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Principal's Report

Year 12 Students

Congratulations to Jack Bouchier, Paige Kenny, Ebony Praestiin and Sharni Winter. You've nearly made it to the end of a unique and very tough year. Your resilience and work ethic through this time are to be admired.

The official last day for Year 12 is this Friday 17 September 2021, however students will be supported up until their exams.

From the beginning of Term 4, HSC students can continue to attend school for revision and learning and wellbeing support and to have access to their teachers.

Return to school

This week we saw many schools across regional NSW, where there had not been recent transmissions of COVID-19, released from stay-at-home rules. This meant a return to school sites under our [COVID-safe level 3 plan](#). Staff, students and parents/carers have been very excited to see a full return to on site learning and teaching at these schools and we will take the opportunity to learn from their experience in welcoming back staff and students as we plan for our own return. Thank you for calling ahead if you need to come to school and for your understanding that the school is unable to accept visitors right now.

Please remember that if you come to school to see your child, you must go to the office and wait there.

I'd also like to thank the parents and students for wearing your masks at school. They are not pleasant to wear throughout the day, however are a requirement under the current Level 3 COVID safe school plans.

Vaccinations for students aged 12 and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can [book in your children for Pfizer now](#), or Moderna from Monday 20 September.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.

Staffing news

Whilst I'm sad to share with you that we will lose some staff, I'm also happy for the individual staff members who are pursuing the next steps in their individual journeys. The following staff will not be returning in 2022:

- Matt Clough (returning to Sydney)
- Danae Conlan (taking 12 months leave)
- Will Flenley (will not be returning from leave)
- Louise Robertson (moving to Queensland)
- Shirley Whytcross (retiring)

I wish these staff members the very best in their futures.

I'm also pleased to announce that the following staff will be joining us in 2022.

- Teagan McKinlay has accepted an offer to continue with us.
- Lucy Cooper will be joining us as our new permanent Science teacher. Lucy is approved to teach Science, Biology and Chemistry, and has a keen interest in Agriculture. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Lucy in 2022.



Lucy Cooper

The school is advertising for an additional primary teacher, PDHPE teacher and TAS teacher for 2022.

The non-teaching staff will be finalised during Term 4 as the funding for 2022 is released to schools.

Contacting the school

One of the great things about schools like Barellan is the ties that we have with the local community. For any queries related to school, please support our staff by contacting the school through direct channels, such as the school telephone number and email. Earlier this term we had a number of enquiries made to staff when they were not working, and the messages do not filter through to school in a timely manner. Contacting the school directly will avoid these delays in getting back to you.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses Literacy and Numeracy skills every year for students across Australia in years 3,5,7 and 9.

NAPLAN results are helpful to check how we are traveling as a whole school against other schools across the state

I'm thrilled to share with you that in our critical areas of reading and numeracy, our students have achieved at or above expected growth at higher levels at higher levels than we have ever seen. A huge congratulations to the students for these wonderful results, and their teachers for their tireless efforts to support our children's learning.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and restful spring holidays. Thank you to the students and staff for your efforts this term in once again difficult circumstance. Your commitment to resilience and excellence have been particularly tested this term, and from the students' engagement this week we can see that you have thrived being back at school.

We look forward to seeing you after the break on Tuesday 5 October.

Best wishes,

Paul Laing

Principal



In summary

- Congratulations to Jack Bourchier, Paige Kenny, Ebony Praestiin and Sharni Winter on completing your HSC studies. One final hurdle to go!
- The school is operating at Level 3 COVID safe, with secondary students and staff wearing masks and no visitors allowed.
- Children from the age of 12 can now book for their vaccine. The Moderna vaccine will be available from 20 September.
- There are a number of staffing changes for 2022:
 - Matt Clough (returning to Sydney)
 - Danae Conlan (taking 12 months leave)
 - Will Flenley (will not be returning from leave)
 - Louise Robertson (moving to Queensland)
 - Shirley Whytcross (retiring)
 - Teagan McKinlay will be staying in 2022
 - Lucy Cooper will be joining us as a permanent Science teacher.
- If you need to contact the school, please contact the school telephone or email directly.
- Our NAPLAN results have demonstrated improved growth in reading and numeracy.

IMPORTANT COVID -19 MESSAGES

A reminder for all families

Students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools. Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines that follow.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up including staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if safe to do so.

Parents should:

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates
- remain outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding schools for specific purposes, vulnerable students or students with disability)
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

Masks/face coverings

While at school, masks or face coverings are required for:

- all students in Year 7 and above in indoors and outdoors settings
- all staff in indoor and outdoor settings.



To all BCS Parents, Carers & Students

SUPER AWARD

For your support and amazing perserverance with home learning during the COVID 19 lockdown of 2021,
You are all superheroes.

Thank you from all the staff at BCS.

eSafety's parent guide to digital technologies and mental health

Join the eSafety Commissioner's expert education and training team for a FREE live webinar.

This Term 4 webinar will provide parents and carers with strategies to help young people and their mental health when they are online.

Register now

Dates: (AEDT)

19 October 7.30 to 8.30pm	26 October 7.30 to 8.30pm
20 October 12.30 to 1.30pm	9 November 7.30 to 8.30pm
21 October 12.30 to 1.30pm	18 November 12.30 to 1.30pm



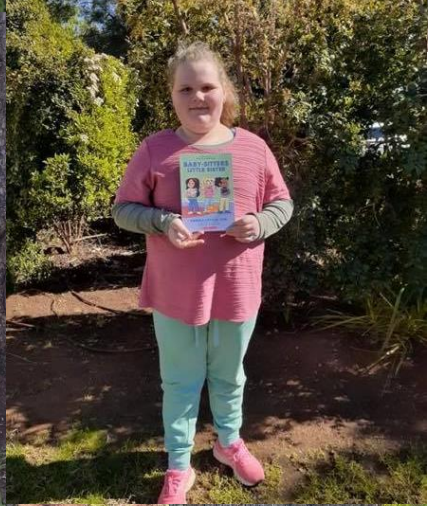
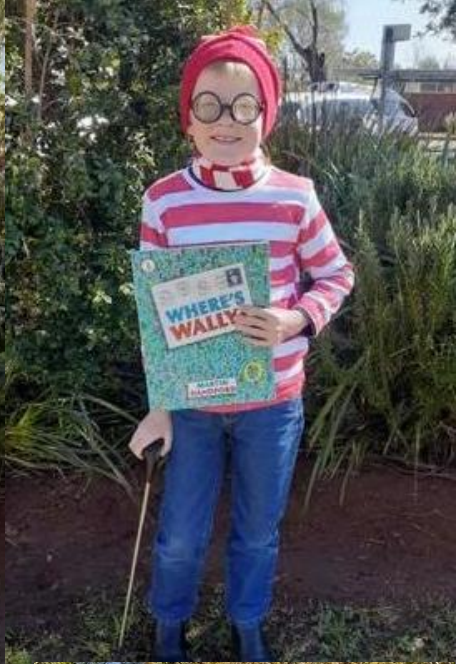
Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

B K WEEK

OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS

On Tuesday, the Primary students (and teachers) got to dress up and celebrate book week. Although there was not a whole school parade, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the students still had the opportunity for to set their minds free and roam among the wild world of books while celebrating all the best things about books and reading.





HANDS ON LEARNING

Lockdown Edition

BY MRS P

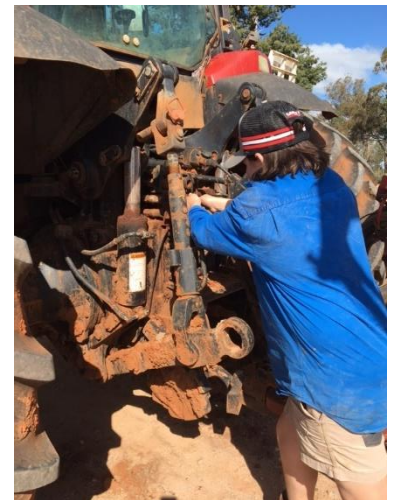
Lockdown didn't stop our Hands On Learning superstars.

Lachlan Ellis, got busy in his dads' workshop, designing and creating two garden masterpieces using scrap metal and his skills learnt throughout the year with Mrs P.

Say hello (below) to Penny the Peacock and the Garoolgan Garden Gnome. Fantastic work Lachy. I bet Mum has already found a spot for them in her garden.

Meanwhile Riley Curran was busy on the farm, being Dad's sidekick. Here he is getting his hands dirty servicing the tractor (not fixing it – as red tractors don't break down)

Well done boys, for your continuation of, and dedication to, Hands on Learning throughout lockdown.



thank you!

A BIG thank you goes out to Brad Irvin and Elisha Macleod, who kindly donated some potted stone fruit trees, to be planted in our Ag plot.





Parents and Citizens News

Following our last meeting:

**From our 'Ideas-fest' meeting in July, we are continuing to follow up on the numerous fundraising and social ideas presented. We are less able to deliver on the community involvement focus which parents desire, when restrictions are lifted we want to bring our school and community together.*

**A number of our fundraising events evaporated during the last few months, BUT an enormous opportunity has been created. The Malt House Raffle has to date raised \$3000 with the potential to raise even more.*

The \$500 unlimited voucher will be drawn at Barellan Central School at 3pm on 15th October.

Tickets are still available on line and outside the Barellan General Store on Friday 1st October from 10am.

A local raffle will also be available on this day.

**The Barellan Central School parent group would like to express our gratitude to our dedicated B.C.S teachers and support staff who gave their all to meet the learning and emotional needs of our students during online learning.*

**Thank you to Mrs Flagg for attending our meeting to discuss the Creative Koalas sustainability and community garden project, outdoor learning and contingency plans for the Primary excursion.*

Our next meetings are the 5th October and 2nd November in person or via zoom at 7.00pm.

The link can be accessed via the Newsletter tab on the school website.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 806 262 2188

Passcode: 6F9CmV

Agenda:

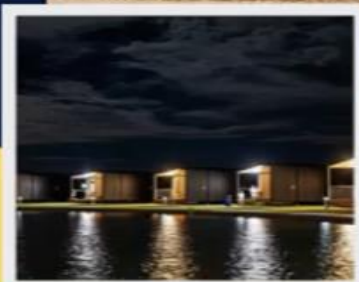
- Major raffle
- Paint and Sip social event
- Christmas event
- To add agenda items please call Julie 0448553225



Our P&C have assisted in establishing a work uniform for students who engaging in HoL, Agriculture and trade subjects.

BARELLAN CENTRAL SCHOOL P & C MAJOR FUNDRAISER

WIN \$500 Gift Voucher



**Gift Voucher has NO EXPIRY
Voucher can be used across all areas of the
Whitton Malt House ~
from food & beverages, Outdoor activities,
Retail Store & Accommodation**

In these interesting times we have to be inventive and this raffle offers a unique opportunity to win an amazing 'get away' prize and enormous support to our brilliant school.

Your \$20 investment will deliver substantial rewards to our deserving students.

Don't hesitate, the tickets are limited. Buy yours today via <https://rafflelink.com.au/malthousefundraiser> or Tickets can be purchased outside the Barellan General Store on Friday October 1st from 10 am.

More information please visit the Barellan Central School Facebook page.

Tickets drawn 15th October at 3pm.



Outdoor Toy Drive

The P&C are seeking donations of sturdy, safe toys suitable for young students to use in the sand pit and in an outdoor play space.

Contact Julie Kenny



CABINETMAKER / JOINER WANTED

Full time/Part time/
Temporary positions with
the opportunity for career
advancement

Located in Leeton, NSW

- 4th Year Apprentices are welcome to apply.
- Great rates above award, depending on experience and skills.
- Job security with long established reputable company.
- Happy to assist with relocation.

Required skills

- A trade certificate in cabinetmaking is a must.
- A manual drivers licence and forklift licence (not essential but desirable).
- White card.

Key Responsibilities

- Must be a qualified cabinetmaker/joiner.
- Must be well presented, work unsupervised.
- Must do site and factory work.
- Ability to read and understand plans and drawings.
- Must be reliable, punctual team player.

Please email office@felixjoinery.com.au
Phone (02) 6953 2551 or 0418 652 075.



Employment Opportunity – HSC Examination Supervisors 2021

Barellan Central School is seeking to employ examination supervisors for this year's Higher School Certificate. The examination period will take place from the 8th November to the 2nd December 2021.

The successful applicant must be over the age of 18, be fully Covid vaccinated and have a valid paid Working with Children Check (WWCC). The position is paid on an hourly basis by NESAs.

Applicants cannot have a child or near relative sitting the HSC or work at BCS.

Supervisors duties include.

- Following directions of the presiding officer
- Listening to all instructions given to students
- Ensuring confidentiality

Interested applicants or anyone seeking further information should contact Amy Laing-Morales via email (amylaing2000@hotmail.com) with their name, phone and email details.



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