

BARELLAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

GAZETTE

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School Social Sizzles

The end of year school social was another outstanding event for all of the students who attended last Thursday. The social is a way to mark the transition and celebrate year 6 moving into year 7 and year ten moving into the Riverina Access Partnership. As always the BCS students made the evening come to life and most of them hardly left the dance floor from the moment the music began until the end of the night. A huge thanks to Ms Dwyer and the SRC for organising such a great night.

Year 10 Dinner : A funny, fond farewell for some.

Prior to the social the Year Ten dinner was held at the club. There was a mixed tone as the students were celebrating moving into Year 11, but also farewelling some of their best friends who are moving into the workforce.

Where are they Going?

Congratulations to Gavin Ellem, Albert Gibson and Jeffery Philpot who have all gained full time apprenticeships.

Staffing 2011

Ms Dwyer will be taking leave for the start of term 2011 and we would like to welcome aboard Miss Jess Reese to the BCS team. Miss Reese has been working very regularly at BCS this year and has also been seen supporting our school at a range of events such as the performance.

Library : Almost done

The library is almost complete and the handover for the building is scheduled for this Tuesday at 8:30 am. Once all of the books and resources are set up we will open the library to the public for a walk through. The building contractors, Phil Gerard and his team from Temora, have been great at helping us achieve the vision for what we wanted for the space. They even went as far as completely re-turfing the entire front of the school on completion of their work.

Sports movement Lab and storage facility

You may have noticed the other building at the back of the school go up over the weekend. That will house our PDHPE storage and a movement lab to support PDHPE students.

Casual Clothes Day Tomorrow

To enable all students to look their best at Presentation Night, they are allowed to wear appropriate casual clothes to school tomorrow.

Brad Wilson Proves He's a True Sportsman!

As reported two weeks ago, Brad and his family attended the prestigious Riverina Schools Sports Association Blue Award ceremony on Friday. As well as the Blue award Brad received a \$500 education scholarship. This is only the second time a Blue Award has been given to BCS student, Will Overs being the other recipient. Thanks to Mr Hesketh who attended the ceremony in my absence, and once again a huge congratulations to Brad, we are all very proud of him.



Presentation Night this Tuesday 7:30pm

The BCS presentation night will be at the hall this Tuesday night at 7:30pm. Our School Education Director, Geoff Pellizzer will be attending the evening which recognises the achievements of our students throughout the year. An end of year raffle will be held with a weekend away as the major prize. We hope to see you there.

School Magazine

The 2010 School Magazine will be available to purchase at Presentation Night. This year's magazine once again features a glorious 4 page colour insert. The magazine will be sold for \$20. At this stage there are a limited number of magazines, so we are suggesting one per family only.

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Students Finish on Wednesday- but the staff train on!

The last day for students is this Wednesday however the teachers and administration staff will be at school until Friday in planning and training mode. Teachers will participate in some elements of mandatory training over the two days as well as some important planning sessions in conjunction with other schools in preparation for 2011.

My School

The My School website which caused such a great controversy last year will most likely go live over the school holidays and the media will again most likely pounce on making unfair and unjust comparisons of schools. If by chance BCS is mentioned, please be assured that we are holding an explanations session early in 2011 to explain the website and relationships to NAPLAN and our school plan. It is VERY IMPORTANT to note that we complete extensive data management at our school and NAPLAN/Myschool forms only a small snapshot of the vastly bigger picture of what happens at our school. For more detailed information, join our wonderful P&C in 2011!

To everyone who has supported our great school throughout the year, have a wonderful, safe and happy Christmas. See you in 2011.

Science Week Report

Last week we flew to Newcastle to experience University life and the power of women in Australia.

During our stay we participated in a number of activities including: a solar system lecture; engineering expo; surveying; DNA and occupational therapy. We went on a few short bus trips to various industrial areas where we saw different aspects of work-coal terminal bypasses.

Thursday was the best day in our opinion because we were able to listen to a talk about university life and the differences between Uni and school. After a day of activities, we finished off a top week with a disco, with all the amazing friends we had made.

We were very fortunate to have had this opportunity and we would like to thank Mrs Luppi for encouraging us to go. We encourage younger girls to take this opportunity if it is given to them as it has given us a wider knowledge of all the benefits of further education and many more career ideas.

Alice Kenny & Molly Doolan



HSC Art Exhibition

An exhibition of the HSC Body of Works will be on display at the Griffith Regional Gallery until Sunday, December 19. It is well worth taking a look at these creative art works by Guy Shannon, Heidi Pellegrino and Megan Kenny.

Jeanette Gash

Today the Premier launched an online youth forum to seek ideas from young people across NSW which will inform the finalisation of the NSW Government's Youth Strategy.

The forum focuses on six themes that are important to young people in NSW:

- Learning and Earning
- Environment
- Feeling and Being Safe
- Connecting Family, Friends and Community
- Feeling Good and Staying Healthy
- Lifestyle: Culture Sport and Recreation.

Students, parents, teachers, principals and community members are invited to have their say at <https://youth.discussions.nsw.gov.au>. The online forum is open until Wednesday 22 December 2010.

This is a good opportunity to have your say. I encourage you to forward this to your staff and networks as appropriate and support young people to be involved in the online forum.

More than 200 Year 9 and 10 students have already contributed their ideas at a forum with the Premier and Minister for Youth held today. I congratulate the students and teachers from Smiths Hill, Plumpton, Canowindra, Forbes, South Grafton, Tempe, Kogarah, Penrith Hills and Jannali and Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumby Umbi Campus who participated in this event.

It was a chance to showcase our world class Connected Classroom technology which enabled students from across the state to talk directly to the Premier from their classrooms.

With my best regards,
Michael Coutts-Trotter

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

Calendar

Tues	14	Presentation Night ~ 7.30pm
Wed	15	Last Day Students Term 4
Thur	16	Staff Development Day
Fri	17	Staff Development Day Last Day Staff Term 4

January 2011

Friday	28	Staff return 2011
Monday	31	Students return 2011

Canteen News

*Please note the canteen will be **CLOSED** the first week of Term 1, 2011.*

The canteen is at risk of not being able to operate for three days a week next year due to the falling number of volunteers. If you are able to assist in the canteen at all next year, please contact Sue Brown as soon as possible this year or early Term 1 next year.

Thankyou to everyone who helped in the canteen this year, your help is as always greatly appreciated.

Sue Brown

It all Logical (AnimalLogic)

During late September I was selected to participate in work experience with the Sydney based company, AnimalLogic, creator of such movies such as *Happy Feet*, *300*, *Knowing*, *Australia* and various other films which I don't have time to mention. So last Sunday I packed my bags, donned my hat and set off for the big smoke. A bare hour later and I had gone from being in small town Griffith to big bustling Sydney, curtsy of Rex Airlines. The rest of the day was spent relaxing and swimming at the beach.

On Monday I found myself at Fox Studios, next to the SCG, wondering vaguely when the Ashes were going to be played. After finding myself hopelessly lost (Fox Studios is HUGE!) I asked for directions from a kind man who looked suspiciously like Geoffrey Rush in a building labelled with "Auditions". I set about on my way, I traversed to Building 54, home of AnimalLogic, to be admitted and taken to a small room containing 3 rather quiet individuals. Before too long we were chatting away, and before I knew it the room was full with a group of 12 students and we were ready to begin! We were taken on a tour of both AnimalLogic and the Fox Studios lot, which included a tour a Sound Stage 7, a massive sound proofed hall used during various films such as *The Matrix* and *Australia*. After that we went to one of 3 movie theatres that AnimalLogic have in their office, where we were shown various show reels and shot breakdowns. We also had a tour of the Australian Film, Television and Radio School next door, which was also quite exciting.

During the week we were subjected to various talks from people from different aspects of the company, from Concept Artists to Visual Effects Technical Directors (I still don't know what this last person does). We were led to a dark room and before too long, being told of the various movies and commercials that AnimalLogic had created and breakdowns on how they made various shots. We were also treated to amazing meals from AnimalLogic's Chef (yes that's right, they have a full time chef) which consisted of Lasagne, chips and the fanciest "Bangers and Mash" I have ever seen!

So one exhausting week and one company Christmas party later, I finished up, said goodbye to my newfound mates and walked out with a bigger idea of the industry, and a free tee shirt...

In a nice wind down to the end of the week, we went to a music concert of the English rock band Muse, which to quote, was

"flippen' Sweeeett!"

Thomas Wilmot



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Australia Day 2011

January 26.

Barellan Pool

(Time to be advised)

*Sausage Sizzle, Tea Bag Toss,
Damper*

*Competition, Senior & Junior Poetry
Competition.*

Come and celebrate what it

Tennis Lessons with Louise

This Wednesday December 15 will be the last week.

Juniors 3.00-4.00pm

Seniors 4.00-5.00pm

Swim Club Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 15th

5.30pm start.

Please bring a plate to share.

All welcome.

Wanted ~ Pool Fence, will dismantle if need be.
Phone 69782357

Looking for a Christmas present at a reasonable price ??

We have in stock: toys; books; videos;
play station games; platters; salad
bowls; mugs even the Christmas Tree!
We've got the lot.

**Call in at the Treasure Chest this
Thursday or Friday and grab
yourself a bargain.**

The volunteers at the Treasure Chest
would like to take this opportunity to
wish you all a very merry and safe
Christmas and New Year.

BCS Students Rock!!



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