



Week 7B - Term 4
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The Gazette



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Principal's Report

Staffing news

With the planning well and truly underway for 2019 for the teaching staff, my lens has now moved towards the non-teaching staff. It is likely that we will need to employ more non-teaching staff at the school in 2019 in different capacities. Please pass the word on to people who have a keen interest in contributing to our educational community through our Administrative Staff. I hope to announce specific roles for 2019 next week. Watch this space.

Playground upgrade

I'm pleased to inform you that the upgrade to the front garden with sandpit has been completed. We will open it to students early in the week once I confirm with assets the quality of the work and sign off.

Memorial bench for Connor Irvin

We will be installing a memorial bench in memory of Connor Irvin at the front of the school. I'd like to publicly thank Collier & Miller in Griffith and Colourmax in Leeton for their generosity in working with the Irvin family, the P&C and the school in the design and creation of the bench. It is wonderful to be part of a caring and compassionate community. We will have a private commemoration at the end of the week when the bench will be unveiled with the family, and everyone will be able to see it from next Monday.

School Spectacular

Congratulations to our talented students Kylie Giddings, Jessie McDermott, Lily Neville, Melissa Noakes, Emily Wilson, Sarah Wilson and Amber Williams, and their teacher Denise McDermott who took the students to Sydney to participate with 5500 other Public Schools students in School Spec last week and weekend. Creating an opportunity for students to participate in events such as these requires a tremendous amount of work. I am very grateful to Denise McDermott for

her efforts to make this happen, and to the P&C for their generosity in supporting it financially. Please read about their experience in their report in the Gazette.

Planning for 2019

We are acutely aware of the importance of a smooth transition for all students at the beginning of a new school year. We are currently gathering lots of evidence of student learning and ensuring we analyse it and give teachers time to plan for the beginning of 2019. At the end of this year, all teachers will be participating in primary or secondary teacher planning days where every student will be discussed and plans put in place to support their learning, by their teacher for 2019. Whilst final staffing numbers for 2019 are determined by actual student enrolments at the beginning of next year, we are doing everything we can to offer students and their families stability in knowing what will happen by the end of this year.

If you have a child with particular learning needs, especially newly identified learning needs, please ensure you contact the school and make an appointment with me to discuss how we can best support your child.

School clean up

You may notice we are discarding a lot of older materials from the school. Whilst it may appear wasteful discarding computers and books, the resources we are discarding are broken and cannot be recovered. In the case of the computers, they will have parts missing internally, have been determined an electrical risk or be unrecoverable. Similarly, books that are being discarded refer to outdated research or syllabuses. Students who study from these books will be studying incorrect or superseded information.

Have a lovely week,
Paul Laing

In summary:

- We anticipate announcing new administrative positions for 2019 in the next newsletter. If you know someone who would want to join our team, please let them know.
- The new upgrade has been completed. Come and have a look when you drop off your kids.
- Thank you to Collier & Miller Griffith and Colourmax Leeton for designing and creating the memorial bench dedicated to Connor Irvin.
- Congratulations to Kylie Giddings, Jessie McDermott, Lily Neville, Melissa Noakes, Emily Wilson, Sarah Wilson and Amber Williams, and their teacher Denise McDermott for participating in School Spec in Sydney last week.
- If your child has newly identified learning needs, please make an appointment to speak with the principal.
- The school is discarding superseded, damaged and potentially dangerous materials. Please leave them in the garbage bins at school.

BCS Calendar

November 2018

Tue 27 Kindergarten 2019 Transition 9am - 3pm
 Fri 30 RAP Study Day at ACS

December 2018

Mon 10 Secondary Excursion
 Tue 11 Secondary Excursion
 Tue 11 Mobile Library
 Tue 11 P&C Meeting - Library 6pm
 Thur 13 Presentation Night
 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 News

Our next meeting is Tuesday 11th December at 6pm in the Library. Please come. The Canteen Committee met last week and are brimming with ideas to make the canteen menu healthy and appealing to everyone in our school. We are currently surveying the students to find the home cooked foods that are most popular. Stay tuned for the results and to see how you can become involved.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 11th December at 6pm

All welcome



P&C Supporting Our School

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 - 2018

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

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 front office.

Presentation Night Trophies

Please return all perpetual trophies by Wednesday. The Primary Sportsman and the Lifesaving Award are still missing. Thank you.



Playground upgrade finished



Swim School

Swim school for all students from Kindergarten to Year 8 begins on Monday 3rd December. The sessions will run during Week 8 & 9, from Monday to Thursday each week. **There will be no swim school on both Fridays.**

Any child who hasn't completed the swim assessment will start their first session with this assessment. This will enable us to group the students based on their swimming ability.

Kindergarten/Year 1 & Year 2 will swim in the morning session each day.

Year 3 & Year 4 will swim in the middle session.

Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 & Year 8 will swim in the afternoon session.

Shane Gibson and Heather White are both qualified instructors and together with Mrs Conlan and Miss Robertson will conduct the sessions each day.

Please ensure your child brings the required labelled swim wear, rashies, goggles, towel and sunscreen each day. If your child is unable to swim on a particular day, please send in a note to be handed to either Mrs Conlan or Miss Robertson.

Here's to fantastic swimming weather for 2 weeks!

Mrs Conlan

Library News

The Book Fair was run for the past three weeks and was very well supported by students, teachers and parents. Barellan Central Library benefitted with \$1060 in sales of books which transferred to 30 new books on our shelves. Thank you to Mrs Bandy and Mrs Gordon for manning the Fair at lunch and at 3pm each day. Thank you also to Mrs Gordon for promptly accessioning and covering the newest books as the student were able to borrow them and start reading last week.

Library Re Shuffle- Presently staff and students are reorganising the library storage areas, shelving and furniture to make the space a more vibrant learning space which offers a range of learning opportunities to students.

Infants Learning Display-K/1/2 read the book Baby Owls and wrote a recount about the story and researched Barn Owls and wrote a scientific report. Please come and view their learning in the Library.

Mrs Kenny



BCS Choir rocking at School Spectacular 2018

Schools spectacular was an exhausting week consisting of rehearsals, four magnificent shows and a live performance of the musical Jersey Boys at the historical Capital Theatre.

With a cast of approximately 5,080 and a choir consisting of 2700 students, Schools Spectacular was The Greatest experience for seven of our schools talented students.

Thanks for everyone who supported the excursion, especially the students, parents, staff, community and special mention to the P&C, CWA and Doreen Wilson's Doll House. Schools Spectacular, The Greatest, will be televised on Channel 7 during prime time on Saturday 8th December with the time for the show yet to be announced.

Jersey Boys was a highlight. Kylie

The finale was the most exciting part because everyone who was dancing went on stage and they all had colourful lights. Emily & Lily

Sprinting to the train everyday was a highlight of the week. Amber

I really liked the Jersey Boys, especially Tommy. Melissa

The opening of the show was really amazing because the combination of the singers and dancers was very impressive. Jessie

The best part was seeing the drama performance for the songs 11th Doctor Theme – Doctor Who and Bring Me To Life. Sarah



Christmas Markets

Sunday 2nd Dec

Barellan Hall 10am– 3pm

Ham Raffles 12pm

SANTA 2pm

Raffle Drawn

Stall \$20.00

Launching of 2019
Calendar



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped in our 'Calendar' shoot! We were very happy with the result and appreciated the way everyone participated. We have the finished product and they will be available at the Christmas markets.

VIETNAMESE CUISINE

Saturday 1st December from 6.30pm

At the Commercial Hotel

2 course meal

\$25pp

Bookings essential

Payment at booking would be appreciated.

Bookings can be made at the Hotel and the Post Office

Thank you

Barellan aged Care would like to thank The Commercial Hotel for the opportunity to run Joker Jackpot this year, along with Yenda Butchers for their constant supply of meat trays. Joker Jackpot went off Friday night with Albert Gibson claiming the \$5200 where he has very kindly donated \$500 of his winnings to Barellan Aged Care. We have \$10,070.30 from Joker Jackpot and with Albert's donation we have a grand total of \$10570.30 to be banked.



positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

1 day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

Location:
Griffith Regional Theatre
1 Neville Place
Griffith NSW 2680
(Light lunch and morning tea provided)

Griffith, NSW
Wed 6 Feb 2019
9.15am - 3pm
Registrations open 21 Nov 2018

 Interpreters available

 To register, visit:
positivepartnerships.com.au

 For help, call:
1300 881 971

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Barellan Swim Club 2018 Christmas Raffle



\$2 tickets

Win a Tello Drone

Included are:

- 3 Batteries
- Charging Hub
- Spare Blades
- Remote Controller
- Carry Bag

Valued at over \$350

Tickets can be purchased from Pool or Swim Club members

Drawn 13th Dec at Swim Club Christmas Party

Please email all items for the gazette to:

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All items must be received by 9am Monday morning