2015 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Zaliy Curtis
Wilga Captain

Nigel Lennon
Wilga Vice Captain

Billy Carey
Kurra Captain

Savannah Carey
Kurra Vice Captain

Scott Edwards
Wilga Captain

Stephanie Bowling
Wilga Captain

Sophie Horder
Kurra Captain

Wyatte Andrews
Kurra Captain

Congratulations
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Congratulations to the student body on an impressive start to our new school year. The seniors have presented as mature young adults with a focus on learning and self-direction, while the younger cohorts are responding positively to our key expectations of *Respect, Quality, Participation and Safety*.

The new sporting House Captains were elected and inducted prior to yesterday’s swimming carnival. Congratulations to all of these new leaders on their election and on the great job they each did with their first official duties.

**School Planning Directions**

Over the next three years, Baradine Central School’s vision and planning will incorporate three strategic directions:

- School Values, Culture & Climate (supporting learners to achieve success in a positive learning environment)
- Connecting Classrooms with Community (place-based learning)
- Quality Teaching (delivering curriculum and improving student learning outcomes)

These directions will encompass everything that is essentially Baradine Central School.

The school’s leadership team will be participating in professional learning sessions over coming weeks to finalise the details of the BCS School Plan 2015-2017 and I will be discussing the plan at the next P&C meeting.

**Head Teacher Position**

The merit selection process for filling the Head Teacher vacancy is a lengthy one and I envisage an announcement at the end of this term. In the meantime, a reminder that Mr Edwards is the relieving Head Teacher and the first point of contact for parents and carers of Secondary students seeking information or an interview.

**ANZAC Day March**

I am appealing to all families to please support your children to participate in Baradine’s ANZAC Day March on April 25th. We usually have about 25% of students, but this year due to the Centenary of Gallipoli and the first Anzac Day, we are aiming for 100% of staff and students marching.

This will be a very significant event on the school’s calendar for 2015.

Cheers

Chris Clarke
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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.

This year Primary students are lucky enough to be involved in the Kitchen Garden Program again. In order for students to participate in this program they need to be wearing covered in leather shoes. We welcome back to the school Mrs Sharyn Cox who will be working in the K/1/2 classroom this year to support the achievement of Literacy and Numeracy outcomes.

This year we are planning to form a Primary choir, so if your child likes to sing or would like to participate in the choir more information will be available shortly. Choirs are a fun way to learn to sing and develop an appreciation for music.

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.

Looking forward to a rewarding year with your children.

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

KINDER/1/2

A very big welcome back to all the beautiful children in Year 1 and Year 2. A special welcome to our lovely new Kindergarten children - Lyden Bruce, Lincon McConnaughty, Cooper Ruttley and Domonic Sutherland. We have all had a lovely positive start to the term.

This week Archie Ruttley-Higgins has been our responsible Class Captain and has had lots of important jobs to help me and the class. Thank you Archie for being such a lovely role-model.

We have had Mrs Cox in twice this week to continue our Literacy and Numeracy work with our children and she was very impressed with our work ethic and attitude.

Homework has been given out this week. Please send it back in the folder on Friday’s. Homework reading books can be returned Friday as well or earlier if you finish reading them, together with the reading record sheet.

Please make sure all hats, bags, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. are labelled with names so we can return them promptly if lost or misplaced. Uniform has been very good and most children have had a school green hat which is excellent to start the year.

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3/4

We have made a fun and energetic start to 2015 in the 3/4 classroom. This year there are 13 children in Years 3 and 4 – ten Year 3 students and three Year 4 students. We also have in the class three pet goldfish which the children named Daisy, Ghosty and Oscar.

All students have made a great start to the year and have been listening and working on establishing new roles and routines. This year the students are especially looking forward to cooking and gardening as part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and being able to participate in more sporting events.

This week Aaron Vallette has been our Class Captain. Thank you for all your help this week.

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 5/6

What an amazing start to this new school year! The 5/6 class are already working hard and learning lots of new things! In Science this term we are learning about earthquakes. This great unit of work will give the students a good understanding about the earth’s structure, tectonic plates, how and why earthquakes occur.

In R2L this term we have started a unit on persuasive writing. The students are learning how to use emotive language to convince their audience to agree with their specific point of view.

In Numeracy this term the students have been revising their addition skills, whilst calculating perimeter and looking at 3D shapes from different perspectives.

Please remind your child to wear suitable shoes for cooking on Fridays as we are baking a few delicious treats ready for the Baradine Show over the next few weeks.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher
**YEAR 7**

For their first week in high school, Year 7 are adjusting well to the change in their routine. They are prompt to class and appear to be having many positive results so far. Their favourite thing about high school so far for the boys is SPORT, and for the majority it is the fact that they do not have the same teacher for the whole day.

A big congratulations goes to Max McGlashan and Clinton Lennon on being selected to represent Year 7 on the SRC team this year. Also to all Year 7 for their positive start to high school.  

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

**YEAR 8**

Well what a busy start to 2015 it has been for Year 8! All students are getting back into the classroom and engaging in high quality lessons, which is extremely pleasing to see. On Thursday we saw a large number of Year 8 students participating in our Annual Swimming Carnival. Results will be in next week's newsletter.

It has been a great start to the year for Year 8 and we are hoping to continue this throughout the year. Keep up the good work!

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

**YEAR 9**

It's been a very busy start to the year for Year 9 with all of us trying to get used to our busy time tables filled with elective subjects. From Industrial Technology to PDM, we are getting a taste of what the rest of high school will be like. As the term continues, so will our immersion into our new chosen subject areas. It’s all systems go!

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

**YEAR 10**

Year 10 have been eager to start the year and interested in the subjects they are studying, especially their electives. They have already discovered that the subject content is harder and that they are expected to take on more responsibilities and do more individual investigation and homework. They have started planning fundraising activities for their end of year trip.

Most students now consider themselves seniors and are becoming excellent role models both in the classroom and on the playground. There was some great participation by a group of Year 10 students at the Swimming Carnival. Well done!

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor

**YEAR 11**

Year 11 have returned to school refreshed from their holidays and have made an impressive start to their senior studies. Year 11 have selected a range of subjects, some include Visual Arts, Modern History, Metal and Engineering, Industrial Technology and Agriculture.

Year 11 welcome Brady Hall to their Class and to our School. This week some Year 11 students participated in a Mental Health Awareness Program at Coonabarabran High School.

Developing their awareness about mental health and developed leadership skills. Well Done to Wyatte Andrews who was elected as Kurra House Captain for 2015, where he will assist and support his house members in various events at swimming and athletic carnivals.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

**YEAR 12**

Year 12 have begun a new year at Baradine Central School for the final time in their student careers. They have hit the ground running for the start of the year with their HSC only 3 terms away. I have been impressed with the dedication they have been showing in class and also the amount of study they are doing in their spare times. I am expecting some very good results at the end of the year. They will be sitting a variety of subjects in the HSC such as Mathematics, Advanced English, Food Tech, Modern History, Chemistry, Biology and Legal Studies. It is great to be back and again be the Year Advisor of this fantastic group of students. It’s hard to believe how much and how quickly they have grown up since Year 7. We hope they have a fantastic final year.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor
2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations Wilga

Carnival results in next newsletter
Remember - Baradine Central School is a Sun Safe School

In Term 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.

Upcoming Events

February

Wednesday 18th February - Primary Zone Swimming and Secondary SRC to Gilgandra
Tuesday 24th February - P&C Special meeting
Thursday 5th March - Primary NRL clinic
Saturday 7th March - Baradine Show
Wednesday 11th March - Solid State Circus show for Primary
Monday 16th March - School Photo day
Monday 23rd March - Young Leaders Conference