



Week 3B - Term 2
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The Gazette



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope you have all had a wonderful weekend, and I particularly hope all of the mothers in our community got to share a special time with their children, and perhaps even a little bit of a sleep in.

I would like to thank the parents for your care in ensuring your children come to school in complete school uniform so consistently. We hit some particularly cold weather this week, and a couple of children left their school jumpers or jackets at home. I would like to ensure you that we take every care possible of your children, and if they haven't had a jumper we have lent them a school jumper for the day, or in the case of students who have worn another jumper to school, we have lent them a school one for the day to ensure they can be both warm, and in uniform.

Last week I mentioned that Jeremy Campbell, the Assistant Principal attended some professional learning on Effective Reading for K-2. He has already started to share some insights into the newest research and consequently Kirstie Davis, our K-2 teacher and I will be attending more professional learning on how to enhance our early reading program. This reading program will embrace looking at synthetic phonics and specific readers that are carefully tailored to the sounds that students are learning. As a school, this new approach to reading is a direction we are embracing with very promising research indicating more rapid acquisition of reading skills. If you would like to know more, please contact us at school.

Visitors to the school

I would like to thank the special visitors we received last week, when Jenny Cox came to the school to assist me in conducting a Work Health and Safety (WHS) audit of the school. We will be looking at conducting an emergency drill in the next couple of weeks, so please don't be alarmed if you are near the school and hear bells ringing and see movement to our evacuation points. We also welcomed Rachael Adlington a Learning and Wellbeing Officer who has assisted us in evaluating our engagement practices and provided some useful resources and information for our Learning and Support Team. Finally, we were also lucky to host Matt Daniels, an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer who has provided us with some very important information regarding the connection to community and country for our Aboriginal students. Robyn Locke, our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) will be leading a process to engage with our Aboriginal families.

As I mentioned last week, the school is beginning a process called External Validation, in which we will be conducting a very broad evaluation of the school against a School Excellence Framework. This reflective process will help us identify how the school is performing and provide clear direction on how we can embed processes for ongoing improvement. I will be working with Jayne Gill, a Principal of School Leadership on Thursday on this.

Parents/Guardians visiting the school

Teachers are professionals who work hard every day to ensure they prepare engaging lessons for all students. This is a challenging job that requires their concentration. I have become aware of a number of visitors who have gone directly to classrooms during lesson time. Whilst we encourage communication with parents; parents, carers and visitors are not allowed to go directly to a classroom during the school day. Going directly to a classroom disrupts the learning process for all students, and can take teachers away from their key roles of teaching and taking care of your children. Any visitor must go directly to the office. If you need to see the classroom teacher urgently, you will be issued with a visitor pass. I have directed teachers to send any parent/carer who approaches the classroom during the day without a visitor's pass to redirect them to the office and to continue teaching. Please follow this process to assist us in ensuring your children receive the best quality education in the safest environment.

NAPLAN

Finally, I would like to wish all students in years 3,5,7 and 9 the best this week as they complete their NAPLAN tests. I would also like to repeat Robert Randall, the CEO of ACARA, the body supervising NAPLAN who says, "As with any test in life, some students may feel anxious about NAPLAN. In these cases, it's up to the adults in students' lives to help explain what NAPLAN is all about and keep it in perspective. Remind your child that it's not a big deal, that it's a short assessment taken only four times during their schooling". I've also included his full letter to parents for more information.

Have a lovely week,
Paul Laing

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

BCS Calendar

May 2018



Mon 14 Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Begin

Tue 15, 16, 17 NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

Fri 18 Secondary Zone Cross Country - Coolamon

Mon 21-23 BCS Choir @ Town Hall Sydney

Thu 31 BCS Athletics Carnival

June 2018

Mon 11 Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thu 14 Riverina Primary Cross Country

Fri 15 Riverina Secondary Cross Country

Tue 26 Mobile Library

Fri 29 Secondary Zone Athletics - Barellan

July 2018

Wed 4 Primary District Athletics - Barellan

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open every Thursday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Come in to get all your Winter Uniform needs!!

Laptop Payments

Secondary students Term 1 & Term 2 laptops payments are now due.

Uniform Payments

There are a number of outstanding uniform payments at the moment. The P&C uses the money from uniform sales to purchase more uniform stock.

Payment plans are a great way to pay of your uniforms.

Just text 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 text or phone me with any queries.

Many thanks,

Tracey Gordon

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2018 Build a Bridge...& get over it! Engineering Camp

Applications for the 2018 Build A Bridge... & get over it! Engineering Camp (flyer attached to gazette) have now opened for students in years 9-12 who are interested in a career in Civil Engineering. Please see Mr Whytcross for an application form.



STUDENT REMINDERS... Term 2 - Week 3B

Years 3,5,7,9

Week 3

NAPLAN

Year 9/10

PASS CLASS

Week 4

Monday - Period 1

Debating Assessment Task (In Class)

Year 12

Week 3

Half Yearly Exams



P&C Supporting Our School

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 - 2018	
Thursday	Friday
17/6/18	18/6/18
Kathy Bouchier	Michelle Alyuosif
24/5/18	25/5/18
Alicia Hornbuckle	Bernie Bandy
31/5/18	6/01/2018
BCS Athletics Carnival	SRC
6/07/2018	6/08/2018
Chantelle Booker	Michelle Alyuosif
14/6/18	15/6/18
Sue Wilson	Bernie Bandy
21/6/18	22/6/18
Leah Irons	SRC
28/6/18	29/6/18
Tina Haeusler	Karen Smith
	Zone Athletics - Sec
7/05/2018	7/06/2018
Michelle Alyuosif	Julie 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
- 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 Admin Manager

2018 HSC Half-yearly Exams 14th to 18th May 2018 - Week 3, Term 2

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	HSC English 9am – 11.10am	HSC Modern History 1pm – 3.05pm
Tuesday	HSC Mathematics HSC General Maths 9am – 11.05am	HSC Biology 1pm – 3.05pm HSC Visual Arts 1pm – 2.35pm
Wednesday	HSC Chemistry HSC Geography 9am – 11.05am	HSC Business Studies 1pm – 3pm
Thursday	HSC Economics 9am – 11am	HSC PDHPE 1pm – 3.05pm HSC Mathematics Extension 1pm – 2.35pm
Friday	HSC Design and Technology 9am – 10.35am HSC Physics 9am – 11.05am	HSC Legal Studies VET Hospitality 1pm – 3.05pm

K/1/2 Class News

Home Learning

This term students will again be encouraged to read every night as part of their home learning. Please ensure your child's reading page is being filled in each time they read. When students have finished with their readers they are able to bring them back to school and change them for new ones. There are also blank recording pages in our class if students require new ones. Please let me know if your child is not bringing books home regularly.

Students are also still expected to complete their spelling words each week. Students words are aligned with sounds explicitly focused on in class, in addition to sight words that are commonly seen in books. This term students are also expected to practice their sight words using the provided word sheet which can be cut up and used as flash cards. These two activities assist students in developing their reading skills and spelling abilities.

Change to Wednesdays

Again, this term K/1/2 will have Mrs Kenny on Wednesday for library and their HSIE learning. However, instead of being with Mrs Kenny on a Wednesday morning, students will now be with her in the afternoon. For parents and carers picking their child up on a Wednesday afternoon you will find students in the library.

Bryan the Lion

Bryan the Lion will be coming home with a child from K/1/2 each night of the week in Term 2, this may include weekends. Students are to write a few sentences about the adventures that they have with Bryan in his journal. We will share these stories each day in class. Please remind your child when it is their turn to have Bryan that he is to come back to school with them the **next day**. This activity is to encourage students to write at home and to continue to develop their skills and confidence in speaking in front of the class.



L3

Last term I began L3 (language, learning and literacy) training. As a result, we have made a range of changes to our classroom and to the way we do our literacy learning



activities. This style encourages more collaborative learning experiences, whilst targeting the needs of students.



Maths

This term in maths we have also started small group learning rotations. We love learning in groups. This new structure helps to reinforce maths concepts through a range of different activities and allows opportunities to take small groups to focus on an area of need.

Sport

This term we have started doing lawn bowls for sport. We have had LOTS of fun! Not even the wet weather could stop us last week as we played carpet bowls inside.



Mother's Day

We hope all the mothers and grandmothers had a lovely Mother's Day on the weekend.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS: NAPLAN 2018

Dear parents,

Every child needs numeracy and literacy skills to get a well-rounded education. Literacy and numeracy are the universal building blocks that provide the foundation skills children will need as they progress through school and beyond.

NAPLAN is an important tool for you and your child's teachers to see how your child, compared with the rest of Australia's children, is going in meeting important literacy and numeracy standards.

NAPLAN doesn't test everything that happens in classrooms and it isn't intended to. It does look at the critically important skills of literacy and numeracy – the skills our children will need for any career path they eventually choose to take.

After your child has taken NAPLAN, you will receive information on how he or she is progressing in literacy and numeracy, and how this compares with other students at your child's school and across Australia.

NAPLAN doesn't replace regular in-class assessments, but it is the only national assessment Australian children undertake. It allows for achievement to be celebrated, and – equally importantly – helps identify areas where more support may be needed to help individual students reach their full potential.

No extra preparation is required for NAPLAN. What children learn in the classroom through the teaching of the Australian Curriculum is what NAPLAN assesses.

As with any test in life, some students may feel anxious about NAPLAN. In these cases, it's up to the adults in students' lives to help explain what NAPLAN is all about and keep it in perspective. Remind your child that it's not a big deal, that it's a short assessment taken only four times during their schooling.

As one principal commented: "It's a very useful diagnostic instrument, it's something people shouldn't really worry about and they should just treat the day as any other day."

As NAPLAN begins to move online this year, some students will take the assessment in an online format. The move online brings benefits in the form of more precise and detailed results for teachers, and a more engaging test for students. Regardless of whether your child takes NAPLAN online or on paper, the results will be comparable with those of other students and from previous years.

In August you will receive your child's NAPLAN results. If you have any concerns about your child's NAPLAN results, discuss them with their teacher.

For more information about NAPLAN, including fact sheets, FAQs and examples of NAPLAN questions, [visit the NAP website](#).

Best wishes,

Robert Randall ACARA CEO

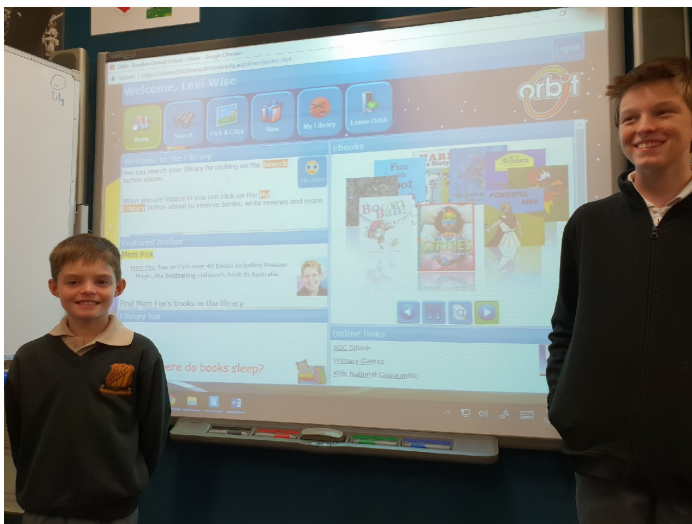
Library News

Last week Lachlan Davies, helped the 2/3/4 students learn about the Orbit attachment on Student Portal where they can:

- search books for the PRC
- reserve books
- check overdue books
- give reviews on books read

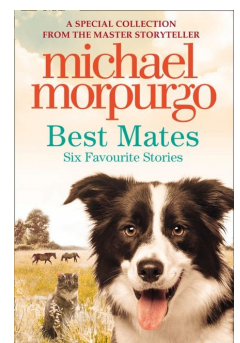
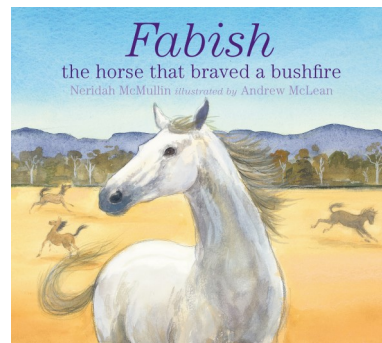
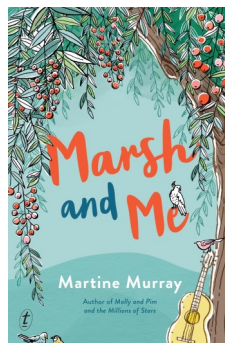
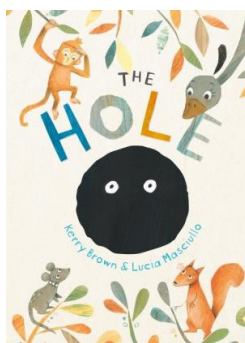
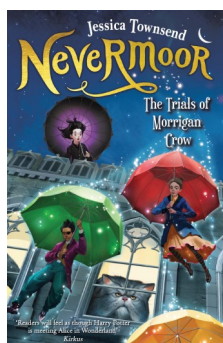


Ask you child to show you this excellent resource.



Lachlan Davies Yr 8 demonstrating Orbit to Levi Wise Yr 4

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY



JOIN OUR READ MORE IN MAY CHALLENGE!

To participate, colour-in a book for each day that you have read in May.

Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May!

1	16
2	17
3	18
4	19
5	20
6	21
7	22
8	23
9	24
10	25
11	26
12	27
13	28
14	29
15	30
	31

Enter online before 10 June 2018 to go in the draw to win great prizes!

scholastic.com.au/nfrm

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Keep this as proof of participation in case you are drawn as a winner!

Thank you

The Wilson family, Jenni & David ,Phil & Kirsty and families wish to say a big thank you to the communities of Binya and Barellan for all the support given to us on the recent loss of our beautiful Tina.

We appreciate all the work involved organising the memorial service. Thankyou.

Thank you also to those who travelled to Sydney for the Police Service. It was an amazing tribute to Tina. A very substantial \$1500 plus was donated to Police Legacy from the two services .Thank you.

We live in a very special place full of people who care for one another. I can assure you it all helps.

Thank you one and all.



Congratulations Anika

Anika Smith pictured below with Judy Findlay from the Barellan Progress Association after receiving her first prize award for her Anzac theme essay.

Anika's winning essay is attached to the gazette.



BARELLAN UNITED
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

12th May Jets V Barellan

2Blues Juniors Update

Our next game is at Temora on Saturday 26th May, this week we have a bye.

Training– Thursday -If you can't attend let your coach know.

3.45—Auskick

4.30—Net Set Go, 11s Netball 4.30—11s & 13s AFL

NO TRAINING FOR 13's NETBALL THIS WEEK



Barellan Blue Birds-first game, well done to all the girls.

13s Football		Golden Grain Award Ryan Smith	Ladies Auxillary Award Zach Kessey
11s Football		Golden Grain Award Levi Wise	Ladies Auxillary Award Phoenix Wise
15s Netball	Barellan 28 Jets 39	Saint George Bank -Coaches Award Millie Burcham	Ladies Auxillary -Players Player Charlotte Rainbird
13s Netball	Barellan 32 Jets Teal 6	Saint George Bank -Coaches Award Emma Morton	Ladies Auxillary -Players Player Ella Male
13s Netball	Barellan 30 Jets White 12	Saint George Bank -Coaches Award Matilda Evans	Ladies Auxillary -Players Player Ruby Male
11s Netball	Barellan 18 Jets 21	Saint George Bank -Coaches Award Matilda Evans	Ladies Auxillary -Coaches Award Sophie Male

This Saturday the 2Blues are involved in a major fundraiser for our club, we are catering for the Rugby Gala Day at the sports Ground. Please call Jo Ohlsen with offers for cakes and slices and volunteer some time to help on the canteen. It would be excellent to see a strong number of Junior football and netball parents helping out.



Winner of the Progress Association Writing Competition 2018

Anika Smith, Year 5, Barellan Central School, 27th Feb 2018

Letter from a Gallipoli Private

Dear Mum and Dad,

24th January 1916

Life has been very hard out here, but you're lucky I'm still alive! I only have about three to five bruises and one scratch. All we do are chores, fight, play cards and write letters home. It feels like we have spent about five million years living in these miserable trenches. They are cold, muddy and smelly. The makeshift toilets sometimes overflow into the trenches!

The lines of our trench are so long, they stretch from the Belgian Coast to Switzerland. We are fighting on what is called the Western Front.

When it was my turn to shoot at the enemy I hit every single one that I could. Every time I hit an enemy, it felt like I was adding another bullet into my own heart, but I had to for our country. I can't get much rest, so I try to sleep in the day, but the noise makes it impossible. I haven't slept for months.

Millions of rats infest the trenches and some grow as big as cats. I found a rat chewing my toenail last night! There is another problem, it is lice. My head is so itchy and my scalp is ~~red~~ raw. These pests torment us on a daily basis, just like the enemy! I really do prefer the pests though!

In the middle of where we are fighting is no-man's land. Some enemy soldiers crossed it to attack us last night. I lost my new buddy Pete in this attack. I held his hand until his last breath. I was there for him, he did not die cold and alone. I promised him I would send his love to his family back home. My heart bleeds at the thought of all the innocent lives lost. His body, along with many others are buried nearby. I feel that I can't survive any longer in this horrible war.

The winter here is the coldest I have ever felt. It is so cold at night that our blankets and even our clothes freeze solid! My old mate Jack, is suffering from frost-bite, he has lost 3 of his fingers and even worse, had to have his left leg amputated after his foot blisters turned gangrene.

Here is the time table if you want to know what I do here. Sam- looking out for enemies. 5.30am- rum ration. 6am- stand for half an hour. 7am- eat breakfast which is bacon and tea. After Barn- clean ourselves, clean weapons and tidy trench. Noon- have dinner. After dinner-sleep (if possible). 3pm- tea. 6pm- stand for half an hour. 6.30pm and onwards- work all night with some time for rest and replacing soldiers.

I miss you so much, I wish I could be back home with you both and of course with my little sister Daphne. Give her a big kiss and cuddle for me. I wish I could hear the song of the magpies in the early morning and the smell of the dew drops in the gum trees.

See you soon and love you all!

Your loving son William.





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... & get over it!

**If you like problem solving,
maths, science & design ...
Then this camp is for you!**

Dates 20, 21 & 22 August, 2018

A 3 day Camp at Borambola for students in Years 9, 10, 11 & 12
who are interested in a career in Civil Engineering.

Students compete in teams to design and build a real bridge.
Participate in hands-on workshops in laser levelling,
soil compaction testing, spatial co-ordinates and surveying
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