
Regan Evans - 14th May
Levi Jackson - 16th May

Have you changed your phone number?

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.

Brochures are available at the office if you would like to purchase a MedicAlert bracelet for your child. They have a special offer where the $15 registration fee is waived due to the school being registered with MedicAlert. Take advantage of this offer and have a look at the wide variety of merchandise available.