

The Gazette

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Principal's Report

Exciting news

I'm pleased to share with the school community that Barellan Central School will be hosting a visit by David Carvalho on 14 February from 9:00am. David is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority, the body which manages curriculum provision across NSW for all schools, and teacher accreditation). He will meet with students and staff. His visit will bring extra attention to the Barellan Central School Community, such as a visit from the Director Educational Leadership and local media. He will be accompanied by Christine Keys, the liaison officer for NESA for the Riverina. It is very exciting to have such a high-profile educational leader visit our school to learn more about education in rural and remote NSW.

Monday news

Yesterday, whilst all secondary students attended the secondary camp (see below), the school was a hub of activity, hosting all the principals, head teachers and ISACs (in school access coordinators) across the 6 RAP schools, as well as the Directors of Educational Leadership for the West Wyalong and Narrandera network areas, Karen Burke and Troy Mott.

We also hosted a group of principals to complete training in the Best Start Kindergarten program which was delivered by the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Advisors, Meg Taipaleti (from Griffith Education Office) and Kim Woodside (from Wagga Wagga Education Office).

It is wonderful to be able to host educational leaders in our school, helping develop both our school and our local educational networks.

Staffing news

As discussed in the previous newsletter, we are looking to recruit two school administrative officers in a temporary capacity. The two roles will be employed under the category of School Administrative Officer (SAO) with identical selection criteria. Please read more about the specific roles and how to apply within the newsletter. Through this selection process, we will also be generating an eligibility list of administrative staff to whom we will offer temporary work during the year, should more work opportunities become available.

Secondary camp

I would like to extend my gratitude to the secondary staff as a whole for the work involved in organising and executing the secondary camp. A special thank you to Lauren Forner, Louise Robertson and Danae Conlan for their work in aligning this excursion to extend student learning related to PDHPE whilst also allowing students the chance to develop their

social and emotional learning. The accounts I have received so far indicate that students have worked together beautifully and had a wonderful experience.

Playground upgrade

It is with great pleasure I can inform you that the playground upgrade is now complete. It was wonderful to open it to the students and see them relishing the opportunity to play in the sandpit. The main delays were caused by measures put in place to ensure the two trees within the sandpit can continue to thrive. The tree closest to the library has a special significance for the school, as it was planted by the first Higher School Certificate cohort at Barellan Central School.

Presentation night

I look forward to celebrating the year's achievements with you this Thursday evening at the Barellan Town Hall. There will be some changes from previous years, specifically in the shaping of our awards around our positive behaviour for learning values of respect, responsibility, resilience and excellence. I hope you will be able to join us at 6:00pm to share in celebrating the achievements of our students this year.

Quality learning all year long

All students are expected to attend school up until the final day of learning, which is the 19th December. Whilst there will be some variations as we wind up at the end of the year, our expectations for student learning will not be relaxed. Primary teachers will be involved in a primary teachers' conference on Monday 17th December, and Secondary teachers will have their conference on Wednesday 19th December. Whilst the final day for students is Wednesday 19th December, however staff will still be working until Friday 21st December.

School reports

Finally, I would like to thank teachers for their work on the school reports. They will be printed and send home this week. You will notice some minor changes around the wording. The number of outcomes appearing has been reduced and the wording changed to make them easier to understand to better allow families and students to understand them.

Have a lovely week, Paul Laing



In summary:

- BCS will host a visit from the CEO of NESA,
 David Carvalho on 14th February 2019
- BCS is hosting the Cluster Management Meeting for RAP, and the professional learning on Best Start Kindergarten, both today.
- Please see the advertisement within if you would like to join our administrative team
- Best wishes to students attending the secondary camp today. Thank you to all teachers for providing this opportunity for our students.
- The playground upgrade at the school entrance is now complete.
- Presentation night is this Thursday evening at the Barellan Town Hall, 6:00PM arrival for a 6:30PM start.
- Quality learning experiences will continue until the final day.
- School reports will be issued this week

BCS Calendar

December 2018



Mon	10	Secondary Excursion
Tue	11	Secondary Excursion
Tue	11	Mobile Library
Tue	11	P&C Meeting - Library 6pm
Wed	12	Year 6 - 7 transition day
Thur	13	Presentation Night
Wed	19	Last day term 4

January 2019

Tue	29	First day term 1 - Staff only
Wed	30	First day term 1 - Students

P&C Supporting Our School

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 - 2018				
Thur 13/12	Fri 14/12			
Rae McDonald	Friday Menu - Golden Grain cafe			

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 11th December at 6pm All welcome



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.

Join the School Administrative Team at Barellan Central School

Two positions exist in a temporary capacity for 2019.

In term 1, the two positions are:

- 1. Position 1 (4 days per week)
- 2. Position 2 (3 days per week)

Please provide an application of approximately 2 pages addressing the selection criteria below. Please also include a brief CV including relevant experience and TWO recent relevant referees.

- · Effective communication skills.
- · Ability to meet deadlines.
- · Ability to work with teachers and students.
- Ability to perform tasks in one or more of the following areas: office procedures; accounting procedures; word processing; operation of computers and/or classroom/office equipment; library procedures; hospitality and/or design and technology science.

The selection panel is convened by Lauren Forner. The panel will shortlist applications and then contact your first referee. After contacting your first referee, successful applicants will be invited to interview. At the conclusion of the interview, your final referee will be contacted. Successful applicants at this stage will be placed on an eligibility list. Interviews will be conducted on Monday 17th December, at various times.

During term 1 we will run a merit selection process for a full-time permanent position which will commence in term 2. From term 2, we will only have one temporary administrative position, (3 days per week) for terms 2-4 and employment will be based on the eligibility list from this current round of recruitment.

Please direct enquiries and submit applications to:

Lauren Forner at:

barellan-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications close: Thursday 13 December at 4:00PM

Guitars for Year 6 Music on Wednesday

Could any Year 6 students who own a guitar please bring it to school on Wednesday for Music.



Found

A watch has been handed into the front office.





Barellan Central School **Presentation Nioht**



Thursday 13th December 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start Barellan Town Hall

- Student displays
- Supper provided
 - P&C Raffle
- 2019 School Magazine for sale

Santa Visit



We are very lucky to have Santa Clause coming to visit all kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students on Tuesday of the last week of school (18/12/18). Santa will come and visit us in the last session of the day, after lunch at 1.50pm. In this visit kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students will be presenting a song and dance to Santa, presenting a special Christmas video and giving Santa Christmas letters.

Families, including younger siblings, are invited to come and join our celebrations with Santa. While Santa is at our school he will be giving all kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 students, and their younger siblings who attend, a book as a gift. It is asked that Santa's helpers who are organising the books for kinder, year 1 and year 2 students, as well as younger siblings, please leave these books in the front office for Mrs Male to collect up for Santa, so he doesn't have to worry about carrying his full bag for such a long distance. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ring the school and ask to speak to Miss Davis about this event.

Library news

Book Hunt Down

Now is the time to find any mobile or BCS library books that are hiding in your home.

Please return all your mobile library books for tomorrow Tuesday 11th December.

The students who return all their BCS library books will receive a raffle ticket in a fabulous prize.

Mrs Kenny



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

Uniform Payments

There are a number of outstanding uniform payments at the moment, it would be great to have these all paid by the end of the term. The P&C uses the money from uniform sales to purchase more uniform stock. Payment plans are a great way to pay off your uniforms.

Contact me with the amount you would like to pay each week and the money can be sent into the school office or deposited directly into the P&C Account.

Account Name: Barellan Central School P&C

BSB: 062 548

Account No: 2800 1273

Please use your name as reference.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Many thanks, Tracey Gordon



Secondary excursion fun











The Treasure Chest staff would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

We wish to advise The Treasure Chest will be closed from 21 December 2018 and will re-open first week in February 2019. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



The Treasure Chest wish to advise there is only 2 weeks to go to find a treasure at The Treasure Chest.

We have many great treasures available such as: platters, salad bowls, glassware and lots more which you could use for Christmas dinner or holidays.

All goodies are at very reasonable prices. Please call in either Wednesday or Friday and grab a bargain.



