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Principals Report

Mirrool Creek AECG (Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group)

I'm thrilled to share with you that on Wednesday afternoon we got together across the Barellan, Ardlethan and Aria Park communities and a local AECG was established and named, the Mirrool Creek AECG. This is a significant moment for our Aboriginal families to be involved in education across our schools. The next Mirrool Creek AECG meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 23 May at 5:00pm.

At this stage there are no parents from the Barellan community involved in the AECG. It's important to have some local representation in the AECG. Membership is open to all members of the community, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

Communication – Right to disconnect

Whilst we love our work at Barellan Central, I remind you that our staff have the right to disconnect from work. Please follow these simple steps to help our staff establish a healthier work/life balance.

- Direct all communication through the front office.
- Do not contact staff through private channels (their phone or social media) if your questions are related to their roles as employees.

Thank you for understanding and supporting our staff's work life balance by respecting this communication protocol.

School Funding in the News

You may have seen reporting in the news about funding being removed from schools. We do not have confirmed details of what this will mean precisely for us yet, so it is premature to come to any conclusions. I anticipate receiving specific information in week 4 next term.

Minor adjustment to bell times

Next term we will have a minor change to the bell times during the day to give primary students an additional 15 minutes break in the afternoon. The times will consequently be:

Period	Time
1	9:00 – 10:00
2	10:00 – 11:00
Lunch	11:00 – 11:30
4	11:30 – 12:30
5	12:30 – 1:30
Recess	1:30 – 2:00
Recess 2	2:00 – 2:15 (primary only)
5	2:00 – 3:00 (secondary)
	2:15 – 3:00 (primary)

Attendance

Attending school every day is critical for happy children who are learning at their best. While 90% attendance sounds great, it's actually the equivalent to around 1 month off school every year. When students are absent, they miss out on learning, and it makes it harder for them to return. This can create a negative spiral impacting on their mental health as well as their academic achievement.

The best option forward is to ensure your child attends school every day to give them the best chances.

Just a final personal note. I'd like to thank the incredible staff I have the privilege of working with every day; you bring joy to the workplace. You are so committed to our students and you work so hard.

Thank you also to the students for a great start to the year.

We all need a break for now. Rest up and return full of beans for Term 2. Staff return on the 29 April and all students return on Tuesday 30 April.

Have a wonderful break,

Paul Laing
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 12th April

Last Day of Term 1
Cross Country

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Tuesday 30th April

Term 2 Commences

Friday 17th May

Athletics Carnival

Friday 24th May

School Photos – Full Winter School Uniform

In Summary

- **Mirrool Creek AECG** was established on Tuesday evening representing the Barellan, Ardlethan and Aria Park communities.
- Please respect staff's **right to disconnect**. Please only contact staff through the school.
- **School funding** has been in the news. It's too early to know what this will mean for us. We will have more information in the middle of next term.
- **Bell times** are slightly changing with an extended afternoon break for primary students. There is no change to the beginning and end time to the day.
- **Attendance:** To give you child the best chances to learn and be happy, they need to attend every day.



Year 7/8 Excursion





SCHOOL PHOTOS



School photos will be held **Friday 24th May 2024.**

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BARELLAN ANZAC DAY MARCH

25TH APRIL 2024

Barellan Central School students are invited to march and participate in the town ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 25th April 2024. Please be aware this is in the last week of the School holidays but an excellent opportunity for our students to show their commitment to their community. Last year a pleasing turnout of 39 B.C.S students represented our school.

We are privileged to have the talented Leeton Town Band involved in our service again this year and it is very exciting to announce that the ANZAC address will be delivered by Donald Kirk, Anglican Bishop of the Riverina. Additionally we are fortunate to have Belinda Douglas, singing this year during our service.

Students are asked to wear full winter school uniform including black footwear. We will assemble outside the Community Hall at 2.30pm for a 2.50pm march time. Please wear school hats and bring a water bottle if it is a hot day.

A collection for legacy will be taken at the conclusion of the ceremony and students are asked to have a gold coin for this collection. Afternoon tea will be served at the Barellan and District War Memorial Club following the ceremony, and everyone is most welcome to attend. The afternoon tea will be supplied by community members and donations of food will be gratefully received.

- Julie Kenny



Field of Mars Incursion

Last week, Steve Papp from the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre in Sydney visited our school to hold a workshop for our students to consolidate their learning on our Term 1 Science unit: 'Living Things.'

Years 3-6 experienced a full-day workshop called 'Digital Woodlands.' During this incursion students were introduced to the techniques and methods of digital photography, photo editing and visual text construction on an iPad.

They travelled by bus to Mirrool Creek to create a portfolio of photographs using an iPad, that portray the special features of the bushland or natural areas found near our school.

Upon return to school, students constructed a photo story of their most striking photos using the Snap Seed app. They then selected their favourite photo to be printed and framed.



SCAN ME to see some Year 3-6 photos from the day!



K-2 students participated in the 'Little Ants and friends,' workshop where they explored the world of ants and other invertebrates to build knowledge and vocabulary of their features, habitat, behaviours and role. The program was based on the storybook 'Hey, Little Ant' by Phillip and Hannah Hoose, which challenges students to consider an ant's point of view. To find out more, students observe the behaviours of ants and other invertebrates in their natural habitat and use magnifying equipment to identify their unique features.

To develop a deeper understanding of an ant's perspective, students explored their mini world in our playground through a macro lens and played role play games. After learning about the physical features of ants, the students then produced a life-like model ant from plasticine and a variety of the materials. They then photographed their model ant in a natural environment using iPads.





K/1/2 League Tag



K/1/2 had a fantastic time at the League Tag Gala Day in Coolamon on Tuesday. Despite many of them never having played before, it was great to see the teamwork, sportsmanship and them enjoying the game. Barellan fielded 2 teams on the day, with both sides playing 3 games each. Well done to all the students for giving it their best and thankyou to everyone involved for making the day a success.

A special mention goes to Caleb Bischard and Jack Malone for receiving the player of the day award for their teams.



*B: Jake Male, Poppy Irons, Leeam Hunt
F: Lylah Bischard, Charlotte Dicker, Mason Hillman, Jack Malone, Liam Male*



Jack Malone, Caleb Bischard



Caleb Evans, Hunter Glover, Lincoln Franklin, Caleb Bischard, Bianca Murray, Leo Cameron, Adeline Smith



Trent Barrett and Mortimer Shield



On Thursday, our Years 3-6 students travelled to Leeton, where they took part in the esteemed Trent Barrett (Years 3-4) and Mortimer (Years 5-6) Rugby League Shield.

The sun was our ally, shining brightly and setting the stage for a day filled with enthusiasm and spirited competition. Our students displayed unparalleled determination and grit, tackling, and running the ball each time with a never-give-up attitudes.

Well done to all students that participated and represented BCS with pride. A special mention goes to Blake Lemke and Blake Brody for receiving the player of the day award for their teams.



*B: Sam Sheehan, Declan Trembath, Jake Irons, Zayn Lemke, Lara Sanderson, Charli Smith, Dustin Evans
F: Riley Menzies, Amelia Mildren, Jayne Eldridge, Blake Brody, Ryan Booker*



Blake Brody, Blake Lemke



*B: Eddy Malone, Ryder Kenmir, Jamie Eldridge, Eleanor Goring
F: Blake Lemke, Riley Irons, Joe Irons, Otis Whitney-Taylor*

Year 12 School Jumpers



As our Year 12 students navigate through their final year with us, BCS sought to honour this significant milestone in a special way - by organizing their Year 12 School Jumpers.

This initiative is not just about the jumpers; it's about celebrating their journey, achievements, and the unique spirit they bring to our school community.

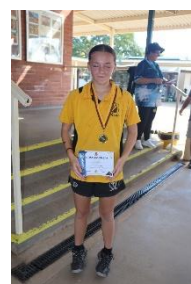
A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, especially to Mrs Sanderson who helped make this possible.



Cross Country Results

Age Group	Age Champion
Infant Boys – 7 and under	Jack Malone
Infant Girls – 7 and under	Lylah Bischard
Primary Boys – Ages 8-10 (2km)	Otis Whitney-Taylor
Primary Girls – Ages 8-10 (2km)	Eleanor Goring
Primary Boys – Ages 11-13 (3km)	Ryan Booker
Primary Girls – Ages 11-13 (3km)	Lara Sanderson
Secondary Boys – Ages 12-13 (3km)	Noah Waters
Secondary Girls – Ages 12-13 (3km)	Zahli Menzies
Secondary Boys – Ages 14-15 (4km)	Dakota Smith
Secondary Girls – Ages 14-17 (4km)	Archie Trudgett

Winning House - Farrar



2024 CALENDAR

**Please note that future dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check our website for the live version of our Calendar.*

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Easter Monday (Public Holiday)				
8	9	10	11	12
	K-2 League Tag @ Coolamon	Yr 7/8 Geography Excursion - Temora	Mortimer and Trent Barrett Shield (Year 3-6) @ Leeton	Last Day of Term 1 Cross Country
15	16	17	18	19
School Holidays	→			
22	23	24	25	26
School Holidays	→			
29	30			
School Holidays	Term 2 Commences			

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
				Athletics Carnival @ Barellan
20	21	22	23	24
Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations				School Photos
27	28	29	30	31
			Zone Cross Country	

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