



THE GAZETTE

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PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Innovation, Excellence, Opportunity, Success

These are the new banner statements the *communications* team has identified as reflecting the ethos of Barellan Central School. Some great local media attention has been occurring thanks to the efforts of Mrs Tubb, see the back of the Gazette for your copy. Thanks to Mrs Tubb, Ms Stahl and Mr Whytcross for their excellent work in this team.

2012 Staffing

Our recent merit selection opportunity was highly competitive and had an excellent response from throughout NSW. We are pleased to announce these two successful applicants will be joining us in 2012;

K/1: Jeremy Campbell from Ganmain Public School.

4/5/6: Andrew Hinde from Cootamundra Public School.

Both teachers bring a wide range of skills, experience and expertise which will contribute to our school. Both of these teachers will be visiting our school this Thursday.

Excellent School Certificate Results

The School Certificate results were released today and show some wonderful results for our students.

Sharing Innovation and Excellence

BCS Continues to support quality teaching in the Riverina by hosting meetings with teachers from other schools. This week we had guests from Hanwood Public School and Yenda Public School visit to look at the Accelerated Reading Project which has been highly successful this year.

Learning Together

Last Wednesday teachers and year ten students combined for a day to complete our First Aid Course. It was a great opportunity to learn together and share our understanding of Senior First Aid. Many thanks to Miss Rees for organising the training for our teachers and students.

Swan Song

Thanks to Mrs West and Mrs Whytcross for organising the dinner to farewell Mr Swan last Friday. A special thanks to Mim Rowsten for driving the bus.

Finance Fun!

Thanks to **Mrs Clark** for the AMAZING work she does with our complex school financial management. The annual rollover was completed last week and was brilliantly done as always.

CALENDAR

December

Tuesday	6	Last Mobile Library for 2011
Thursday	8	School Social Year 3-11
Thursday	8	Year 10 Dinner
Friday	9	Infants Christmas Tree 2pm
Tuesday	13	Presentation Night
Friday	16	Last Day Term 3

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Thankyou to all the students and staff involved in the Year 6 into Year 7 transition program. The program ran with great success and the Thursday information session was concluded with a very enjoyable afternoon tea. Thankyou to all the parents who attend the afternoon session.



Year 7- 2012:

Kenna Braddick, Emma Braddick,
Andrew Woodham, & Meghan Brumby.
Absent Mia Doolan

PRIMARY REPORT

HOLIDAY READING IS RAD!

This year the primary staff have invested a lot of time and effort in implementing both Accelerated Literacy and Accelerated Reader into the daily program for all K-6 students.

This time and effort is beginning to show some fantastic results, especially with students displaying an enjoyment of books and reading. With this in mind, we have also invested in another reading initiative applicable to only Low SES schools. "Holiday Reading is Rad!" has been proven to be a highly successful strategy for maintaining reading skills of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in low SES school communities over the long holiday break.

Research evidence indicates that nearly all children experience summer reading loss if they don't read over the vacation. However, reading loss is worse for children from low income families (Keeler, D, 2007). Summer reading is a key element in closing the achievement gap between low income and more advantaged students (Allington and McGill-Frazen, 2003).

The program has the support of the Federation of Parents and Citizens' Association of New South Wales.

Each student in years K-5 will receive a reading kit which included:

- a reading bag
- an A4 Poster
- children's magazines
- a reading diary, including writing tasks and competitions
- incentive stickers
- a parents' pamphlet with strategies for assisting their child
- a bookmark
- a pencil
- Premier's Reading Challenge book list complimentary weekend subscription to the *Saturday Sydney Morning Herald* and *Sun-Herald*. Attached to the Gazette is a pamphlet with more information about the program.

END OF YEAR

The end of the year is getting ever closer and this is when students and staff begin their celebrations and end of year activities. Staff will inform parents of days of various activities related to their particular class, so please keep an eye out for notes. Students will need to begin bringing in bags to gather work completed through the year/semester/term to take home with them.

QR CODES



You may have started to notice several of these funny looking codes appearing in magazines, newspaper and advertising brochures.

These 2 dimensional barcodes are called QR Codes. As we are becoming increasingly reliant on our mobile devices, and typing out URLs or other data on their tiny keyboards is still not very efficient. These squares of elaborately arranged boxes are a shortcut around that problem.

Simply download a free QR reader app for your smart phone. (QR Scanner, QR Reader, QR Coder, Semacode are just a few free app for iphones) Scan the QR Barcodes with your smart phone, and presto! Your smart phone will automatically open up websites, videos and other multimedia files. Scanning the QR codes in the BCS school gazette will take you to the school website for more photos, news stories and videos!

Infants Christmas Tree

This Friday
9th December at 2pm

Santa loves to give books
and Santa's Helpers need all gifts to be wrapped
and delivered to school by Thursday.
Thankyou

Year 10 Dinner

Could all RSVP's and payments (\$25 per head) to the Year 10 Dinner be to the front office by Wednesday 7th December please.
Thanks

Library Books and Readers

Now is the time to go hunting for all those readers and library books that might be hiding at home so they can be returned ready for use next year.

If you are unsure if you have an outstanding library books please pop in and see Mrs Gordon in the library to find out.

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 5/12

Helen Foy

THURS 8/12

Rebecca Rainbird

FRI 9/12

Colleen McDonald

MON 12/11

Rhonda Duncan

THURS 15/12

Tina Haeusler

FRI 16/12

CLOSED

University of Newcastle

The University of Newcastle offers two programs for students in Year 9 interested in Maths and Science. They are The Girls Choices Summer School and the **LIVE IT!** Program for boys.

We have 4 students attending these exciting programs - selected from hundreds of applicants from throughout NSW - Sally Brown, Jessica Flagg, Kurt Bandy and Mitchell Marlin. Congratulations to these students and good luck in your time away. Read on to find out what they'll be doing in Week 9 (girls) and Week 10 (boys).

(Year 8 students take special note!)

The Girls' Choices Summer School is for female students in Year 9 (from equity target groups) commencing Year 10 in 2012. Held on the Newcastle campus of The University of Newcastle (located at Callaghan), the Girls' Choices Summer School is designed to help build upon their potential to study maths and science subjects in years 11 and 12. The Girls Choices Summer School targets female students in NSW from Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) defined Student Equity Target Groups.

You will:

- Learn more about maths and science through practical and fun activities, and increase your skills in the process
- Find out about what careers maths and science subjects can give you and how to get there
- Have increased confidence in your abilities
- Have the chance to make up to 120 new friends
- Spend five days in Newcastle, living on campus like a real Uni student

What can you expect?

Students will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. They will stay on campus (fully supervised) in secure university accommodation. Students will follow a timetable and complete activities related to science and maths subjects or careers in lecture theatres, laboratories and classrooms on campus. They will also undertake field trips to local organisations to see their possible future careers in action. For the complete university experience there is the fun stuff too; a visit to the Forum Sports and Aquatic Centre and a disco.

Held at The University of Newcastle, **LIVE IT!** is a four day residential university experience for male students in Year 9 (from equity target groups) commencing Year 10 in 2011. **LIVE IT!** is designed to help students build upon their potential to succeed in years 10, 11 and 12.

LIVE IT! targets male students across NSW from Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) defined Student Equity Target Groups.

LIVE IT! aims to:

- Boost a student's confidence, skills and their ability to achieve at school
- To identify the wide range of appealing study and career options that exist for HSC graduates
- Reinforce the importance of further education.

Students will

- Learn more about various subjects through practical and fun activities, and increase their skills in the process
- Find out about what careers a university degree can give them and how to get there
- Have increased confidence in their abilities.
- Have the chance to make up to 120 new mates

What can students expect?

Students will experience life on campus - just like a real uni student. They will stay in fully supervised, secure accommodation. Students will follow a timetable and complete activities related to various subjects or careers in lecture theatres, laboratories and classrooms on campus. They will also undertake field trips to local organisations to see their possible future careers in action.

SWIMMING CLUB

Time trials will be held on **Wednesday 7th December** this week due to the School Social being held on Thursday.

Thursday 15th December will be the last time trials for the year and will be followed with a Christmas Break Up Party afterwards. Please bring a salad to share.

School Christmas Church Service

The school Christmas church service which was to have been on 14th December has been cancelled due to a clash of dates. Sorry for and inconvenience.



P & C *Christmas Raffle*



Prizes Include:

Mandi's Kitchen
500gm Round Christmas Pudding
2 Bottles Wine
\$20 Voucher kindly donated by
Barellan Hair and Design,
A box of Christmas Crackers
Chocolates
Hamper donated by Riverina Grove
and more...

Tickets \$1

They can be only purchased on Presentation Night at the door or by filling in the slip below and returning it to the school in a labelled envelop by **Monday 12th December 2011.**

It will be drawn at the conclusion of Presentation Night.

Merry

Christmas

to everyone from
Barellan Central School P&C
And thankyou for your support during 2011.

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2011

I _____
 (Name Printed)
 would like to purchase
 _____(number of tickets) @ \$1 each
 in the P & C Christmas Raffle.
 Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Names to be put on the tickets:

Thank you

TO GIVE AWAY

The Home Science room has a good selection of aluminium pots and pans in many different sizes to give away. These would be useful in the kitchen or make great camping saucepans and frying pans.

Please contact Jenny McDonnell at the school for more information.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The last Mobile Library visit for the year is tomorrow Tuesday 6th December

Swim School

Could all parents ensure all students clothing is clearly marked with their names during swim school.

Each student must also bring a towel and change of underwear if wearing their swimmers to school in the morning

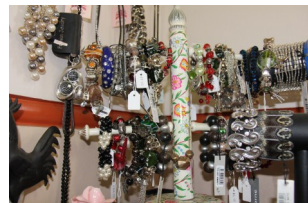


Barellan Post Office

Come in and browse the many beautiful, practical and clever gift ideas Trish has instore.
Great Christmas and birthday ideas for everyone.

Gift Cards
Books
Jewellery
Ornaments
Gift Wrap & Gift Bags

If Santa Helpers purchase books from the post office they will be gift wrapped free and delivered to school or preschool.



BARELLAN COMMUNITY NEWS

**A Seafood Night will be held on
Saturday 11th February 2012
Commencing at 7.30pm
At the
Barellan Memorial Club**



Cost \$45.00 per person
Money and bookings to be made by
27th January 2012 to Colleen O'Grady

All proceeds to the Barellan Aged Care Support Group

Friday Night Junior Tennis

This Friday will be the last week of junior tennis for this year. We will be having a

Xmas Breakup Party BBQ.

All parents and families are welcome to come along and have some fun.

Bring your rackets if you want.

Could you please bring a salad to share or nibbles.

Normal commencing times starting 5pm.

Any queries contact Jeanette Brumby 6968 3258.

St Therese Catholic Church

Street Stall

Friday 16th December

Donations Greatly Received



Carols by Candle Light

Sunday 18th December

7pm for 7.30pm Start

At the School grounds

Please bring chairs and Aeroguard

BARELLAN MUSEUM

The museum had a very good number of visitors for the School Centenary and the Clydesdales and Heavy Horse weekend. The visitors were very impressed with the museum. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our street stall a success.

Raffle Winner - Heather Geddes

Raffle drawn by Cathy Hall.

Amount raised \$407.04

Next Meeting 1st Tuesday in February 2012

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe travelling.
Thanks for support over the last ten years.



Distance delivery means that you can study from home and not have to attend classes

The Riverina Institute, Business Faculty is offering the following courses by **DISTANCE** delivery in 2012 through its Leeton Campus.

Certificate III in Business (17803)

Certificate III in Business Administration (17807)

Develop knowledge and skills to pursue employment and/or further training in a range of business areas. These courses cover skills using current business technology, writing and communication.

Certificate III in Business Administration (Legal) (17812)

Develop knowledge and skills to be able to work as a legal receptionist or an administrator in a legal environment. It is also suitable if you who want to work in non-legal offices such as accounting firms and banks.

Certificate III in School Support Services (18964)

Develop knowledge and skills in a range of functions such as finance administration, disability support. It is not targeted at teacher aide occupations.

Statement of Attainment in Processing and Maintaining

Financial Records (17820) (MYOB)

Develop skills and knowledge to enable you to process and maintain financial records in an office environment.

**For further information please contact the Campus on
02 6953 9600 or email**

ricourseinforleeton@tafensw.edu.au.

**Enrolments will be open from 5 December 2011
and are available through www.tafensw.edu.au.**

Barellan Bowls

Thanks to all the support over the last year. To all the men bowlers a big special thanks for the fantastic job that you do on the upkeep of the green, it is a credit to you. We are proud of you all and the amount of time and effort that you put in.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR
AND SAFE TRAVELLING**



The Barellan Central School - SRC
Invites students in Yrs 3-11 to the
END OF YEAR SOCIAL

Thursday 8th Dec

7.30-10.00pm

at the Community Hall

Cost \$5-00 per student

(includes first drink and glowstick)



Drinks, chips & glowstix will be on sale
Permission notes to be returned to School Office
by Wednesday 7th Dec.

END OF YEAR SOCIAL
Thursday 9th Dec - Permission Note

Student Name _____

Year _____

- I give permission for my child/ren to attend the social.
- I understand it runs from 7.30-10pm Thursday 8th Dec at the Community Hall.
- I understand supervision is provided by BCS teachers.
- I understand that normal school rules apply.
- I understand that my child/ren must be collected by me (or the school must be informed if other adult is to collect) at the end of the social.

Payment of \$5-00 per child is enclosed Total \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____