



Week 5B - Term 4
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The Gazette

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Principal's Report

To start this report I would like to thank the community, students and staff who have helped cradle one another through a difficult week. Whilst we feel deeply the losses, we have ensured that we maintain as normal as possible a routine for all staff and students.

School entrance and memorial bench.

Due to the rains last week, laying the concrete was set back and has delayed the work on the upgrade to the school entrance. We still anticipate the work being completed by the end of next week (23 November).

School Student Leaderships Team

We now have in place the 4 executive members of the student leadership team for 2019, Senior School Captains Chelsea Gordon and Isabella Smith, and junior school captains Sophie Male and Dakota Smith. Students will be selecting their representatives on Wednesday when the prospective SRC members speak to their respective teams sharing their vision.

Attendance clarification

Regular attendance at school is critical for learning. From time to time, we send letters home reminding parents to provide an explanation for absences. These letters are just friendly reminders to justify absences from school. I would also like to clarify that in our recording system there are a number of classifications of absences. When a student is absent, we only report to parents if an absence is explained or unexplained. As a school, we also need to record if an absence is justified or unjustified. A justified absence includes attending a medical appointment, illness or attending a significant family event such as a wedding. An example of an unjustified absence would be to engage in part-time work out of school hours or helping at home taking care of a younger sibling. Once absences that are unjustified, even if they are explained, hit a certain percentage, then the Home School Liaison Officer will become involved to assist with improving attendance at school. The bottom line is simply that attendance is important, and we as a school and system of Public Education want to support students to attend school.

Gazette schedule in 2019

As with anything in schools, when we shift our energy in one area, we move it away from another area. For example, if a teacher spends all their time marking student homework, then they will spend less time preparing engaging lessons. In looking at the time spent by our staff preparing the Gazette,

I don't see a justified outcome from the productivity expended on a weekly newsletter. In term 1, 2019 we will be shifting to a newsletter every two weeks. This will enable us to better allocate community liaison time more effectively into directly engaging with families and planning for learning pathways for individual students.

Progressive Assessment Tests

We are currently exploring progressive assessment testing for all of our students K-10. This is not supposed to be a stressful event for any students, and we certainly do not want them to be anxious about them at all. It will consist of students sitting a range of tests on spelling, reading, grammar and punctuation, science and mathematics. K-1 will be doing different testing, looking at early years reading and mathematics. The information provided by this testing is important for us to measure the impact of our learning experiences and to assist teachers for 2019 to plan learning experiences that are better tailored to your child. Students should not be studying for these tests, and they should not be concerned about them. The testing platform we are using is through ACER, and we will share the individual reports from the testing with parents when reports are published at the end of the year.

Have a lovely week,
Paul Laing



Congratulations to Dakota Smith and Sophie Male. Elected as Barellan Central School's Primary captains for 2019

In summary:

- The school entrance upgrade should be completed by 23 November
- Senior school captains for 2019 are Chelsea Gordon and Isabella Smith.
- Junior school captains for 2019 are Sophie Male and Dakota Smith.
- Please ensure you return notes for absences promptly after the absence.
- The gazette will be published every fortnight in 2019.
- All students are currently completing progressive assessment tests which are no stakes tests that students should not be studying for. They will help us understand the impact of teaching.

BCS Calendar

November 2018

Tue	13	Kindergarten 2019 Transition 9am - 1pm
Tue	13	P&C Meeting 6pm
Tue	13	Half Day Transition 6-7 9am-1pm
Tue	20	Kindergarten 2019 Transition 9am - 3pm
Tue	20	Mobile Library
Wed	20 - 25	School Spectacular in Sydney
Fri	23	RAP Formal
Tue	27	Kindergarten 2019 Transition 9am - 3pm
Fri	30	RAP Study Day at ACS

December 2018

Tue	11	Mobile Library
Wed	19	Last day term 4

Student Payments

Please place all student payments being received through the School Office:

- in an envelope or zip lock bag
- with the student's name
- with the permission slip (if applicable) and what the money is for clearly marked on the front.

If you would like a receipt, please indicate this with your payment.

Parents/Guardians are also reminded that payments for school activities/fees can be made through the Online Portal. This is accessed through the School Website under the '\$ Make a Payment' tab.

Please do not use this payment method for uniforms, as this is controlled by the P&C.

Any questions regarding payments, please don't hesitate to phone.

Thank you,

Vicki Tubb

School Administration Manager

P&C Supporting Our School

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 - 2018

Thur 15/11	Fri 16/11
Rae McDonald	Friday Menu Golden Grain Café
Thur 22/11	Fri 23/11
Chantelle Booker	Friday Menu Golden Grain Café
Thur 29/11	Fri 30/11
Leah Irons	Friday Menu Golden Grain Café
Thur 6/12	Fri 7/12
Sue Wilson	Friday Menu Golden Grain Café
Thur 13/12	Fri 14/12
Volunteer Required	Friday Menu Golden Grain Café

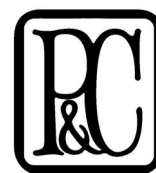
P&C News

Next Meeting :

This Tuesday 13th October

6pm - P&C Meeting starts

All welcome



STUDENT REMINDERS...

Week 5B - Term 4

Year 9/10

Week 5

Year 9/10 have the following exams in Week 5

Work Education Exam

Geography Exam

Commerce Exam

English Exam

History Exam

Agriculture Exam

Food Tech Exam

Maths Exam

PASS Exam

PD/H/PE Practical Test

Science Exam

Year 7/8

Week 5

Year 7/8 have the following exams in Week 5

Work Education Exam

Maths Exam

LOTE Exam

History Exam

Music Exam

PD/H/PE Exam

Science Exam

English PAT Tests



Year 6 into Year 7 Transition

Year 6 into Year 7 transition will be a half day on the **13th of November (Week 5) from 9:00am-1:30pm**. Students will need to bring their lunch and recess on this day. If students do not currently attend Barellan Central School, there is the option to stay until the end of the day with the 5/6 class if transport will be an issue. Please contact Ms Forner at the school to organise this.

We have a **full day transition (8:50am-3:00pm) on the 12th of December**. Recess and lunch will need to be brought by students.

Second Hand Uniforms

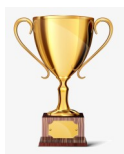
If anyone has any second hand uniforms at home they would like to donate to the P&C to establish a clothing pool we would be very grateful. Uniform donations may be left at the

Please label your uniforms

Please write names on all student clothing, lots of jackets and jumpers have been left lying around with no names on them.

Trophies

Could all perpetual trophies please be returned to the front office in preparation for this years presentation night.



Uniform Orders

Could all orders for uniforms for next year please be sent into the front office by the end of this week, Friday 16th November. Year 6 into Year 7 will need white polo tops and girls will need to be measured for their tartan skirts.

Hat orders also need to be in ASAP. An order form is attached to today's gazette.

Many thanks
Tracey Gordon

Canteen - Fridays

Soft drink will no longer be available to purchase with lunch orders on Friday.

Healthy Canteen Meeting

Tuesday 20th November at 2pm
With Melissa Tidd our Healthy Promotions Officer.

Melissa will have ideas on new products, recipes and setting a healthy, motivating, kid friendly menu. Please come and be involved. Please contact Karen Smith or Julie Kenny for more information.

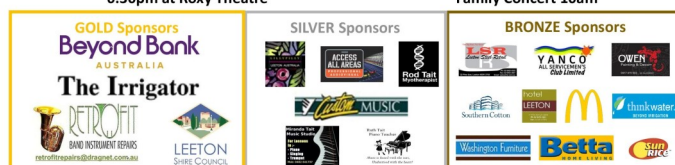


SATURDAY - Pine Avenue

9am -12:30pm Street Festival
MASSED BAND CONCERT
6:30pm at Roxy Theatre

SUNDAY - Mountford Park

Music & Marching from 9:00am
Golden Kangaroos "Meet the Band"
Family Concert 10am



Christmas Markets

Sunday 2nd Dec

Barellan Hall 10am– 3pm

Ham Raffles & SANTA

Stall \$20.00 inside or out

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Please email all items for the gazette to:

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All items must be received by 9am Monday morning