Senior Science

Josephine Mitchell is currently studying bushfires in Australia in Senior Science. In particular how the slope of the terrain and the water content of vegetation can affect the intensity of fire. To demonstrate the effect of water content in fuel Josephine chose several local vegetation types including eucalyptus, casuarina and grass. Each of these fuel types were tested separately by placing them in a container of soil and lighting matches in one area. The dry eucalyptus fuel reached a temperature of over 300°C and the ash pile was just under 260°C. The dry casuarina fuel only reached a temperature of 240°C when burning, while the ash was less than 70°C, as it was so fine.
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Our school is currently in a self-evaluation and planning phase where consultation and collaboration with the students, their families, the wider community, the staff and other interested groups is of high importance and greatly valued.

Feedback on the school's strategic directions, its programs, its resources, its systems and processes is collated and analysed along with comprehensive data on student learning outcomes and achievement.

The school's 2012-2014 Management Plan features four priority focus areas:

1. Reading & Numeracy;
2. Leadership & Teacher Quality;
3. Engagement and Attainment; and
4. Aboriginal Education.

Staff teams will be reviewing the success of the plan over the next few weeks in order to make informed recommendations towards planning for the next triennium plan 2015-2017.

All stakeholder groups will also be encouraged to complete short surveys on specific topics as part of the school's evaluation processes.

When the evaluation process is completed, a document called The Annual School Report is produced and published. It will be available to the school's community in May next year.

Cheers
Chris Clarke - Principal

Primary News

Primary are doing a wonderful job of wearing their hats all through the winter season, but unfortunately over the past couple of weeks a number of hats have become lost. I would ask that all parents double check their children's hat supply to ensure they haven't worn home someone else's hat. If you do have another child's hat could you please return it to school.

Next week is the school's Spelling Bee Finals. To be a good speller is a highly prized skill and I would like to wish Madison, Mia, Claudia, Rachael, Isaiah, Molly, Savannah and Sophie the best of luck for next week.

Molly is also heading to Moorambilla next week to join the girls camp. I am sure she will return to school with lots of musical stories.

Due to the large number of events occurring in the later part of this term the school's Public Speaking competition has been postponed until next term. I encourage all students to keep rehearsing their poems at home until this important event occurs.

REMINDER

Don’t forget to pay your school fees/elective fees.
Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
Kinder/1 News

Mrs Tracy McGlashan

The students in Kinder/Year 1 have been so busy this week. We have been to Healthy Harold and learnt all about staying safe and healthy in our community when we are out and about. This works in well with our PD/H topic for Term 3, Personal Safety.

Thank you to Madison Kembrey who has been extremely helpful and responsible in her role as Class Captain this week.

In Maths we are learning about 10 as a group and being able to add on and off the decade which is very tricky for some little people. We are using ten and twenty frames to assist with our calculations.

We have been studying a book this week, another narrative, and we are looking at ‘Mutt Dog’. The story talks about a homeless dog and how he came to find a family who would love him.

We are practising for the school dance extravaganza and are really excited and enthusiastic about performing again.

Thank you to the parents who supplied paint shirts and who send healthy fruit with their child each day.

Just a reminder that it is a little chilly at school and sometimes gets colder throughout the day. Some children are shivering and forget to bring a jumper, please remind them to put one in their bag just in case.

Year 2 News

Mrs Jenelle Eastburn

A very busy week with lots of work happening in Year 2 as we have started our mini projects for Botswana and information reports.

Mrs Cox also came to enjoy some teaching time with Kinder-Year 2 and was very impressed with some of their work in literacy.

In Maths we have been looking at time and estimating to see how close we can guess to the times given in minutes and seconds.

We had a special birthday celebration in Scripture class to celebrate Mrs Henley’s birthday. Hope you had a lovely day.

Thank you to all the people who remembered to bring their library bags and books this week. It was great to see everyone so interested in African culture as we are studying Botswana.

We are looking forward to Book Week and have been busy colouring-in for the competitions. Remember if you are doing a personal project at home for homework and need any resources or help just let me know.

Year 3/4 News

Miss Christie Baker

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 3/4! Students have finished writing their cinquain poems.

Lilly Frazer wrote:

Lilly
Funny, short
Watching, joking, acting
I feel happy and energetic
Lil

In Maths students have been learning about decimal numbers. They are learning how to convert money, metres and kilograms using decimal numbers and they have been practising adding and subtracting decimal numbers. In Year 3/4 we have also been focusing on our 7 times tables this week.

Students have been enjoying the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program this term with a small group cooking and a small group gardening each week. These groups then swap. In the garden we have been doing lots of weeding and planting potatoes. We have also been feeding the weeds to the chooks and collecting the eggs. In cooking students made Zucchini Fritters and Crepes with a citrus syrup. They were delicious and were enjoyed by the students and staff.
Wow the students and I all had a magnificent time in Canberra last week. We did so much in those three short days. Day 1 the students had a guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport, explored Canberra Museum, then had a quick dinner before heading off to Questacon in the evening. Day 2 the students were up early for their day in Perisher. Many of them experiencing snow for the very first time. Baradine students seem to have great snow ball making skills. They were a good shot at getting both Richie and myself with many a snow ball. Day 3 the students were extremely smartly dressed in their full winter school uniform for our visit to the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House. The students showed great respect as they walked quietly past the names of all the soldiers who lost their life defending our country and showed particular interest in the many exhibits in the War Memorial Museum. At Parliament House the students had a guided tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate. They also participated in a role play where Madison Masman was the Leader of the Opposition, Melissa Owerson was a Member of Parliament and Katrina Gardner was the Opposition Whip.

The students would like to thank Richie for being an excellent tour guide, Tim the bus driver and all the students from Tooraweenah and Gwabegar Public schools who they shared these fun filled three days with.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Well done to students in Years 3-6 who competed in the class rounds of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. It was fantastic to have so many participating so well!

The students in the Junior Division who have made it to the School Final of Spelling Bee are Sophie Rowley, Savannah Carey, Molly Murray and Isaiah White.

The students in the Senior Division who have made it to the School Final of Spelling Bee are Claudia Eastburn, Mia White, Madison Masman and Rachael Evans.

From the School Final two students from each division will be selected to represent the school in the Regional Finals of Premier’s Spelling Bee in Dubbo later this term.

Music News

Orbital Swing Band visits Baradine

On Thursday 7 August, the Orbital Swing Band from Coonabarabran visited Baradine. Three music students from Baradine Central School together with some music students from St Johns rehearsed and performed with the band during this event. The students from BCS who participated were: Thalia Spinks (flute), Dimiti Taylor (clarinet) and Sophie Horder (flute). The students learnt three pieces for the concert and these were Stadium Rock, Fiesta Grande and The Wind Beneath My Wings. The concert started with all of the students joining the band for the three pieces. After that, the band continued to play a set of pieces including My Guy, Toy Story and Can You Feel the Love Tonight. Sophie Horder played one of her Grade V exam pieces as a solo and Nathan Cox from Coonabarabran High played one of his HSC works as a solo. The concert was enjoyed by a lovely audience who came to support the students.

All of the students played very well and thoroughly enjoyed being part of a big band. They did the school proud with not only beautiful playing, but also fantastic behaviour. It was also lovely to see Mrs Robyn Campbell play trumpet a couple of weeks ago and also played at the concert. It was great to see so many staff members involved in the performance!

Thank you to the following people who made this event possible: Mr McCutcheon and his helpers for setting up the chairs; Mrs Horder for setting up the stage; the Baradine Schools Band Committee and Mrs Sue Stonham for organising something for the musicians to eat and drink; the staff members who played in the band and supported the musicians by attending the concert.

Congratulations Sophie Horder

Sophie Horder did very well in her Grade V AMEB Music Exam! This is a great achievement and something which not many students achieve in the middle of an academically busy time in Year 11. Well done Sophie on all your hard work – it paid off and you got a great result!
Secondary Head Teacher News

Mr Tim Lloyd

School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SBAT’s)

An exciting new initiative that has emerged over the past couple of years is the ability to combine school and work in your Senior years through the School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) scheme. This allows students to work part time in a range of industries, complete the associated TAFE course through school and have all of this still count towards the achievement of their HSC. The students are paid for their work and there are significant incentives for employers as well. We have had success already with an automotive and a butchery SBAT and have a student currently trialling for an auto electrician position. There are huge possibilities with these roles and it is another example of what we can provide students with at Baradine Central School.

Year 7 News

Mr Jack Ramage

This week in Science we have continued looking at the moon and sun. This was interesting as this week we were able to view the super moon at night.

In History we have been watching ‘Rabbit Proof Fence’. A few of us have enjoyed it so much that we have even been watching the movie at home as well.

In Geography we have been using our atlases and looking at different towns, cities and countries around the world. We have been playing a lot of fun games with this and have been really enjoying researching these towns, cities and countries.

For Sport we are getting ready for the Ronnie Gibbs Carnival in Bourke in Week 7. We can’t wait for this!

Written by Chontelle Vallette.

Year 8 News

Mr Andrew McCutcheon

In Year 8 this week we have been very very busy with our wood work projects and the tool boxes are starting to take shape. The turning on the handles has proven to be a challenge for all of us with Mr McCutcheon showing us various techniques to save us from having to do masses of sanding!

In PE we have been learning to play river ball, which is sharpening our coordination and team work skills.

In Geography we have been learning about different countries and their capital cities and in Science we have been using celery and food dye to study the take up of moisture into plants.

It’s all systems go at the moment in Year 8!

Written by Fox Jones.

Year 9 News

Mrs Alix Talbott

In English we are continuing to read ‘Hunger Games’ and watching some scenes from the movie, looking at symphonies and characters. While in Maths we are building models of our apartment design. We are still working on our WWII projects, including making models of Pearl Harbour and diaries of a soldier. In Science we’re investigating disease prevention and cause, and growing bacteria cultures.

By Kane Olsen

Year 10 News

Miss Emma Riley

Year 10 have been working on their musical performance this week. They are all playing a different role in the performance and are preparing their costumes.

SRC members Stacey Tanner and Caleb White had a great time at the SRC meeting in Gilgandra last week, coming back with some ideas for our school.

Year 10 are busy selling their chocolates to raise money for their Year 10 Excursion, and they are selling fast. We are also planning to have a car wash at the end of the term as part of their fundraising efforts.

Written by Stacey Tanner.

Year 11/12 News

Mr Miles MacFarlane

Year 11 did a focus study in Mathematics on mobile phones and phone plans. Many have finished theirs and know more about how to make decisions about them. We have been busy working on our dance and all things to do with concert including sorting out our uniforms and paying for them as soon as we possibly can. Things are looking very good and we are getting more excited about putting on a quality performance. Ms Birrell is a very good dance coordinator and we are glad she isvolunteering her time to teach us.
**Embroidered green school caps $13.50**

**Sports T-shirts $20 (4-16) & $24 (S-XXL)**

**Sports shorts $17 (4-16) & $29 (S-XXL)**

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**P&C Tips**

**Mrs Sharon Wilson - President**

**Nit and Lice Prevention**

There are lots of ways to try and stop the prevention of nits and lice in the first place. This easy home-made spray is a nice smelling deterrent for head lice.

- 1 spray bottle
- Water
- 1 tablespoon conditioner
- 10 drops either Tea Tree, Lavender or Eucalyptus Oil

Place the conditioner and essential oils in a spray bottle and fill with tap water. Every morning whilst doing your child’s hair, give a quick spray with the mixture. Makes a great de-tangler as well.

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**School Spelling Bee Final**

**Tuesday 19th August**

**11:30am at school**

All parents and community members welcome

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**18th - 22nd August**

**BCS Library**

**Daily at 1:00-1:30pm and 3:00-3:30pm**

Books can be purchased and donated to school or a classroom. All book sales earn the school free books.

All parents and community members welcome.

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Baradine Central School

P&C Committee

Next meeting date: **Tuesday 9th September**

Meeting time: **7:00pm**

Meeting place: **Meeting room** (at the Front Office)

P&C meetings provide a forum for parents to discuss the school’s operation with the Principal and are conducted **monthly every second Tuesday at 7:00pm**.
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.

New and pre-loved uniforms, as well as school hats are available for sale at the Front Office.

Absence Notes
If your child is absent from school please ensure that a note is sent in or a phone call is made so that this absence is not recorded as ‘unexplained’ in our system. Students who have high levels of absenteeism need to bring Doctor’s Notes in for every absence.

HSC Trials
These will begin in Week 6. We would like to wish our Year 12 students all the very best of luck with their exams.

Legacy Badge Day, 5 September
One unique organisation stands by the dependants of veterans who gave their lives or health in the service of their nation. Legacy cares for the families of defence force personnel killed in war or other hazardous service, in peacekeeping operations or in accidents whilst training for war, and those who have died subsequently or are incapacitated. Caring for this extended family is a big task as we seek to assist them in coping with their lives, both financially and emotionally, whether they are young or old. We help organise housing, education, medical expenses and important special things, like simple companionship. Legacy is funded by public donations, which enable us to perform our legacy of care.

Badges are available on the streets on 5 September, in $2.00, $5.00, $10.00 and larger denominations. We also have pens, wristbands and Army, Navy and Air Force bears.

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