ASPIRE visit

Kindergarten Aspire Graduation

Year 2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6
Dear Parents and Carers,

School Canteen

Baradine Central School is a small school that is very lucky to have its own canteen which operates on a daily basis. The continued survival of our canteen is very much dependent on both the support of P&C and of the clients – your children and the staff. With this in mind, the school’s approach has always been that students are denied access to the town’s food outlets and encouraged to support the school’s canteen.

Recently, there have been occasions where parents have requested permission for their children to purchase food from the café, Freckles and IGA.

The P&C discussed the issue at its meeting on Tuesday and are considering some changes to the canteen’s menu following consultation with the Student Representative Council next week.

A slip has been provided in this newsletter for you to have your say about our canteen.

Surveys

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school would be very appreciative of your feedback on a few specific topics currently being surveyed as part of the annual school’s self-evaluation process.

Three Way Meetings

Students were given invitations on Wednesday to deliver to their parents and carers to attend Three Way meetings on Monday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

All students from Kinder to Year 11 will be developing four targets – one each for our school values: Quality, Respect, Participation and Safety.

Teachers and parents/carers will need to nominate what they can do to support the student to achieve these goals over the next 6 months.

We look forward to meeting with you on Monday.

Cheers
Chris Clarke - Principal

Primary News

As most of you would be aware some time ago New South Wales joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories to develop an Australian curriculum. The Board of Studies NSW has developed K–10 syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K–6) and History.

In NSW Primary schools, the implementation of the new English Syllabus began at the start of this year in your child’s classroom. All other new syllabuses will be phased into Primary schools over the next couple of years.

In English, students learn to read, write, speak, listen and represent language. They learn about English language and literature, how language varies according to context and how to communicate to a range of audiences for different purposes.

They learn to read for information and for pleasure. They learn about poetry, novels, plays and visual texts. They begin to understand language structures, punctuation, spelling and grammar. They learn to think in ways that are imaginative, creative and critical.

If you have any questions about the new English syllabus that has been introduced into your child’s class I encourage you to talk to your child’s class teacher.
Kinder/1 News

Welcome to Week 9. Thank you to my Class Captain this week Emily Brand who has been extremely helpful and organised for me. I would also like to thank the class for having an amazing ability of coming to school every day and putting in a huge effort with their learning every day they are here.

We are having so much fun in the classroom learning about explanations in Literacy and telling the time in Maths. They are a bit tricky and we sometimes get muddled up with the big words we are remembering so we know what they mean.

At the beginning of the week we went to the CWA rooms and looked at our artwork for the Country of Study Botswana. Well done to those students who got highly commended and any place settings. You all did an amazing job and I was so proud of your efforts.

Last term your child took home a poem to recite and learn. Please allow them to read it to you so that they can have confidence in the classroom.

Next Monday, 15th September, we are having Parent, Teacher and Student interviews. It would be lovely to see everyone attend with their child.

Year 2 News

This week was very busy again. I would like to congratulate all of the Year 2 children for their fantastic effort with our concert last week for the matinee and also the night performance. You all had wonderful listening skills and remembered all your dance actions to go with our music. A very big thank you to all the people who helped us especially Mr MacFarlane, Mr Lloyd, Richie, Mrs Johns, Mrs Hensby, Phoebe Hensby, Mrs Miller, Mrs Campbell, Mr McCutcheon and Mrs Dorothy Eastburn. All the children enjoyed their costumes, make-up, music, dance and their experience due to your generous time and help.

We also enjoyed our experience at the CWA rooms to listen to Mrs Cutts speak about Botswana. Our work looked colourful and decorative and special congratulations go to Tristan Nielsen and Riley Siemsen on their awards.

Thank you to Sally Owers for being a reliable, mature and responsible Class Captain this week. You were a great help.

Year 3/4 News

In Literacy we have been reading the Barrumbi Kids (we are nearly finished the book!) and we are beginning to write a book review about it. We are focusing on the characters, the setting, the plot of the book and then giving our opinion of whether others should read it.

In Maths students have been learning about problem solving, reading and interpreting graphs and rounding. Their graphing and data skills have improved since the beginning of the year.

In Science students have been working with Mrs Horder. They have been learning about movement such as gravity, force, push/pull and how things move on different surfaces. We have carried out lots of fun and challenging experiments to learn about these things.
Premier’s Spelling Bee

On Wednesday the 10th September four students travelled to Dubbo West Public School to represent our school in the Regional Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Sophie Rowley and Isaiah White competed in the Junior division and Claudia Eastburn and Madison Masman competed in the Senior division of the competition.

Each division had 40 children from about 20 different schools around our region with only one student selected to represent at State. Although no one from our school was selected for State, they all competed well and did their best with spelling some very tricky words (that I think some parents and teachers would have had trouble spelling!).

Congratulations to these students who showed excellent manners and represented the school with pride.

Three Ways Meetings

Three Ways are to be held on Monday 15th September and we are really looking forward to seeing you! Many thanks to you for making time in your busy lives to come along – it is very much appreciated.

Some benefits are:

Teachers
- Allows for shared responsibility of student learning, assessment and reporting
- Flows naturally from some of the work produced in class
- Strengthens communication channels with parents about student learning and progress

Students
- Enhances self-esteem by allowing them to share their learning opportunities in a positive, supportive environment
- Critically involves students in self-assessment and allows them to take responsibility for their own learning
- Empowers students as they work toward and achieve curriculum outcomes

Parents
- Increases parent understanding of learning and assessment
- Allows parents to participate in the reporting process rather than merely respond to it
- Provides evidence to support the twice yearly written reports
- Gives parents an opportunity to affirm, encourage and support their child through constructive feedback.

PARENT FEEDBACK ON SCHOOL CANTEEN

You are encouraged to use this space to give the P&C feedback on the school canteen which you feel you need to: eg; types of food sold, days of operation, volunteer assistance, etc. Please cut off this slip and return to school before the end of term.

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Signed: ______________________ (parent/guardian)
Year 5/6 News

Miss Lucy Baldock

The 5/6 class are really enjoying the novel they are studying in literacy called "The Indian in the Cupboard". At the moment the class are up to Chapter 9 and are looking forward to the further adventures of Omri and Little Bull the Indian. The students are also writing their own narrative called "The Monkey in the Cupboard".

In Numeracy this week the students have been learning about improper fractions and how to create and analyse a Venn diagram.

In English we have been studying the movie "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and how the different characters interact with each other.

In Geography we have been studying the different natural resources around the world including gold, diamonds and oil.

Public Speaking is just around the corner at the beginning of next term so please remind your son / daughter to keep practicing their poem over the school holidays.

Year 7 News

Mr Jack Ramage

In English we have been studying the movie "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and how the different characters interact with each other.

In History we have begun a unit on Native American history, which we are really looking forward to.

In Agriculture we have been learning about different breeds of beef cattle and where they are best suited to different Australian environments.

In Geography we have been studying the different natural resources around the world including gold, diamonds and oil.

In PDHPE we have almost finished with a netball unit and everyone is improving at a rapid rate.

Written by Chontelle Vallette.

Year 8 News

Mr Andrew McCutcheon

In Year 8 this week we have been really busy getting back into the swing of classwork after the interruptions with concert practice.

With the term winding down we have also been completing our toolboxes in TAS with all the personalisations starting to be added with the wood burners. They look excellent.

In Geography we are still working furiously on our Dreamtime booklets and also starting our Native American topic. Learning about their culture will be really interesting.

Written by Fox Jones.

Year 9 News

Mrs Alix Talbott

We are glad that the performance is over for another year but we did enjoy ourselves. 100% of the year participated in the dance or in assisting back stage. Some of us are already looking forward to next year.

In Science we have started a new topic 'Electricity' in which we have researched important people and discovered the gruesome tale of Topsy the Elephant.

In HSIE we have started a new project, in small groups we are creating a radio broadcast and interviewing characters that lived through and contributed to the allied war effort.

In Woodwork we are finalising projects, trying to get them finished to take home at the end of the term.

In PDM we are hoping to work on the video of the school performance looking at film editing and camera angles.

Written by Stephanie Bowling.

Year 10 News

Miss Emma Riley

Year 10 are getting back into their classwork, after concentrating on the school performance over the last few weeks. Year 10 put in a fantastic effort in this year's school performance with their Wizard of Oz theme and their costumes looked fantastic.

Year 10 are finishing off assessment tasks and units of work for various subjects to finish off the term and are looking forward to the holidays, with only one week left of this term.

Written by Stacey Tanner.
Year 11/12 News

Next Friday 19th September Lahni Patterson will finish her TAFE course in Hairdressing, shortly after celebrating her birthday. It is an exciting time.

All of Year 11/12 are glad that the concert went so well and that it is all over. Congratulations to all the participants in the dance. You all did a great job. Congratulations to Todd Cutts who was recognised by Mrs Clarke for his outstanding performance. You could say that Todd is an award winning dancer now!

The formal is on Friday 12th September at Gecko Red in Coonabarabran. It will be an exciting night and a treat to see everyone in their formalwear and to recognize their 12+ years of work in public schools. Hopefully the weather cooperates and presents us with a beautiful evening to mark the occasion.

The Year 11 students are aware that exams are coming up next week. Everyone should be studying for these important exams and putting their best effort forward as they transition to Year 12.

Written by Lahni Patterson & Jacinta Pickette

Secondary Head Teacher News

Term 3 is coming to a close faster than most of us would have expected and with Week 10 coming up so are Preliminary HSC exams. These exams will take place from Monday to Thursday of Week 10 with Friday set aside for catch up exams. Studying for these exams is critical to achieve your best marks and put you in good stead for starting the HSC in Term 4.

The easiest and most effective method of studying is revising the course notes you have made throughout the last 3 terms, making summaries of these notes is also a very effective way of retaining information for exams.

Good luck Year 11!

Prelim Yearly Examination Timetable

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Baradine Central School
P&C Committee
Next meeting date: Thursday 18th September
Meeting time: 6:30pm
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.

WANTED

If anyone has any suitable old used horse shoes we would appreciate them being donated to school so the Metalwork students can recycle them for welding into hat/bag hooks.
**Baradine Fun Day**

**Mission Australia** are hosting a Fun Sports Day for your Community

**WHEN:** Wednesday 24th September

**WHERE:** Baradine Oval, Cnr Darling St and Queen St Baradine

**For 5 years and under**

PARENTS/CARE GIVERS are invited to bring their LITTLE ONES to a joint Footy/Netty For Fun program:
- All activities conducted by Mission Australia staff and willing parents

**For 6 to 8 years**

- Participants will rotate between Rugby League and Netball stations
- Program Duration: 10:30am – 12:30pm
- A BBQ will be provided by Mission Australia!!!

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**Baradine Shire Youth Development Program**

**Warrumbungle School Holiday Program**

**BARADINE**

**Wednesday 1 October**

**Baradine Hall**

**BRING A HAT, SNACK, SUNSCREEN, CLOSED-TOE SHOES & WATER BOTTLE.**

10:00am – 1:00pm
- Primary School aged kids:
  - Mad Science including an air powered car
  - Mask Making and Performing Arts
  - Frisbee, Dodge Ball, T-Ball & Soccer

2:00pm – 6:00pm
- High Schoolers:
  - Archery
  - Self Defence
  - Frisbee, Dodge Ball, T-Ball & Soccer
  - Open Mic, Karaoke & Talent Show

**FREE activities! Lots of holiday fun!**

All events are supervised and parents are invited to attend.

**ADULT SIGN IN / OUT OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS IS REQUIRED.**

For Registration & Consent Forms or more information contact:

Youth Development Officer, Steve Magee, on (02) 6849 2225, 0428 248 687 or email: youth@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au. Forms also available on the day.

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**SIDING SPRING OBSERVATORY**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**STARFEST**

**3rd-5th October 2014**

**PROGRAM**

- **SCIENCE IN THE PUB** – Friday 3rd October 2014, 7.30pm, Coonabarabran Bowling Club
  - An evening of banter and debate with science broadcaster and journalist, Robin Williams, internationally acclaimed astronomers Dr Amanda Bauer, Dr Charly Levesque, Prof John Brand-Millan and Prof Fred Watson. There’ll be live music and a BBQ on the lawns from 4pm. Doors open at 6.00pm.
- **SIDING SPRING OPEN DAY** – Saturday 4th October, 9.30am-1.00pm
  - For one day of the year Siding Spring Observatory opens its telescopes to the public. It’s your chance to see a closer view at the operations of Australia’s biggest optical telescope site. There’ll be talks by world famous astronomers, talks designed for children, science displays and activities, solar observing, Tipping Western Plains zoo exhibition, markets, food and refreshments. Come along and make it a great family day out.
- **MILROY OBSERVATORY** – Saturday 4th October, 3.30pm at Milroy Observatory
  - Milroy Observatory has refurbished the ANU 40” telescope and is hosting an official opening ceremony. Enjoy a champagne at sunset, a cocktail dinner, stargazing and talks by Prof Brian Schmidt, Prof Fred Watson and David Malin.

**BOX LECTURE** – NASA Astronaut, ANDY THOMAS
- Sunday 5th October 2014, 11.00am, Coonabarabran Bowling Club
  - Australian born, former NASA astronaut, Dr Andy Thomas, will talk about his 177 days in space. Tickets are free but you must register at starfest.org.au. Seats are limited so be early to avoid disappointment.

For details and tickets: www.starfest.org.au or www.facebook.com/StarfestSidingSpring
Paige Pallier - 13th
Joshua Drake - 14th
Lahni Patterson - 14th
Sally Vallette - 19th

YOUR SAY
You are encouraged to use this space to give us any feedback on things which you feel you need to: eg; congratulate a student, teacher or parent; let us know what you think of the newsletter format; make a suggestion or request.

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REMEMBER
Don’t forget to pay your school fees/elective fees.

Please sign your child out of school early for any reason. The process is relatively quick, but most importantly assists us in the event of an emergency when completing a roll call check during our emergency evacuation procedures. Thank you for your assistance with this matter!