WEEK
9B Term 3
Monday 11.09.17

The Gazette

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3-6 Major Excursion

Let me begin by mentioning that the odours creeping from some of the cabins is something that has been engrained in my memory. I was not prepared for what I was about to experience. I have woken my son every day for a few years now, but this takes waking someone up to a whole new level. Thankfully, this required task was only a small component of what was a week full of fantastic experiences. Each day was jam packed full of fun and excitement. It all began on Tuesday morning right after the mandatory shower. I recall a group of boys desperately trying to locate a permanent marker. They had spotted a few Manly Sea Eagles players and were very keen to get their autographs. Throughout the week, watching these players train on the paddock behind our cabins became a regular occurrence. So much so, by Thursday evening, this group of boys were running around collecting and kicking footy's with this group of players.

While at camp each of the exciting activities we engaged in focused on teamwork and collaboration. This was very evident at our first activity on what was a glorious day. In pairs, students had to navigate the water-ways and endeavour to not get saturated while they went kayaking. Some were more successful in their ability to stay dry, but this was an enjoyable activity to start our school camp.

The focus on teamwork didn't waver that afternoon as students attacked the high ropes. All were confident from the comfort of the ground, but when 3 metres off the ground, very quickly required the support and encouragement from those below. Allie screamed and squawked from the moment she took her first step on the course to the moment she reached the end. Poor Jonathan tried to yell encouragement but it didn't matter what he said or how loud he said it, Allie was unable to hear any encouragement.

Not to be beaten by the course, Allie, along with a large group of kids, overcame their fears and successfully completed this task.

On Wednesday, we caught a ferry to Taronga Zoo and onto Manly beach for dinner. Kim and I were a lot like sheep dogs rounding up our flock of sheep. In amongst the numerous check points, observing a tower of giraffe eating, watching seals dance and seeing the beauty of a samaritan tiger up close, all had an absolutely enjoyable day. It was quite funny at the conclusion of the day watching 32 students competing with what appeared to be over 100 sea gulls as they ate their fish and chips on the beach. Our final day on camp before the bus ride home, was spent abseiling down a cliff face before a quick shot at archery. Again, students overcame fears and it was great for all to begin timid and apprehensive, but by the end had belief that they could run down the cliff face first if given the option. At archery, I put $20 on the line to whoever was able to get a bullseye. After the first round, the money seemed very safe, however, the screams of Ella made it very clear I had lost the $20. Ella soon had to share the loot with Dom and Jonathan who also achieved the goal of getting a bullseye. After loading the bus early Friday morning there were 32 tired students and 2 exhausted teachers after what was a fantastic week. I would like to take the opportunity to thank each of the 32 students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the week. A huge thanks to Kim for her commitment to each of the students and for giving up time with her family by coming along. Finally, a massive thanks to our P&C for their wonderful contribution in covering the cost of the bus. This made the cost for each significantly cheaper, and for this I say thank you.

Jeremy Campbell

Assistant Principal & 5/6 Classroom Teacher

Excursion Happy Snaps!!

Calendar Term 3 2017

September

Mon	11	State Choir Sydney
Tues	12	Book Week - Parade 9.00am
Thurs	14	PRELIM Exams commence
Tues	19	Mobile Library Visits
Wed	20	Variety Night
Fri	22	Last day Term 3
		Year 12 Assembly - Noon

October

Mon	09	Staff and Students return for Term 4

Tomorrow!!

Primary students are welcome to dress up in their favourite book theme.

All students who dress up will go in a draw for mystery prizes.

We will hold our Book Week Parade immediately after the morning assembly.

P&C Supporting Our School

The canteen is open on Thursdays and Fridays

Canteen Roster

Thursday 14th September	**Friday 15th September**
Volunteer Needed	Julie Kenny
Thursday 21st September	**Friday 22nd September**
Tracey Gordon	Karen Smith
Thursday 28th September	**Friday 29th September**

Canteen Volunteer Needed.

Looking for someone to do canteen on Thursday 14th September 2017.
Please contact Tracey or Tina if you are able to help out. Thanks

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

To help celebrate Book Week, the Children's Book Council of Australia Children's Book Week 2017, the Mint, in partnership with Woolworths Supermarkets is releasing three coloured $2 coins that depict iconic moments from Possum Magic, the beloved Australian literary classic by Mem Fox. The coins will be released through Woolworths supermarkets each Tuesday for a three week period from 15 August and may be found in your change when you do your shopping or even later as they enter general circulation. The coins can be stored in the collect and keep folder that Ms O'Keeffe will have for students K-4. What a great way to start a coin collection. For more information visit www.ramint.gov.au

Ms Stahl with our super

2017 Graduates

Kenna, Braddick, Meghan Brumby and Emma Braddick

SECONDARY MATTERS ~ UPDATED THIS WEEK

Here is an overview of what students are currently learning in each of their subject areas in Years 7-10. Students and parents are reminded that subject specific homework/home preparation is essential for the revision of topics and completion of assessment tasks and assignments. Home preparation might take the form of:

- Reading the notes from each lesson of the day;
- Answering some further questions about the topic studied; i.e. Maths Online, subject specific workbooks.
- Reading information on the topic being studied in class; and
- Ensuring that all work sheets are completed and put in workbooks

SUBJECT	TOPIC BEING STUDIED 7/8	TOPIC BEING STUDIED 9/10
ENGLISH	'The Happiest Refugee'- Working on narrative and extended response. Ms O'Keeffe	Identity ~ Working on biographies Ms Stahl
MATHEMATICS	Algebra	Algebra
SCIENCE Mr Clough	Assessment task on magnets and electromagnets	Working on Individual Research Project Assessment Task
HSIE -History/Geography Mrs Wozniak	An Assessment Task on Landscapes & Landforms due in Week 9	
PDHPE	Class Research Project due in Week 10 Term 3.	Class Research Project due in Week 10 Term 3.
TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY **Mr Whytcross** Mrs McDonnell	Mr Whytcross' class is working on a canvas frame and print	
MUSIC Mrs McDermott		
VISUAL ART Ms Gash	Leonardo Da Vinci 'Crazy invention' drawings. Variety Night drawings & decoration	
LOTE (Italian) Ms Stahl	Articles, nouns and adjectives	

ELECTIVES	9/10 ELECTIVES
AGRICULTURE Mr Clough	Egg production systems
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	Timber box design project and folio
VISUAL DESIGN Ms Gash	
FOOD TECHNOLOGY Mrs McDonnell	Food Trends ~ Assessment coming

YEARS 8-12 SECONDARY LAPTOPS

A reminder that payments for the Secondary Laptop is due for Term 3. The cost is $40 per term.

If you are unsure of your payments please ring the office on 69 639 202.

Make Online Payments to BCS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Mobile SCHOOL DENTIST

Address Unit 112/14 Loyalty Rd. North Rocks NSW 2151
Phone (Melbourne Head Office) (03) 9323 9607
Email nsw@mobileschooldentist.com.au
Web www.mobileschooldentist.com.au

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mobile School Dentist is pleased to inform you that we will be providing dental treatment for students at Barellan Central School. **We will be conducting the Dental Visits on 19/10/2017.** We make your child's dental visits more convenient for you, by seeing them during school hours. This will prevent them being absent from school for their dental visits and allowing them to make the most out of their school day. We will be conducting the Dental Visits in two separate Phases.

Phase 1: Detect, Arrest and Prevent!
During this phase, we will conduct Preventative Dental Visits. This may include an Examination, Clean, Preventative Bitewing X-rays, Remineralisation Agent Application and Preventative Fissure Sealants on teeth. Fissure Sealants are a coating placed on teeth without any drilling, to protect against decay. Any reports or Treatment Plans will be sent via email to you outlining any further treatment your child may need.

Phase 2: Rehabilitate and Protect!
The Phase 2 visit is usually held 3 – 8 weeks after the first visit. During this visit we will complete any relevant treatment your child may need such as fillings. We highly recommend parents to attend these appointments during our Phase 2 visit. Parents will be informed of the times of their child's appointments beforehand.

This treatment may be covered by the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) for eligible children. To find out if you child is eligible under the CDBS please give Medicare a call on 132 011.

Mobile School Dentist will also check eligibility of students and inform parents who are unsure of their child's eligibility. For children who may not be eligible for the Medicare CDBS, ***Mobile School Dentist*** is able to see students as private patients. You will be billed at a rate LOWER than that of Medicare and we do offer reasonable payment plans for further treatment needed. The treatment may be claimable under your private health insurance. Please refer to the Service Disclosure Statement on the back of this form for more information.

For your child to be seen by Mobile School Dentist, please fill in the attached forms and return it to your school by 15/9/2017. Only children who have had this form filled in can be processed and seen by Mobile School Dentist.

If you would like any further information or hold any queries feel free to contact us on (03) 9323 9607. We look forward to seeing your child!

Mobile School Dentist Team.

All Mobile Dental Dentist forms are protected by Copyright laws.

Forms were sent home with each student today.
Please see school office if you require a form

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA PLAN

Please make sure that we are provided with an updated Asthma Action Plan; if you have one ensure it is updated. An Asthma Action plan includes information if your child requires asthma medications prior to sport or at any other time during school hours. Ensure that your child has their blue reliever puffer and a spacer with them at school, or that this is kept in a place where the child can access it. Discuss with your child what their early asthma symptoms might be, and help them to feel comfortable asking teachers for assistance if they are having asthma symptoms.

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Take this ASTHMA ACTION PLAN with you when you visit your doctor

NAME
DATE
NEXT ASTHMA CHECK-UP DUE

DOCTOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
Name
Phone
Relationship

WHEN WELL — Asthma under control (almost no symptoms) — ALWAYS CARRY YOUR RELIEVER WITH YOU

Your preventer is: (NAME & STRENGTH)
Take ..... puffs/tablets ..... times every day
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler
Your reliever is: (NAME)
Take ..... puffs
When: You have symptoms like wheezing, coughing or shortness of breath
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
(e.g. other medicines, triggers, exercises, what to do before exercise)

WHEN NOT WELL — Asthma getting worse (needing more reliever than usual, having more symptoms than usual, waking up with asthma, asthma is interfering with usual activities)

Keep taking preventer: (NAME & STRENGTH)
Take ..... puffs/tablets ..... times every day
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler
Your reliever is: (NAME)
Take ..... puffs
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
(e.g. other medicines, when to stop taking extra medicine)
☐ Contact your doctor

IF SYMPTOMS GET WORSE — Severe asthma flare-up/attack (needing reliever again within 3 hours, increasing difficulty breathing, waking often at night with asthma symptoms)

Keep taking preventer: (NAME & STRENGTH)
Take ..... puffs/tablets ..... times every day
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler
Your reliever is: (NAME)
Take ..... puffs
☐ Use a spacer with your inhaler

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
☑ Contact your doctor today
Prednisolone/prednisone:
Take ..... each morning for ..... days

DANGER SIGNS — Asthma emergency (severe breathing problems, symptoms get worse very quickly, reliever has little or no effect)
Puffs Total (if used) ..... Puffs Total (if used) .....
DIAL 000 FOR AMBULANCE
Call an ambulance immediately
Say that this is an asthma emergency
Keep taking reliever as often as needed
☐ Use your adrenaline autoinjector (EpiPen or Anapen)

NationalAsthma CouncilAustralia
nationalasthma.org.au

Toasting Marshmallows

Firstly, the whole class walked to the fire with our chairs and when we got there, Mr Waide was out of bounds. Secondly, the whole class had to find a half-metre stick to put our marshmallow on and when it was cooked, we could eat it. Next, when we put our marshmallows near the fire it turned creamy, soft and delicious. After that, we all had great fun and the fire was very warm on our body. Lastly, we ate all of our marshmallows, we were full. At the end, we all put our sticks away, then we got our chairs and walked back to school. by ***Xavier Irvin***

Firstly, 2/3 walked over to the oval and we were carrying our chairs where Mr Waide and Dylan were out of bounds.

Secondly, we had to find a half-meter stick to put our marshmallows on.

Next, the inside of the marshmallows when they were cooked they were running and the outside was crispy. Xavier's marshmallow dropped into the fire and it was bubbling.

After that, we got to eat the delicious burnt black melted marshmallows.

Lastly, I did not like eating the marshmallow when they were cooked but I like playing with it.

At the end, we said thank you to Mr Waide, carried our chairs back to the classroom, and wrote some words on the Smartboard to describe about marshmallows. After we watched a video of how to make marshmallows. We also had a lot of fun!! By ***Dakota Smith***

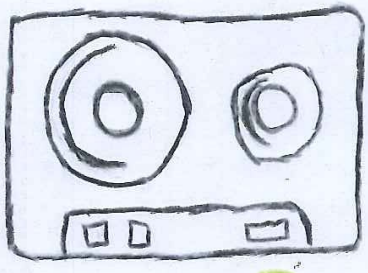
BCS

VARIETY NIGHT

ROCKING Through The DECADES

Wednesday September 20th 2017

6:30pm



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10s

GOLD Coin Donation

BARELLAN COMMUNITY HALL

Barellan Hotel Social Club

Trivia: Trivia nights will kick off on September 23rd and run the second Saturday of each month thereafter.

Trivia will run from 7pm.

$20 entry includes; hot nibbles, lucky door prize and much more

Karaoke: karaoke will be starting the last Sunday of each month from October onwards.

$20 entry includes; hot nibbles, prizes for best abd worst dressed and best and worst performances.

Karaoke will commence at 7pm

Part of the proceeds will be going to Aged Care

Pot 'n' Parmy: Pot 'n' Parmy nights start next Thursday, September 14th.

$20 per person includes a pot of beer, this will continue every Thursday from 6pm - 9pm.

Bingo: Bingo is held each Monday from 11.30am.

Run by Aged Care. $15 for 20 games and a light lunch.

We are also available for functions …. Bookings essential.

More events coming up over the next months.

Thanks to the Danaher family, Col O'Grady, Barb Breed and Keely Bloomfield for helping to launch the new social club.

'Barellan and District Community Phone Book' is now available at the Barellan and Binya Post Offices
Cost is $7.00
Thank you everyone for your corrections and contributions, we appreciate your support in this community project, the profit is donated to our Barellan Community Hall.
Cheryl Mayberry
Barellan Country Women's Association President

BUFC TWO BLUES
BARELLAN UNITED
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

2Blues 2017 Junior Presentation

Sunday 24th September

At the Barellan Sports Ground

BBQ and salad lunch

Lunch begins at 12pm followed by Presentations

BYO Drinks, a salad or dessert and a chair

All junior players and families are warmly welcomed:

Auskick, NetSet Go, Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15.

Barellan General Store News….
The store has reverted to the ownership of Kay & Richard due to the present lessee problems with staff, stock and trading hours. The take-over has been in the pipeline for more than two months and will happen on September 25th.
The take-away side will be opening during the day as a new Café/coffee shop under other management, between the hours of 10am - 4pm. Then later we intend to extend the service separately.
The shop will once again offer service and quality at a reasonable price. Some items will not be available till delivery dates flow in, but please inform us if there are things you need or require, that are not there. We will action the procurement asap.
We will be continuing to support the local CAN ASSIST and the many community organisations previously supported.
We look forward to seeing you soon.
Kay & Richard Cullen

Barellan CWA Annual Meeting

1.00pm Friday, October 6th 2017

at the CWA Rest House

Ladies are invited to wear your best 'posh hat' and gloves (optional) and to bring a pretty cup, saucer and plate to enjoy a High Tea following the meeting.

Come along and investigate CWA …..

Much more than tea and scones!

Contact Judy Findlay Hon. Sec. for more information

Narrandera Shire Council Bike Week 2017

NSW Bike Week is a state wide initiative that raises the profile of cycling as a healthy, easy, low cost and environmentally friendly venture. It provides the opportunity for the community to participate in organised bicycle events in a safe and supported environment.

This year the "Bring out your bike Narrandera" Bike Week event will be held on Saturday September 23 at the skate park in Marie Bashir Park from 10am to 1pm.

Council is inviting all members of the community to come to the free event and celebrate all things cycling. There will be rides and walks and free bike safety themed events for all the family.

Narrandera Shire Council is running a Bike Week Safety competition as part of Bike Week 2017. We invite local students to show case their creative skills and put in an entry in the Bike Week 2017 decorate a helmet competition and be in the running to win great prizes.

Students can go into the draw to win a bike helmet from Eurells of Narrandera by designing a helmet on the attached template.

I have enclosed some entry forms, please feel free to print these, or I can print the required number for you. Otherwise entry forms can be picked up from Council Office, Narrandera Library, Visitor Information Centre or from Councils webpage.

Students can lodge completed entry forms at Council Office, Narrandera Library or bring them along to the Bike Week event at Narrandera Skate Park on Saturday 23 September.

Design a helmet templates available from the School

If you require a brochure, there are a few at school office

MY FEST

MURRUMBIDGEE YOUTH EXTREME ARTS FESTIVAL

Making participation in the arts too much fun to refuse.

MY FEST – Murrumbidgee Youth Xtreem Arts Festival - is 2 weeks of high energy, hands-on, street-based arts activities, designed and delivered by young people – for young people - from the Western Riverina.
From 18 -30 September, Griffith will be awash with inclusive, interactive extreme arts activities including parkour performances and workshops with Dauntless Movement Crew; hard core circus workshops; exhibition and aerosol art workshops with Iron Lak crew; skate events; slam poetry; drama and dance; and an 'X factor' style talent quest featuring Isaiah Firebrace as guest judge and feature artist in concert the same night.

MY FEST reaches fever pitch on Saturday 23rd September with MY JAM – a free outdoor concert in Neville Place, and MY FEST LIVE! A pumped up, chilled out, all ages gig featuring Remi - Australia's hottest hip hop act, wild and wacky Winston Surfshirt and a bunch of fun and freaky support acts, including Griffith's own Ben Ceccato.

MY FEST
MURRUMBIDGEE YOUTH EXTREME ARTS FESTIVAL

To find out more info:

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instagram/myfestgriffith
myfest@griffith.nsw.gov.au

Call 02 6962 8444
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MY FEST

MURRUMBIDGEE YOUTH EXTREME ARTS FESTIVAL

18 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

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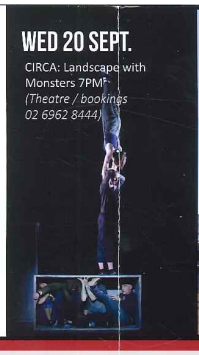
WED 20 SEPT.

CIRCA: Landscape with Monsters 7PM
(Theatre / bookings 02 6962 8444)



THURSDAY 21 SEPT.

PARKOUR WORKSHOPS
- at Schools
- Parkour workshops skatepark

(contact theatre for further details 02 6962 8444)

FRIDAY 22 SEPT.

JUMP FIRST, ASK LATER
11AM & 7PM
(Theatre / bookings 02 6962 8444)
Parkour show - The idea that the obstacles you encounter shouldn't be avoided but rather deliberately engaged with in order to find your path – 'jump first, ask later'.

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Parkour workshops at the skate park
10am - 11.30am (bookings 02 6962 8444)

Iron Lak
Check out the Iron Lak crew paint the Gallery!
(167 Banna Avenue Griffith)

MYJAM
NEVILLE PLACE - GRIFFITH
11AM - 5PM

MYJAM is a FREE, ALL AGES, drug and alcohol-free music and performance party, that will have you dancing in the street. MY JAM is all about showcasing young, local talent in a chilled out, smooth and super groovy festival atmosphere. MYJAM is seeking expressions of interest from local bands, vocalists and performers to jump on stage at this hot new youth festival. All kinds of music styles and groups are welcome.

Contact the Theatre to apply to get on stage OR to become a stallholder at the event.

GRIFFITH'S BIGGEST EVER LIVE MUSIC WEEKEND!!
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 7PM
GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE

MYFEST LIVE
An incredible concert of live music and high adrenaline acts it features headline act - Melbourne artist REMI and Sensible J - one of the fastest-rising Hip Hop acts in Australia

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

IRON LAK AEROSOL ART WORKSHOPS
10AM - 3PM - FREE (Numbers limited and bookings essential). 12 - 25 yr olds. *Contact Gallery 02 6962 8338*

You will learn creative techniques including superior can control, design aspects of street art & utilizing spray cans to create effect. All materials supplied.

FASTTRACK

GRIFFITH'S GOT TALENT!

Calling all singers, dancers, bands, duos, trios, classical musos, DJ's, magicians, comedians and anyone with talent! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get on stage and perform in front of professional judges. Fast Track Talent is the largest Talent Program in Australia after 'The Voice' and 'X-Factor'. To get on stage go to:
www.fasttracksinging.com.au OR
email: ***griffith@fasttracktalent.com.au***

FAST TRACK CONCERT WITH ISAIAH FIREBRACE
7PM - Griffith Regional Theatre
The finalists from the competition will support ISAIAH FIREBRACE and AMALIA FOY in concert at 7pm. Tickets for the concert are available from Griffith Regional Theatre box office - 02 6962 8444 /
www.griffithregionaltheatre.com.au

MONDAY 25 SEPT.

NIDA graduates and professional actors. Limited spots available.
Bookings: 02 8005 6711 or performanceclasses@gmail.com
25th, 26th, 27th Sep.
11am - 5pm
12 - 18 year olds.

TUESDAY 26 SEPT.

NIDA graduates and professional actors. Limited spots available.
Bookings: 02 8005 6711 or performanceclasses@gmail.com
25th, 26th, 27th Sep.
11am - 5pm
Scholarships available.

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT.

NIDA graduates and professional actors. Limited spots available.
Bookings: 02 8005 6711 or performanceclasses@gmail.com
25th, 26th, 27th Sep.
11am - 5pm
PERFORMANCE ON STAGE

THURSDAY 28 SEPT.

3pm:
Poetry workshop
7pm:
Poetry slam
Burley Griffin Room
Free events. Bookings essential.
RAW ROAR *Theatre 6962 8444*

Circus workshops
28, 29, 30 Sep
10-3pm

FRIDAY 29 SEPT.

Circus workshops
28, 29, 30 Sep
10-3pm

Iron Lak: Walls Can Talk
Exhibition opening 6pm.
Grifith Regional Art Gallery

SATURDAY 30 SEPT.

Circus workshops
28, 29, 30 Sep
10-3pm

Skateboard demo and competition at PCYC skate park. Olympic Street. 10am - 2pm

CONTACT
myfest@griffith.nsw.gov.au
www.facebook.com/MYFEST2017

Interesting article featuring former local Jeff Robson, a great example of someone who may not always be in the limelight but truly gives their best each and every time

As the rugby league regular season draws to a close for another year, we are now at the point where it is time for celebration.

Over the next couple of weeks clubs will take this opportunity to celebrate the season that was. Other clubs will hold off the celebrations for a couple more weeks to see how deep into September they will play. Journalists and fans will write lists of their favourite tries from 2017, the best buys of the season and the most important rugby league moments of the year.

It's a great time to reflect and to enjoy season 2017 before we enter the off-season.

The Dally M Awards will also give the rugby league community a chance to celebrate the most influential players of the year.

But the thing about rugby league is it is a team sport. And for every player like Cameron Smith, Johnathan Thurston and Boyd Cordner there are several other players that play other important roles in the teams that we support and that are also worth celebrating.

After attending the Parramatta Eels Ken Thornett Medal on Monday night, I wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate a player that will be leaving the Eels at the end of the year and retiring and to say thank you to him for his contribution to my club over almost a decade.

That player is Jeff Robson.

It's a funny thing about players like Robson. You would never single Jeff out as the most talented player in your team. But what I will always remember Jeff for is hard work and persistence. While not gifted with an abundance of natural talent, Jeff was a player I had ultimate respect for because he always did his best.

'Doing your best' is a lesson we often teach children, but something that loses importance as we get older. But in reality, what more can you give than your best?

There are some rugby league players that are gifted with natural talent. When they come into first grade people have big hopes and dreams for them and believe that they have big careers ahead. But then things get in the way – sometimes it's injury, other times it's off-field factors and sometimes it is simply because they do not want to put the hard work in.

Then there are players like Jeff who are just grateful for every game of rugby league that they get to play and who take every opportunity with two hands.

Jeff first came to the Eels as a 17-year-old in 2000 before making his first grade debut with the Manly Sea Eagles in 2004. It would take him four more years to get another shot at the NRL, when he played two games with Manly in 2008.

I remember when Jeff returned to the Eels in 2009 and played a key role in the 'magic' run that saw Parramatta win 10 out of our last 11 games to push into the top eight. That run continued until the Grand Final where the Eels were ultimately defeated by the Melbourne Storm and Jeff played the role of halfback in that team.

Jeff was part of a special squad of men that year including Tim Mannah, Daniel Mortimer, Nathan Hindmarsh, Nathan Cayless and Luke Burt and because of his role in that magic run, will always feature in this Eels fan's fond memories of that year.

I was very disappointed when Jeff decided to leave the Eels again but was grateful that he was given yet another opportunity to play first grade. After playing for the Cronulla Sharks and the New Zealand Warriors the door opened one more time for Jeff and he returned to Parramatta mid-way through last year, playing 10 games in 2016 and 2017.

On Monday night, Jeff said 'I'd like to thank Brad and the club for having me back, I really wanted to finish my career here'.

Humble. Thankful. Grateful.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jeff for the tremendous service he gave my club and to recognise him for how much effort he put in every single time he took the field. He has also been praised over the years for his leadership abilities and for the time he has taken to help support the next generation of footballers coming through. He has always been a gentleman on and off the field and I know the Parramatta Eels family was a better one because it had him as part of it.

I'm confident that while he may not take the field again in first grade, that this certainly isn't the last time that we'll see Jeff in and around rugby league circles.

So as we head into the fun part of the season, be sure to celebrate the successes of your club this year, but don't forget to take the chance to celebrate each and every player that has made a contribution to your team throughout the year.

Thanks Robbo.

ZUMBA

LETS GET FIT & HAVE FUN WITH ZUMBA

Zumba for 6wks @ Barellan Hall

(starting the second Saturday of school holidays)

Kicking off :

Saturday 30th September 2017 @ 9am

Cost - $10 per/class

(CASH ONLY)

All ages welcome, classes are 45min long and guaranteed to be fun ☺

For any inquires please contact Katie on 0429 928 544

Wanted ~ Junior Tennis Coordinator

If you are interested in running or helping with after school junior Tennis in 2017, please contact Julie Kenny 0448553225

LOVE Tennis

Barellan Working Clydesdale and Taste of Barellan Weekend

Wanted ~ volunteers to work at 'Taste of Barellan' stall. Tabouli and fritters will be made, need people to cook sausages, put plates together and sell.

Also needed Bar Staff, uniform provided.

Please contact Heather White if you can help.

Fresh Free Range Eggs $3.00 per dozen

Please contact Ella & Sophie Male.

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TO THE COMMUNITY OF BARELLAN AND SURROUNDS

IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT TONY AND I SAY FAREWELL TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS AFTER NEARLY 12 YEARS IN THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY OF BARELLAN

We wish to sincerely thank everyone for their support of the café over the years. Tony and I are going to miss everyone! The Golden Grain Café officially commenced trading in late January, 2006 and gave the community of Barellan and district a much needed takeaway café outlet with the added bonus of freshly cooked pizzas prepared from the base up.

In July, 2010 the Café commenced supplying the community with the daily newspapers following the closure of the Barellan General Store. The Café also became the sole outlet for bread, milk, grocery items and fruit and vegies for a while.

The road from the beginning was not always smooth and I had to deal with equipment breakdowns one after the other! Eventually, after approximately twelve months, the café had reliable equipment and the business was running smoothly and trade was increasing every week.

A lot of you will remember the unsightly corrugated iron wall across the front of what is now the outdoor courtyard! After purchasing the freehold land from the previous owners, my first goal was to establish the outdoor courtyard area for the benefit of locals and visitors. This courtyard has received a lot of use over the years.

Over the last eleven years or so Tony and I have appreciated the patronage of the local and wider communities and have been more than happy to make donations to, or sponsorship of most of the organizations in town including the local Central School, Little Learners, Biggest Morning Tea (Barellan and Binya) and the Barellan Two Blues Football/Netball Club etc. Pizzas were also supplied for Wakes.

Over the years Tony and I have also had quite a few casual staff come and go. Firstly, Tracey Elliott assisted Tony during the week whilst I was still working as a florist in Narrandera (it was Valentine's Day time) so I was only working in the business on weekends for a couple of weeks. To all our casual staff I say a big "thank you". I especially wish to acknowledge and thank Joanne Ohlsen for all the hours she has put in at the café, especially during my illness and several stints in hospital. She helped Tony keep the business running smoothly and I still have a laugh at my mobile calls to the café from my hospital bed to check on supplies and then ring orders through to the suppliers!

Tony and I wish Matt and Jane Snaith all the very best with their new venture and I'm sure they will operate the Café very successfully. I ask that you please support them. Tony and I intend to visit Barellan regularly so this will not be "good bye".

BETH & TONY