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Principal's Report

Final week

Monday and Wednesday

- Our annual secondary (Monday) and primary teacher (Wednesday) conferences will take place. On these days we invite teachers who will be joining our school in 2022 to come and work with our staff to prepare for 2022.

Tuesday

- The Presentation Assembly will take place at 9:30am on Tuesday 14 December outdoors. We hope to live stream the assembly; please return the permission note for your children to be included in the live stream promptly. If we can't get permission from all families by then, we will upload a video of the assembly later in the day.

Staffing

In an environment of increasing teacher shortages across the state, I'm particularly pleased that we have contracted staff for all positions across the school for 2022. We have a full complement of qualified teachers, outstanding support staff and highly skilled administrative staff across the school.

I'm pleased to announce that Rebecca Marquardt will be joining us as our permanent PDHPE teacher. She is a PDHPE specialist, which brings an exciting skillset to the school

I'm also excited to share with you that we are partnering with the Languages and Culture team from state office, together with Ardlethan Central

School and Ariah Park Central school to employ a qualified Chinese teacher, Sally Lean. Sally comes eminently qualified with recent experience teaching in high performing schools across Singapore and China, and she has a heart for rural education as a local living now in Wagga and having teaching experience in Albury. As a languages specialist myself, I'm particularly excited to develop a specialised languages program across our community of schools. Sally will teach Chinese, face to face, with our year 7 and 8 students.



Sally Lean

Priorities in 2022

Our school priorities in 2022 sit around three main areas.

1. Improving the literacy and numeracy capacity of all students
2. Enhancing our professional learning processes for all teaching staff, with a focus on effective assessment practices
3. Developing students' connectedness to their learning, each other, and the community.

Industrial Action

Thank you for your understanding with the industrial action on Tuesday this week. Your patience is appreciated, as are the messages of

support for our incredible teaching staff who work tremendously hard to ensure every student is known, valued and cared for. No one likes the disruption to students' learning and to families.

Summer break

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Chinese New Year, Happy Bodhi or just happy holidays!

The summer holidays means lots of different things to different people. For me they have religious significance as well as a chance to get together with my family, share in some great food (particularly cherries and blueberries – one of our family's traditions is heading over to Batlow and Tumbarumba to pick up some incredible fresh local produce), excitedly wait for Santa to come and to rest with the cricket on.

Whatever it is that you celebrate, I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable break together with your loved ones.

Staff will return to school on Friday 28 January and students return on Tuesday 1 February. We look forward to the return to school next year for a wonderful year ahead.

Best wishes,

Paul Laing
Principal

In summary

- We will have a series of activities next week for staff and students. See above for details.
- Welcome to Rebecca Marquardt, our new PDHPE teacher from 2022
- Welcome to Sally Lean, our new Chinese teacher for 2022.
- The school's priorities are based on improving:
 - literacy and numeracy skills
 - our use of assessment
 - student connectedness
- All students return to school on the Tuesday, 1 February

Important Dates for 2022

**Please note that future dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check our website for the live version of our Calender.*

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1st February

First day of school 2022 (All Students)
SRC Leadership camp @ Borambola

Friday 11th February

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 17th February

Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival

Friday 18th February

Zone CHS Swimming Carnival

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd March

School Photos

Monday 7th March

Riverina Primary Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 8th March

Riverina Secondary Swimming Carnival



Clean Up Barellan

This term 2/3/4 have been learning about persuasive writing. They had a strong focus on the importance of recycling and learnt lots about this topic through their engagement in research. Last Friday 2/3/4 shared their learning with the rest of primary and took students on a clean up of Barellan, making sure all recyclable items ended up in the right bins.



Cooking with Shane and the Widgiewa Class

Mrs Bethe has been making some tasty treats with the Widgiewa students. Shane made some delicious gingerbread men to share with his peers in 2/3/4. They were reported to be "the best gingerbread cookies ever".



Poetry with 2/3/4

2/3/4 this term have been learning about poetry with a focus on presenting poems to an audience. They were lucky enough to have local poet (and former student of BCS) Max Jamieson come in and give us some advice. Students are looking forward to sharing their learning with other primary students, Max and Santa next Tuesday.



Koala Sustainability Project - Our Fruit Shack

This year the 4/5/6 students, Mrs Flagg and Mrs Woodland were involved in a sustainability project named 'Kreative Koala' which is connected to the United Nations sustainability goal of zero hunger. After brainstorming some ideas, the students, along with their teachers Mrs Flagg and Mrs Woodland came up with the brilliant idea of a fruit/vegetable shack, of which local produce from the school's Ag plot can be stored and be accessible to the local community.

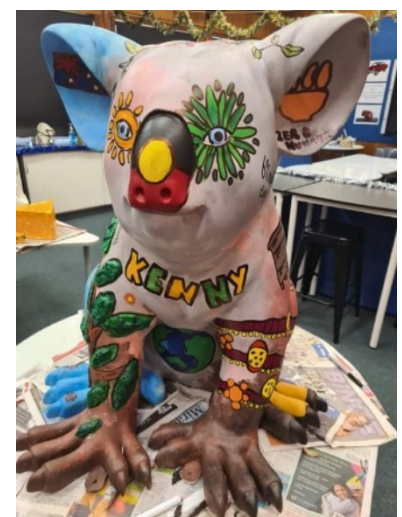
The design of the 'Kreative Koala' fruit/vegetable shack was communicated to the Hands-on Learning students, who were then involved in the construction of the design.

Materials for the project were sourced from a local farmhouse, owned by Ken and Donna McCrae, who were generous in allowing the Hands-on learning students to take the large veranda posts and bullnose tin off the veranda to assist in the building and design of the project. The farmhouse is a hand-built mud brick house, which was built by Mark Hillier in the early 1900's, it consists of 6 large rooms, a long, wide hallway and a veranda that surrounds the house. Beautiful old home indeed. It was then lived in by John O'Sullivan up until the mid-1980's. Since that time the farm has been share-farmed by local farmers in the area and is now owned by Ken and Donna McCrae. How cool that these materials have been recycled and used in a local school project. Thank you, Ken and Donna.



A huge shout out also goes to Mr Jeff Inglis, local carpenter, who volunteered his time and effort over a number of weeks, to help construct the project and ensure that it was safe and efficient to use. Jeff was excellent at directing the Hands-on Learning students throughout the construction and without his brains and skills behind the project, it would have been a hard task and frankly not near as grand as it is standing there today. Thank you, Jeff we are, all very appreciative of your help!

The Koala statue was decorated and painted by the 4/5/6 students with the help of Miss Robertson. The 'Kreative Koala' can be found along the fence-line of the front of the school, between the library and the schools front office. This spot was chosen due to sufficient shade and protection for the project. You won't miss it, just spot the Koala and help yourself to our delicious fruit and vegetable produce!



Finally, well done to the Hands-on learning students. Mrs Prentice and Miss Flagg are very proud of your efforts not only for this project but for all the projects you have achieved this year; including school entrance pavement, long jump-pit, bike rack, Jenga game, community rubbish collection, card game design, future project planning and general maintenance around the school. You have all been a delight to work with, your enthusiasm, dedication and attitude towards Hands-on Learning is something both Mrs Prentice and Miss Flagg both admire. You are the reason they look forward to Hands-on Learning on Fridays.

Merry Christmas and Goodluck!



Duke of Edinburgh

On Tuesday morning, Darcie, Bianca, Brianna, Dakota and Ms Jones headed off to Mt Brogden to complete a practice journey for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. The award creates opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure.

It was only a short trip to Mt Brogden, and we were all sad that it wasn't longer so that we had more time to enjoy Ms Jones' beautiful singing. When we left the car we were hot, nervous and unimpressed with the amount of mosquitos. However, Brianna didn't give us long to consider any of this – she was off and racing!

Bianca 'Prickles' Spowart complained for most of the way, but given the number of prickles she had collected by the time we reached the top it was probably justified. The mantra of 'leave it how you find it' was not followed closely by Bianca, with most of the flora now on the backseat of Ms Jones' car. Dakota 'Blister' Smith was the only student to sustain an injury. Despite using ALL of the first aid kits band aids, she lost a significant amount of skin. We expect her to make a full recovery before the end of the week. Darcie 'GPS' Geltch kept a very close eye on Ms Jones' driving, giving excellent (and very aggressive) directions to each checkpoint. Ms 'Old Lady' Jones struggled to keep pace with Brianna 'The Beast' Praestiin and the Three Hikerteers, but managed to make it to the top in once piece and provide everyone with delicious snacks.

Given the pace of the Mt Brogden journey (seriously, Brianna moves VERY quickly), we had some extra time and decided to explore the Hermit's Cave and Chapel. We agreed that we could all live happily in the Hermit's Cave and we were impressed to find a bible sitting in the Chapel.

A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to completing our Adventurous Journey as soon as we are able.



Altina Wildlife Park K-3

K-3 finally got to go on their excursion to Altina Wildlife park, and it was certainly worth the wait. The children piled on to the horse drawn carts, with their own personal tour guide, and headed off around the park to meet all the magnificent animals.



WATCH SNIPPETS
OF SHORT VIDEOS
OF THE ALTINA
EXPERIENCE HERE



Schools Cup Challenge

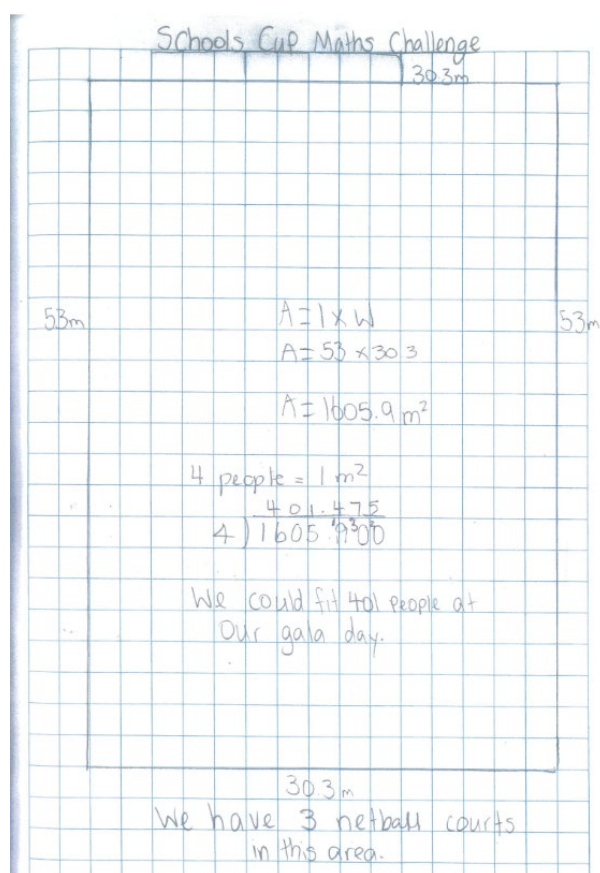
Year 4/5/6 participated in the 2021 Virtual Schools Cup Challenge. The competition ran between Monday 11th October and Friday 3rd December, 2021.

Some challenges were for the whole class to complete whilst others were individual tasks that students presented to Mrs Flagg.

The challenges were designed so that everyone can get involved, and the range of areas covered in the challenges allowed students from a variety of backgrounds to find something that suits their particular skills and interests.

The challenges were designed around various subjects including, Maths, English, PDHPE and Creative Arts.

We are pleased to announce that BCS WON!!! Congratulations to 4/5/6 for an outstanding effort.



Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Year 6 had a small intimate dinner at Il Corso, to celebrate their Primary School days, coming to an end.

A huge shout out to John and Joseph from Il Corso for their incredible generosity and service. Not only do they serve up incredible food but they paid-it-forward by insisting our students eat and drink for free at our Year 6 graduation.

We could not be more grateful to John, Joseph and their staff for their generosity and kindness. Thank you for making our night one to remember!



**WATCH YEAR 6
FAREWELL VIDEO
HERE**

Year 10 Graduation Dinner

Year 10 organised a get together to celebrate graduating from Year 10, and say farewell to those students who will be leaving BCS next year. Thank you to the Barellan War Memorial Club, for putting on a yummy selection of Chinese meals for our students.



DON'T FORGET SANTA'S VISIT

Santa has been in contact with the school organising his trip to visit our students. Santa will be arriving on Tuesday 14th December. He has asked that his helpers start to help organise the book presents for all of our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students in time for his arrival.

The elves have already delivered his bag to the front office and Santa has asked to make the office the drop off point. He has also asked if you could please wrap and label.

If you have any questions relating to this, please contact your class teacher or the front office 6963 9202.



Attention Year 7/8 PDHPE

Class Party Tuesday 14th December!!

Year 7/8 PDHPE class party will be Tuesday afternoon Week 11, to celebrate the end of the year and to say our final goodbyes before Miss Robertson leaves for Queensland.

Theme: Game Day (dress as your favourite athlete, sport, super fan, etc.)
Miss Robbo will provide some hot food and drinks. Students to bring along a snack item to share.

Whitton Malthouse Trip

On the rewards day the 25th of march and my class and I went to the Whitton malt house. we had two options we had golf or we had fishing. I went fishing and I caught a fish it was the biggest and I won free ice cream. I had fun . By Madison



HANDSON LEARNING

This year in Hands on learning we made a Jenga box with Jenga pieces. We helped the community by picking up rubbish , we had hessian bags, we filled a total of 8 bags. We help around the school , we remade the place right next to the front gate and made the long jump pit better. We have had a good year. I would like to do it again next year. By Logan



7-10 Dubbo excursion

On the Dubbo trip we went to Parkes Radio Telescope, Dubbo Sports world and Dubbo Zoo.

I stayed in cabin with Madison , Erica and I and it was fun. We had a BBQ for dinner. By Marian



Cinderella Play

We Went to see the musical Cinderella put on by Murrumbidgee Regional High School. I liked the dresses because they were colourful. I liked the singing and dancing and costumes. Darcie Geltch



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hands on learning	Basket ball	visual Arts	Robertson
food teach	Prentice	Spencer	woodland
English	science	Daymond	blacker
School	marian	Clough	Colan
Bethe	Anika	Laing	Karen
Logan	O'keefe	Jones	Math



Barellan Central School Kid's Raffle

16 prizes \$1.00 per ticket

**Drawn- 2021 B.C.S Awards
Presentations on
Tuesday 14th December**

Supporting the P&C: supporting our
school...our children.

Back to School Supply List 2022

Primary

- ☐ Homework folder (eg; plastic document wallet)
- ☐ Headphones – No ear buds (Year 2-6)
- ☐ Art Smock (K – 2)
- ☐ A4 Visual Arts Diary
- ☐ Library bag
- ☐ Pencil Case, HB lead pencils, eraser, glue stick, ruler, coloured pencils (Year 2-6)

Stage 4 – Years 7 and 8

- ☐ 10 x A4 exercise books (at least 128 pages) or folders
- ☐ Pencil case with the following items: pens (blue, black, red), lead pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, ruler, highlighters, post-it notes
- ☐ 3 x display folders
- ☐ 1 x A4 Visual Arts diary
- ☐ 1x Music Theory book.
- ☐ 1 x scientific calculator (to be purchased from school)
- ☐ 1 x USB
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Supportive sports shoes for PDHPE and sport lessons
- ☐ Fully enclosed in leather school shoes/ boots for practical lessons in Science and Technology Mandatory
- ☐ Work shirt for technology mandatory (this should cover arms completely and have a collar to cover neck and prevent sun exposure)
- ☐ Students will also need items for swimming for PDHPE and sport: goggles, swimmers/rash top, towel

Information about laptops for **year 7 and new** students, including payment advice, will be distributed to students first week back.

Stage 5 – Years 9 and 10

- ☐ 10 x A4 exercise books (at least 128 pages) or folders
- ☐ Pencil case with the following items: pens (blue, black, red), lead pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, ruler, highlighters, post-it notes
- ☐ 1 x display folders
- ☐ 1 x scientific calculator
- ☐ 1 x scientific calculator (to be purchased from school)
- ☐ 1 x USB
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Supportive sports shoes for PDHPE and sport lessons
- ☐ Fully enclosed in leather school shoes/ boots for practical lessons in Science and Electives
- ☐ BCS work shirt for Agriculture, Primary Industries, Metalwork (to be purchased from school).
- ☐ Students will also need items for swimming for PDHPE and sport: goggles, swimmers/rash top, towel

Stage 5 – Electives

Please note that in addition to equipment requirements, electives attract the fees outlined in the subject selection booklet distributed to relevant students in 2021.

Agriculture

- ☐ BCS work shirt (to be purchased from school)
- ☐ Work boots

Industrial Technology

- BCS work shirt (to be purchased from school)
- Work boots

Drama

- ☐ 1 x A4 Visual Arts diary
- ☐ Theatre blacks (comfortable and loose black t-shirt and black shorts or pants that allow unrestricted movement)

PASS

- ☐ Supportive sport shoes

Primary Industries (including stage 6)

- ☐ BCS work shirt (to be purchased from school)
- ☐ Work boots

Hospitality (including stage 6)

- ☐ Uniform – available to hire from \$80 per year or purchase for \$120, from Aria Park Central School (to be discussed on first Trade Training Centre Day)

Stage 6 – Years 11 and 12

- ☐ Pencil case with the following items: pens (blue, black, red), lead pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, sharpener, glue stick, ruler, highlighters, post-it notes
- ☐ Exercise books or folders for each subject
- ☐ Students will be provided with texts/textbooks by their teacher
- ☐ USB and headphones

Additional equipment requirements will be discussed with students by their coordinating teacher.