ANZAC DAY SERVICE
Dear Parents & Caregivers,

ANZAC Week

Baradine Central School commemorated the Centenary of Anzac with several activities to deepen our children’s understanding of the sacrifice and suffering experienced as an outcome of WW1 and of how the Anzac spirit was born and lives on: **100 Years of Anzac Spirit – from emerging nation to enduring legend!**

The annual school Commemoration of Anzac service was held on the front lawn of the school, adjacent to the Anzac Memorial and Lone Pine tree that was planted approximately 10 years ago. The service was attended by a gathering of students and staff from both BCS K-12 and St Johns Primary School, along with war veterans and members of the Baradine RSL Sub-Branch and Ladies Auxiliary and the general public. Special guest was Mrs Pat Paton, a resident of Cooinda Hostel, whose late husband was a returned serviceman from WW2.

The service was led by school captains and included the presentation of the RSL Anzac competition for students K-12 and the laying of wreaths at the Anzac School Memorial plaque.

Guests were then welcomed to the opening of the WW1 exhibition and a morning tea. The exhibition is the culmination of 12 months of planning by school staff and students and features WW1 memorabilia and a replica trench made from sandbags.

Our students participated in the RSL’s Anzac competition creating artwork, posters, poems and reports on a wide range of Anzac topics all of which is on display in the exhibition. Judges, Mrs Kerry Campbell and Mrs Jean Henley, had a challenging task in determining the 2015 winners.

Anzac Day commenced with the Baradine Central Students who reside in Gwabegar, turning out in great numbers to participate and march at the Gwabegar Dawn Service. Then followed the Baradine march with some of our students playing in the marching band and others marching under the school banner from the National Parks building to the Cenotaph near the swimming pool.

School leaders, **Sophie Horder**, **Caleb White**, **Claudia Eastburn** and **Madison Masman** then led the Commemorative Service in Memorial Hall along with Jimmy Bunner, Josh Masman and the Rev John Mann.

Following the formal proceedings in Memorial Hall, the school’s exhibition reopened for the public for the afternoon. The exhibition will be open during May on Fridays between 9am and 3pm and other times by appointment.

**NAPLAN**

A reminder that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the national tests in Literacy and Numeracy on May 12th – 14th.

**P&C**

P&C will meet on Tuesday May 12th at 6pm in the BCS Meeting room. Please contact Sharon Wilson if you would like to add anything to the meeting agenda to be discussed.

The AGM has been set down for Tuesday June 9th.

**Leave**

I will be on leave during May and Mrs Lizzie Horder will be relieving as Principal and Ms Lucy Baldock will relieve as Assistant Principal. School executive can be contacted on the school number 68431805.

Cheers

Chris Clarke

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

**Special thanks** to all students that marched on ANZAC Day last weekend. We had a fantastic turn out of primary students, who conducted themselves with great pride and demonstrated respect on this very important national day.

As always this term is shaping up to be a busy one, ensuring school is exciting. On Tuesday we will be holding the primary cross country. I encourage all parents and other family members to come and cheer students on as they cross the finish line.

NAPLAN is also fast approaching for students in Year Three 3 and Five. Next week students will have a practise test in preparation for the proper assessment tasks the following week.

**Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.**

Lizzie Horder - Assistant Principal
KINDER/1/2

Student of the Week  Emily Murray
PBL Weekly Award  Kalem Hinchliffe

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had a lovely break. Thank you to all the students and families who supported our Anzac Day march on Saturday. We were all very proud and I’m sure the town also appreciated everyone of you. Congratulations to everyone for your fantastic Anzac Day competition posters, which received many positive comments from the community. Well done to the winners of K-2; Lincon McConnaughty, Paula Evans and Jayden Ryan.

We have been very busy this week finishing off our unit on Anzac Day before we start our next HSIE unit on ‘Celebrations’, which will follow on nicely.

In Literacy we have had Mrs Cox visiting and doing lots of reading and writing with K-2.

In Art we made a beautiful depiction of the shared book study we read this week called ‘Leaves’ by Janeen Brian and David. We all enjoyed it very much.

Please remind your children to read their home readers every night and return them to school for renewal. It is most beneficial for your child to read regularly as it helps with all the KLA’s at school.

Also remember K-2’s library day is Wednesday. Please send your child with their library book to return and a library bag is also necessary to enable your child to borrow a book each week.

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 3/4

Student of the Week  Paige Pallier
PBL Weekly Award  Sally Owers

Students in Year 3/4 have made a fantastic start to Term 2. They have been participating in a range of classroom and school activities. I was very proud of the way they took part in the school and community Anzac Day activities. They can be very happy with the effort they put into their Anzac Competition artwork.

Students have been busy doing some NAPLAN practice in literacy this week, specifically focusing on how to answer reading questions and writing responses to NAPLAN style writing questions.

In Maths, students have been working on their addition with trading. They have tried their best and caught onto this concept well.

In HSIE this week, students have been labelling features on NSW maps like western river systems, mountains, cities and regional centres.

In Sport, students have been practicing for the school Cross Country Competition that will be held next Tuesday. We hope to see you on Tuesday afternoon to watch them compete.

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

YEAR 5/6

Student of the Week  Melissa Owers
PBL Weekly Award  Liam Ryan

What a great start to the new Term! In R2L the class have started a unit on narrative writing. The students are focussing on writing short stories with lots of exciting descriptive language to keep the audience captivated in their story.

In Numeracy, the class have been revising their problem solving skills and learning how to use a compass to draw circles with specific sized diameters. The students enjoyed using the compasses so much they used them to create some fabulous geometric artworks.

This Term our class has SAKG on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure they have fully enclosed leather shoes to wear in the kitchen and garden.

This term’s speaking and listening homework was issued this week. Students have until Week 9 to research, write and practise a 2 minute speech on ‘An Australian Hero’. If your child needs help with any aspect of their homework I am available most lunchtimes and during bus duty to offer assistance.

Thank you to Molly Murray and Liam Ryan for being extremely helpful Class Captains for the first two weeks of this term.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher
**Year 7**

We have lost and gained in Year 7 over the past term. But we are a year group that will continue to show the rest of the school what we can do.

We have welcomed new student Joey Wark into a year group this term and he is settling in very well. He has become a stand out student with his engaging personality and positive attitude. In English we have been looking at poetry with a focus on sound words.

In one lesson students were challenged to see how fast they could say some of the tongue twisters that promote these techniques. Students thoroughly enjoyed it and even managed to beat the teacher at some of them.

Looking forward to another positive and active term.

Miss Birrell - Year Advisor

**Year 8**

This term is an extremely busy and exciting term for Year 8, with a number of assessment tasks to be completed, half yearly exams taking place, cross country, athletics carnival and a number of sporting teams participating in carnivals and knockouts this term. With all these activities taking place it is important to remember that if you are away for any reason that you need to catch up on the work you have missed to achieve the best result possible for all subjects.

Mr Ramage - Year Advisor

**Year 9**

It has been an extremely busy start to the term in Year 9, with the first week back at school having a large focus on the Centenary of ANZAC Day.

In TAS we have been continuing with the trailers for our timber trucks, with many different designs being used.

In Science we have been continuing our work on waves, but moving away from sound waves and looking at light waves.

In Geography we have started looking at Australia and its place within the Asia-Pacific region, and in Maths we have been studying probability.

It’s going to be a busy term!

Mr McCutcheon - Year Advisor

**Year 10**

In English we are focussing on the theme ‘Prejudice’, by looking at poetry and studying the novel ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’.

In Science we are continuing to look at waves with a focus on light waves and the properties of light.

In Woodwork we are finishing the trailers for our trucks, and in Agriculture we are looking at the different agricultural zones within Australia.

Mrs Talbott - Year Advisor

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Please return the Information Update forms and Health Care Plans to school as soon as possible.
YEAR II

Year 11 welcomes everyone back from the holidays. Last week student’s celebrated ANZAC day by joining the school service and conducting research tasks to be displayed in their ANZAC display in the Cultural Centre. Caleb White helped in the leading of the ANZAC service and in the Town ANZAC march.

Students are all busy completing assessment tasks for various subject and are all starting to prepare and study for the half yearly exams, which are coming up later this term.

Year 11 are all looking forward to the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme (RYDA) next Friday in Coonabarabran.

Miss Riley - Year Advisor

YEAR 12

This week some of our Year 12 students that are looking at attending University next year travelled to Armidale for the University of New England Open Day. Even though it was an early start it was a thoroughly enjoyable day for our students. They were able to get a tour of the campus, talk to lecturers of courses they are interested in and participate in some hands on tours of faculties such as Science and Medicine.

The University then put on a free lunch with some live music to end the day. It was a very productive day which our students thoroughly enjoyed and has very keen to attend University next year. We will be doing all we can to support them to make sure this happens.

Year 12 Half-Yearly reports will be out at the end of next week and will be sent home to parents.

Mr Edwards - Year Advisor

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 5th May starting at 2:00pm

Please let Miss Christie Baker know if you can assist with time keeping.

Parent help on the day would be much appreciated.

Win a family holiday worth $4,000

Envelopes for the Stewart House Donation Drive have been sent home. Have an adult fill in the details and enclose your $2 donation. Return the envelope to school before Friday 15th May to enter into the holiday draw.

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.
Anzac Band Workshop

On Friday 24th April, Steve Lavis ran a band workshop with the Baradine music students. Steve travelled from Sydney to assist with the ANZAC Day marching band but spent most of Friday tutoring the music students and teaching them new band pieces. Steve brought some colleagues and students from Sydney with him and they assisted the music students and played in the band with them.

The students from St. John’s who participated were: Zac Haywood, Jesse Younghusband, Zali Hyde, Hugo Bunner, Chloe Botfield, Chelsea Woodham, Halle Hinchliffe, Ted Matthews and Josie Campton. The students from Baradine Central School who participated were Claudia Eastburn and Madison Masman. The students all learnt some lovely new music and were very enthusiastic afterwards.

The workshop was held in the Baradine Memorial Hall and everyone was treated to a lovely morning tea and lunch prepared by the wonderful Nea Worrell and her team. After lunch, Steve worked with the students who participated in the marching band and ANZAC day and prepared them for the big march. Claudia, Madison, Ted, Zac, Chloe and Hugo participated in the march and did a fantastic job.

All students should be commended for their fantastic behaviour and playing. It was a pleasure to work with them. A big thank you goes to Steve and his team, Nea Worrell and her team, and Robyn Campbell for organising the cards and lyres for the ANZAC march.

Aimee Rossler - Music Teacher

Principal’s Awards

Stephanie Bowling, Claudia Eastburn, Sophie Horder, Madison Masman, Caleb White
for Anzac Day leadership

Birthdays

April
Daniel Siemsen ...................... 4th
Liam Ryan ............................ 7th
Wyatte Andrews .................... 12th
Liam Blackhall ...................... 13th
Suzannah Carey & Mia White .. 18th
Fox Jones ........................... 19th
Joe Bell ............................. 23rd
Haylee Dunn ......................... 28th

Attendance Monkey

Week 1 Term 2
Primary
Year 1 100%
Secondary
Year 7 93.8%
COONAMBLE DENTAL SURGERY
phone: 6822 0044
Recent school health checks have revealed that a majority of children required dental treatment. Our oral health has an important impact on our general health i.e. heart problems etc. Many parents may not be aware that their children could be entitled to free dental treatment.

Medicare Child Dental
Available at Coonamble Dental Surgery for children whose families are on lower incomes (pension and health care cards), Medicare Child Dental also may include some rural families, whose income has been affected by drought conditions. For children’s oral health check-ups and treatment, please phone Coonamble Dental Surgery with your Medicare Card to assess if your children are eligible for the $1,000.00 Medicare Child Dental.
Coonamble Dental Surgery provides services for children who families are in health funds, claims are made on line in the surgery, parents pay the gap.

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.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Please remember that students need to wear the correct school uniform every day including leather footwear for practical classes.
Baradine Central School Cultural Centre

WW1 Display
to
Commemorate the ANZAC Centenary
Open to the Community

Every Friday
9.15 to 3.00pm

Please feel free to come along and view our fabulous display!

All welcome