SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

2015 winners of the annual Secondary Cross Country were:

Sub Juniors
1st  Joey Wark & Mia White
2nd  Regan Evans & Chontelle Vallette
3rd  Codey Dunn

Juniors
1st  Carl Lennon & Tia Shelton
2nd  Jamie Bruce & Zoe Gardner
3rd  Lauchie Woodham & Samantha Owers

Seniors
1st  Daniel Siemsen & Stephanie Bowling
2nd  Tyrone Biles & Rachel Siemsen
3rd  Robert Lennon & Lizzie King

Congratulations!
Hello to all our Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have all worked very hard this week during NAPLAN. I was very proud of the mature and attentive manner that all students conducted themselves during this testing period. Congratulations to all the students who sat the NAPLAN assessments this week.

On Wednesday a keen group of students attended the Gilgandra Show to exhibit Mr Todd’s sheep. All students had a wonderful day and were complimented on their good showmanship. We won Interbreed Champion and Reserve Champion. Keep an eye out in The Land newspaper as I believe our students were photographed by a photographer from The Land. Next week our livestock team will be attending the Coonamble Show.

If you have been in our playground this week you may have noticed a beautiful new garden table and chairs. Mr McCutcheon, Ethan Andrews, Cassidy Griffiths-Woods and Kane Olsen have been building this bench for our Primary students. It has been very popular this week with our students and is a fine example of outstanding craftsmanship by 3 of our older students. Thanks boys for gifting this project to Primary and congratulations on the excellent skills you have displayed!

On Tuesday night P&C were due to meet however due to insufficient numbers the meeting did not go ahead. The next P&C meeting will be the AGM and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend. Just because you attend an AGM it doesn’t mean you will get a job, simply come along and be supportive to those that do become office bearers.

I have had the pleasure this week of witnessing many examples of beautiful manners from students across the school. It is a pleasure when you speak to students and they respond in conversation, not just one word replies. This demonstrates not only respect but a developing sense of maturity and understanding that positive communication is the key to healthy relationships. Well done to our BCS students.

Remember everything we do, every single day is for your children.

Have a lovely weekend with your children and I look forward to seeing them all on Monday morning.

Lizzie Horder - Relieving Principal

FROM THE RELIEVING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Winter Uniform

At Baradine Central School, we have a smart winter uniform that allows all our students to represent their school proudly whilst keeping nice and warm during the chilly winter months. So, it is now time for all parents and carers to double check that their children have the correct winter school uniform.

Primary girls require:
- black leather school shoes (leather shoes are compulsory for SAKG cooking sessions)
- black stockings
- green school pinafore dress or black trousers
- white long sleeved blouse
- school tie
- green school jumper or school jacket
- green school bucket hat / cap

Primary boys require:
- black leather shoes (leather shoes are compulsory for SAKG cooking sessions)
- grey socks
- grey trousers
- grey long sleeved shirt
- school tie
- green school jumper or school jacket
- green school bucket hat / cap

Second hand school uniforms can be purchased at a very reasonable price from Mrs Hotchkiss in the school office. If your child is unable to wear the correct school uniform on one day, please send a note in to their class teacher.

Lucy Baldock - Relieving Assistant Principal

[from the relieving principal's desk]

Jason Rutley-Higgins for trying hard with his learning, especially Literacy

Jacob Fitzgerald for always using lovely manners when attending the office

Principal's Awards

Paula Evans for always using beautiful manners

Principal
Mrs Chris Clarke

Assistant Principal
Mrs Lizzie Horder

Sports Coordinators
Miss Christie Baker

AECG President
Ms Suellyn Tighe

AECG Representative
Mr Richie Milgate

Head Teacher Secondary
Mr Matt Edwards

Administration Manager
Mrs Wendy Leonard

P&C President
Miss Sharon Wilson

Mr Jack Ramage

Mr Richie Milgate
On Monday we were lucky enough to have Mrs Fisher on K-2 for a whole day. She enjoyed teaching our unit on Celebrations for HSIE and did some great measurement activities in Maths. Kindergarten did some excellent flash card work with our new PM words and Mrs Cox. She was very impressed. Richie has been doing some great shared reading with big books like Mr Bungle Down Under, The Kick-a-lot Shoes and Because of a Sneeze. In PE with Mr Ramage over the last few weeks, we have been doing some great follow up skills with kicking, throwing, bouncing and catching balls. Last week we had a great game of soccer with excellent sportsmanship. Thank you Mr Ramage. We all hope you enjoyed your Mother’s Day on Sunday and appreciated our lovely bookmarks, which were made especially for you to keep. Please encourage your child to complete regular homework each week and return their readers when they have finished reading them at home.

Mrs Eastburn - Classroom Teacher

We have had a very busy week in the Year 3/4 classroom again this week. Year 3 had their NAPLAN assessments on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They all worked very hard and to the best of their ability in these. Well done Year 3. During this time, Year 4 joined with Year 6 and had the lovely Mrs Fisher for a range of literacy activities. In Maths students have been practising a mixture of times tables and drawing arrays for these. They have also been working out the volume of different objects. Students had a great time at sport on Tuesday afternoon playing a mixture of hockey and handball games. Gwabegar joined us for this session and the children enjoyed socialising and playing sport together.

On Wednesday our class ran the Whole School Assembly. Well done to Claudia McConnaughty, Sandy Vallette, Bradley Owers and Jorja Carey for speaking so well in front of everyone. Karla Gardner was our Class Captain this week, thank you for being so helpful.

Miss Baker - Classroom Teacher

Last week the Year 5/6 class held their annual Mother’s Day stall to raise funds for the Sydney excursion later on in Term 3. The whole class helped to sell a wide variety of beautiful gifts to both students and staff ready for Mother’s Day on Sunday. The class did a great job promoting their stall, displaying the items, demonstrating customer service skills and counting out a lot of change. Year 5/6 would like to thank everyone who purchased an item from their Mother’s Day stall. Later in the term the students will be having another exciting fundraising event.

Miss Baldock - Classroom Teacher

Baradine Central School P&C meeting on Tuesday was cancelled due to lack of attendees. The committee would like interested parents and community members to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 9th June at 7:00pm in the school’s Meeting Room. This will be the AGM.
Year 7

Year 7 have been focusing on performing their best for the completion of NAPLAN tests this week. All students took part in the 3 required areas and are showing true dedication to their studies.

In Timber the students are completing handles for their fireplace shovels and learning a lot of new skills. They are thoroughly enjoying this course as they gain new skills in a different environment.

On Wednesday students participated in our annual Cross Country competition with all students putting in their best effort. **Joey Wark** was successful in coming first in his year group as was **Mia White**, **Regan Evans** and **Clinton Lennon** put in a great effort and all of the students had an amazing experience.

**Year Advisor Award (Wk 4) Clinton Lennon**

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Year 8

This week in Science, Year 8 has been designing a travel brochure which all the students have found really enjoyable.

In PDHPE students are coming to the end to their unit on tennis, which all the students have really enjoyed. Who knows we might see a few Baradine Central students in the Australian Open in the future!

In Geography Year 8 students have continued on with their desert assignments and are to the stage of making some models of the animals and plants they researched.

Half Yearly exams are fast approaching so it is important for all students to be getting ready for these exams.

**Year Advisor Award (Wk 4) Chontelle Vallette**

**PBL Weekly Award (Wk 4) Levi Jackson**

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Year 9

It has been another really busy week in Year 9 with the NAPLAN testing keeping the students on their toes and stretching their brains right out.

In TAS students have been completing the final parts of their toy trucks and looking closely at the finer points of wood turning.

In English Year 9 are studying the text "To Kill A Mockingbird" and the racial issues addressed throughout the book.

In Ag students have been learning about the marketing of Australian agricultural products and what these products contribute to the Aussie economy.

Congratulations to **Carl Lennon** for his epic run in Cross Country and to **Jamie Bruce** for his close second.

**Year Advisor Award (Wk 4) Jacob Fitzgerald**

**PBL Weekly Award (Wk 4) Samantha Owens**
In English we are continuing to look at poetry with Miss Riley and have been practising vocabulary, grammar and punctuation with Miss Birrell.

In Maths with Mr Edwards we have been investigating circle terminology and the use of Pythagoras’ Theorem.

In History we have been looking into the US civil rights movement with Miss Brazier. With Mr Ramage in Geography we have been completing our Asian holiday task.

In Science we completed our unit on Waves with a topic test and have started learning about different chemical reactions and their uses with Mrs Talbott.

By Lizzie King and Rachel Siemsen

YEAR 11

Last Friday Year 11 travelled to Coonabarabran to attend the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Training, Year 11 were educated on road safety and awareness of dangers and consequences that may occur whilst driving. We learnt about safe breaking distance, listened to a talk from a road accident victim and watched real life incidence videos.

On Wednesday all Year 11 students competed in the annual school Cross Country event, all doing extremely well considering the freezing weather.

Also on Wednesday Stacey Tanner travelled with the school sheep team to Gilgandra Show to show our Border Leicester sheep. They came away with a number of ribbons.

By Miss Riley - Year Advisor

YEAR 12

Next week some of our Year 12 students will be travelling into Coonabarabran High School for the Youth Leadership day, where they will learn valuable skills on how to be good leaders in the school.

In 3 weeks time students will be travelling to Dubbo for the HSC seminars. These seminars run over two days where students attend tutorials based on the subjects they are doing. In these tutorials they learn study skills for that subject and what to expect in the HSC exams. It will be a very beneficial day for our students that will help maximise their results in the HSC.

Finally the Year 12 “muck-up” photo has arrived in the school. It is currently up on the glass in the office if any of our students wanted to see it or would like to purchase a copy.

By Mr Edwards - Year Advisor
GILGANDRA SHEEP SHOW

On Wednesday the 13th May, 5 students from Baradine Central School travelled to Gilgandra to show sheep at their 100th annual show. The competition was going to be very strong with local high school students also showing sheep in the Border Leicester class.

Our students all looked very professional in their school show team shirts and represented BCS with pride. At the end of the competition we walked away with a number of first and second place ribbons as well as a ribbon for interbreed champion and reserve champion ewe.

Thanks to Dennis Todd for transporting his sheep over and the students for their sheep handling. Well done to Stacey Tanner, Haylee Dunn, Billy Carey, Claudia Eastburn and Madison Masman.

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

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.
GIANT Book Sale
9am to 4pm
Thursday 21 May
and
Friday 22 May
Look for the tables in front of the Baradine Rural Transaction Centre.

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!

A fundraiser for the Baradine Memorial Hall renovation project
DONATIONS OF BOOKS TO SELL NEEDED
NEW PICNIC BENCH

Primary were extremely excited to receive a brand new wooden picnic bench last Friday. This new feature to the primary school section of the playground was handmade by Mr McCutcheon and his hard working project team Ethan Andrews, Cassidy Griffiths-Woods and Kane Olsen. The Primary students were presented with the bench at a special morning assembly. Apparently the new picnic bench is extremely comfortable to sit and eat your lunch at!

PBL

SAFETY - Keep hands and feet to yourself.
This is an important focus for all students for safety and also to allow others to make the most of their learning time.

BIRTHDAYS

May
16th ........................................... Levi Jackson

ATTENDANCE MONKEY

Week 1 Term 3
Primary
Year 1 & 2 100%
Secondary
Year 7 92%

Upcoming Events

21st May Primary Southern Zone Netball Trials
25th May Narrabri Eisteddfod
28th May Secondary Under16’s Touch at Dubbo
29th May Secondary Opens Touch at Dubbo
29th May Primary Zone Cross Country
1st-3rd June Year 11 Half yearly exams
3rd-4th June Life Education Van
4th-5th June HSC Seminar at Dubbo
5th June Athletics Carnival
Monday 8th June Queen’s Birthday holiday