Baradine
Central
School

Newsletter

Term1 Week 7

Friday 6th March 2015

BARADINE SHOW SUCCESS

Infants Art
1st - Cooper Ruttley (K); Paula Evans (1); Archie Ruttley-Higgins (2)
2nd - Lyden Bruce (K); Emily Murray (2)
Highly Commended - Brendon Evans (2)

Primary Art - Painting
1st - Paige Pallier (3); Claudia Eastburn (6)
2nd - Sally Owers (3)
Highly Commended - Olive Lennon (3); Molly Murray (5); Billy Carey (6)

Primary Art - Drawing
1st - Sally Owers (4); Madison Masman (6)
2nd - Johnathon Shepherd (4); Katrina Gardiner (6)
Highly Commended - Liam Ryan (5); Holly Woodham (6)

Secondary Art
Nariah Cunningham 1st and Levi Jackson 2nd

Produce - Year 3/4 SAKG
1st (6) - Other vegetable not mentioned; Best collection of 6 fresh herbs; 2 zucchinis; beetroot; 2 green cucumbers; best exhibit of farm produce
2nd (3) - rockmelon; round watermelon; other variety vegetable not mentioned
Champion and Most Successful Exhibitor

Cooking - Primary
Best Packet Cake - Billy Carey & Madison Masman 1st
Best Decorated Cup Cakes - Savannah Carey, Claudia Eastburn & Zalia Curtis 2nd

Cooking - Secondary
Plate of 6 Scones - Zoe Gardiner 1st
Best Chocolate Cake Iced - Nariah Cunningham & Chontelle Vallette 1st; Lahni Patterson & Ashlee Olsen 2nd
Best Packet Cake Iced - Tia Shelton & Zoe Gardiner 1st
6 Decorated Patty Cakes - Tia Shelton 2nd
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

**Three Way Meetings**

Twice each year, Baradine Central School invites parents and carers to a short meeting with their child’s teacher or year advisor, to discuss each child’s Personalised Learning Plan and six-monthly goals. We are developing the process to a point whereby the child, the parent/carer and the teacher all contribute to the plan and the goals on the PLP document.

These meetings are an excellent opportunity for the sharing of important information regarding the progress of the child’s learning and wellbeing at school.

I would encourage all families to participate in the meetings scheduled for Tuesday afternoon/evening at both the school and at Gwabegar and look forward to catching up with you there.

Please return the tear off section of the attached letter on Monday so that staff can streamline all interviews to avoid any lengthy waits.

**Show Successes**

Congratulations to the Primary school children and Mrs Miller for winning the Champion Exhibitor in the Produce section of the show with the fruit and vegetables harvested from the school’s kitchen garden. A great effort!

Congratulations to all students and teachers for the work samples that contributed to the outstanding school display – **Baradine Now & Then**. A special thanks to Mrs Hotchkiss and Mrs Masman for assembling the display in the show pavilion. Congratulations to all the budding artists, cooks, photographers and cattle handlers who were all representing our school.

Special commendation to the horse, donkey & calf riders for their courageous efforts!

**School Photos**

A reminder that school photos are being taken on Monday, a little earlier than usual. Students are required to be in their full summer uniform with black shoes for the special 150th year Whole School photo.

**Moorambilla**

Michelle Leonard will be conducting the Annual Moorambilla Auditions next week. Both Primary girls and boys will have the opportunity to be selected for the **Voices** choir and High School students for the **Maxed Out**.

Scholarships are available, so cost should not be a contributing factor in the decision to audition or not.

Where: School Hall

When: Friday March 20th

Years 3-6, 2pm – 3pm,

Years 7-12, 3pm – 4pm

**Winter Trials**

Best of luck to the BCS squad of talented netballers and rugby league players trialling at Coonabarabran on Tuesday. They will be seeking representation in North West High Schools’ sides from the selectors on the day. Also five Primary boys will be attending the next level of the League Winter Trials in Gunnedah on the same day. Good luck!

Cheers

Chris Clarke

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**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**The week the circus came to school** - all the students totally loved the, ‘Solid State Circus’ show on Wednesday. I was unable to attend the show as I was attending professional learning about the Early Action for Success program. One of the main topics for the day was the attention to goal setting with our students. This was of particular interest given that next week we are inviting all parents to attend PLP meetings with their child’s teacher. Three key questions that you as parents should be asking your children are: What are you learning? How are you progressing with the learning? What will you do with this learning?

A reminder that we are still swimming for sport – this means that your child needs to come to school on Tuesday prepared for the pool, including a rash shirt and $3.00.

Have a happy week

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal

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**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**.
Dear Parents and Caregivers of students K-12,

You are invited to attend a meeting at school to discuss a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) for your child. This involves a short meeting (10 minutes) with your child’s teacher or year advisor, your child and yourself. If you have more than three children at school, the meetings will be conducted as one where possible.

During the meeting, the parent, student and teacher, will review the student’s previous PLP and goals. Then all three will jointly set new six month goals with the aim to improve confidence, skills and understandings when learning.

Some ideas for you to start thinking about might be:

*Primary: Reading levels, handwriting, spelling, knowing sounds or sight words, recognising numbers, counting, adding, subtracting, times tables, attendance, neatness, homework.*

*Secondary: Career path planning, reading practice, multiplication tables, analogue time, neatness, homework, attendance etc*

Your child(ren) will be having their meetings on Tuesday March 17th. You will be provided with a time prior to the day.

- 3.30 – 5.30 pm Baradine CS Hall
  - Or
- 6.30 – 7.30 pm Gwabegar PS

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Chris Clarke
Principal

2/3/15

I will /will not be attending the Three Way Meeting with my child/children on March 17th 2015 at Baradine Central School / Gwabegar Primary School.

(please circle one)

List children________________________________________________________

Your name_____________________________ Your signature________________________
This week students in Year 3/4 have continued to work on their writing of persuasive texts. Students are currently writing an exposition about whether books or TV is better. They have improved at thinking of arguments and using words to convince the reader to try to change their opinion.

In Maths, students have been working on their 3 times tables and learning about 2D shapes. They have been practising their drawings of 2D shapes when there are flipped, slid or rotated. Students have been using dotted grid paper and rulers to draw shapes more accurately.

Year 3/4 have been learning about the Sydney Opera House in HSIE as part of our Australia Unit. They were fascinated by how long it took to build this icon and the cost it took to make.

I hope you all took the chance to see the students work at the Baradine Show on the weekend. The students had some fabulous artworks on display and they did a fantastic job of arranging vegetables in the produce section. We were lucky enough to win lots of categories including a Champion! A big thank you to Mrs Miller for all her help with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden entries.

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

The Annual Baradine Show was a marvellous success! All the students in the 5/6 class enjoyed showing their family and friends all their entries in the drawing, painting and baking sections along with their work in the school display. Well done to the whole 5/6 class, your entries all looked absolutely magnificent!

In Numeracy this week the class is focusing on their written multiplication skills. Each student is demonstrating their amazing multiplying skills by successfully completing tricky sums like 356 x 39 =! I am sure we have some accountants, bankers and math geniuses in the making!

In Literacy this week, the students have been writing their own exposition texts taken from sample NAPLAN writing stimuli. The students have been carefully identifying their opinion, considering arguments to support their point of view, planning what to say and then writing some very persuasive pieces. Their latest exposition was to convince the reader whether they thought playing sport was better than playing computer games.

Congratulations to Nigel Lennon for being this week’s Class Captain! Nigel has been a very mature and helpful Class Captain.

Please remind your child to complete their weekly homework activities as it is a great way to improve their independent learning skills in preparation for high school. Also the speaking and listening homework task is due in 2 weeks.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember that students need to wear the correct school uniform every day including leather footwear for practical classes.

YEAR 7

Year Advisor Award  John Ruttley  
PBL Weekly Award  Clinton Lennon  

Time to say hello to John Ruttley, who likes to be known as John Boi. John is a big fan of football who has even considered working towards becoming a professional football player. He also likes the idea of becoming a police officer and working on a property. John enjoys all outdoor activities so it comes as no surprise that his favourite part of high school is all the sport he gets to do.

He is a very active member of the Year 7 cohort, who loves to share stories about his life and his family. John also enjoys a good debate from time to time. He is learning many skills in cooking and it has become another of his favourite aspects. John has a bubbly personality and it's also exciting to see what ideas he will come up with next.

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

YEAR 8

Year Advisor Award  Nariah Cunningham  
PBL Weekly Award  Chontelle Vallette  

Year 8 students having been working hard in all subjects this term. In Geography they have almost finished there unit on Geography skills. This week they have been working on different types of graphs and how to interpret the information from them.

In PDHPE students have been discovering about different lifestyle disease and some of the best ways to minimise risk of developing these diseases.

For Sport many of our students have started training for the Winter Sport teams within the school. Although it doesn't feel like winter is ever going to come, it is important that all students who want to participate in these teams make every training session.

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

YEAR 9

Year Advisor Award  Jacob Fitzgerald  
PBL Weekly Award  Ashlee Olsen  

It’s only getting busier as the term comes closer to an end and things in Year 9 have not slowed down.

Mrs Talbott had all the students worried that she poisoned them when they completed an experiment on natural selection. The M&M’s tasted off, but some of Year 9 could not help themselves and just kept eating.

In Maths students have been planning budgets based on jobs they have had to find on the internet. Cars, phones and living expenses all had to be taken into account before they could work out how much money they were actually going to take home.

In Timber Year 9 have been moving ahead quickly with making their trucks and there are some very good designs coming through with students personalising their machines.

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

YEAR 10

Year Advisor Award  Stephanie Bowling  
PBL Weekly Award  Haylee Dunn  

In Science Year 10 students have started a new topic ‘Waves’ and have started looking at the different ways in which heat moves as waves.

In Maths they are continuing to look at financial maths and creating budgets. Students are continuing reading and interpreting the Shakespearean play Macbeth.

In Geography students have continued investigating Australia’s military links around the world with a focus on the Asia Pacific.

In History they are learning about the ‘White Australia Policy’ and its effect on the Snowy River Mountain scheme.

In PDM Year 10 are finishing their magazine covers.

The Hospitality class did an excellent job decorating cakes for the Baradine Show with some excellent judging results.

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor
In Modern History with Miss Brazier, Year 11 students have been studying the Holocaust and Nazis in Germany, and recently completed an essay on this topic. In English students are completing work around the area of study of ‘Belonging’. They all have been working hard on producing two creative stories.

Students are also preparing for an in class essay and are looking at the film Strictly Ballroom. Also congratulations to Stacey Tanner on her excellent efforts at the Baradine Show. Stacey helped with the preparation and showing of cattle with the McConnaughty family.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

In English this week Year 12 have been working on Transitioning by studying the novel ‘Tom Brennan’, whilst Sophie Horder has been transforming Virginia Wolfe into ‘The Hours’. In Maths students have started their practical measurement assessment task. In this task they take concepts from Maths they have learned and apply it to real life to find heights and areas of objects.

It’s only two weeks now until the half-yearly exams so everyone in Year 12 needs to make sure they are studying hard. Year 12 have also started thinking about plans for their formal at the end of Term 3. This event will be on us before we know it, so fundraising will commence soon.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - PRIMARY & SECONDARY

On Monday the 2nd March Fox Jones competed in the North West Swimming Carnival in Armidale. Fox swam in two events, the 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly. Fox is to be congratulated on his achievements.

On Tuesday 3rd March a group of 7 students travelled to Armidale to represent our Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Students participated in a range of events including freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, medley and relay. Most students were able to achieve their Personal Best times on the day. Some even took seconds off their times!

Well done to Molly Murray, Madison Masman, Holly Woodham, Claudia Eastburn, Jayden Ryan, Liam Ryan and Blake Olsen on your fantastic participation!

PRIMARY ZONE WINTER TRIALS

Last Friday, 6th March, a group of 16 Year 3-6 students travelled to Coonamble for netball and football trials. All of the students who attended participated to the best of their ability and displayed great sportsmanship.

For the football, Liam Ryan, Dusty Lennon, Blake Olsen, Nigel Lennon and Billy Carey were all selected to represent at Regional Trials in Gunnedah on Tuesday 17th March.

In the netball, Claudia Eastburn and Holly Woodham were selected for Regional trials to be held in May. Madison Masman also made the Possibles and Probables for this selection.

All students who attended and participated are congratulated on their efforts.
SOLID STATE CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Baradine Central’s Primary department along with Gwabegar Public School enjoyed a breath taking performance from the Solid State Circus on Thursday 11th March. The three very athletic performers left the students in awe as they performed somersaults, balances, dives, rolls, hula hoop tricks and much much more. The students were amazed when the three performers created a human ladder with all three of them standing on each other’s shoulders. The mixture of slap stick comedy and pure skill left all the students wanting to know more about the art of circus performance.

The students would like to say a big BCS thank you to the Solid State Circus for this amazing opportunity!

Thank You

Baradine Central School would like to thank the Baradine Saw Mill for their generous contribution of timber to our school. The Primary students will love their new seating when it is completed!

Cassidy Griffiths-Woods is doing a wonderful job helping to build the seats.

BIRTHDAYS

March
Robert Lennon.......................... 10th
ASTHMA CLINIC
The local Asthma Clinic is still in operation monthly at the Baradine Surgery with Cheryl Wasley as the Coordinator. If you would like to attend please phone the surgery on 6843 1321 to make an appointment.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Don’t forget - Monday 16th March
Photo packs were sent home last week. You are now able to pay on-line for your photos and the photo pack will not have to be sent back to school, otherwise make sure you have the correct money in the envelope and return the photo pack to school.
Family packs are available from the front office.
Students to wear full summer uniform with the correct footwear (no joggers).

ATTENDANCE MONKEY
Week 6
Primary
Year 2  95%
Secondary
Year 10  100%

PBL
QUALITY
“Allowing others to do their best”
At BCS we try to encourage others to do their best, present quality work and be a positive role model to others.

Upcoming Events
Monday 16th March.........School Photo day
Tuesday 17th March ..........Parent/Teacher/Student interviews
Tuesday 17th March ..........Primary Zone League trials
Tuesday 17th March ..........Secondary Winter trials
Friday 20th March ..........Moorambilla auditions
Monday 23rd March ..........Young Leaders Conference
Thursday 2nd April ..........Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 2nd April ..........LAST DAY OF TERM 1