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Principal's Report

COVID update

As you are all aware, from the 8 November we have had a number of changes to our COVID-safe operations, and we have been able to open up more as a school. Whilst there are still restrictions about how we manage school events, excursions and assemblies are now possible with COVID safe practices such as reduced cohorts involved at any given time and with exclusive use of outdoor venues.

All school staff are now double vaccinated, and I'd like to publicly thank our staff for their willingness to getting vaccinated as the best way to protect themselves and the most vulnerable in our community.

Plans are in place for Presentation Night on Tuesday 14 December, however at this stage we are still not permitted a public audience or mixing of cohorts. We will carefully monitor restrictions and make a decision about the format in the coming weeks.

From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

Classes 2023

We are well on the way with the planning for our class structures for 2022, however they are not yet completely finalised.

At this stage, we anticipate running the following classes (with approximate student numbers in brackets).

- Kindergarten – Year 1 (12 students)
- Year 2 and 3 (14 students)
- Years 4-6 (14 students)
- Years 7-8 (8 students)
- Years 9-10 (14 students)
- Year 11 (8 students)
- Year 12 (4 students)

Sad staffing news

Today marks Mrs Danae Conlan's last day with us for quite some time. She will be taking leave for the rest of the year, and will be on leave in 2022. I know that the students and staff will miss her whilst she is on leave, and we look forward to her return in 2023. Best wishes Danae!



Meaningful learning

Whilst students are completing their final assessment, teachers are in the middle of writing reports. Whilst reports are an important part of school procedures, we all know that the learning that takes place every day is what really matters. I'd like to remind you that teachers plan for meaningful every day of the year, and this will continue up until the end of the year.

Student leave

We've been approached by a couple of parents requesting harvest leave for their children. Whilst we appreciate the particular significance of young people helping with harvest this year with a lack of a mobile workforce, harvest leave as a category of approved leave does not exist in NSW Public Schools. Any leave taken will be processed as all leave, either explained or unexplained, and approved or unapproved. The key consideration for us as a school is that regular attendance at school strongly supports students' academic achievement.

Best wishes,

Paul Laing
Principal

In summary

- Schools are opening up, but there are still a number of restrictions to maintain a COVID safe environment
- The draft class structure for 2023 is available (see main section)
- Best wishes to Danae Conlan, who is on leave from Monday until the end of 2022.
- Teachers are setting meaningful learning in every class
- Thank you for continuing to support your child's education by ensuring they regularly attend school.

Important Dates - Term 4

Tuesday 16th November

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

Monday 22nd November

Borambola Sport & Rec Excursion (4-6)

Wednesday 24th November

Altina Excursion (K-3)

Tuesday 14th December

Presentation Night or Day

Thursday 16th December

Last Day



School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October! The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate. - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/covid-check-mandate-expanded>
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short parent video - <https://youtu.be/g2LKZxKpxBo> to see how it works for parents or our contractor video - <https://youtu.be/PxXMiw2Fy2s>

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.



Glitter Ball



On Tuesday the 9th, K-2, including our Kindergarten transition students, got to spend their afternoon at our Annual Glitter Ball.

It was a sparkly affair, with the children dressing up in their best glitter git-up, playing pass the parcel, and the favourite part of the day was, hitting the piñata (filled with delicious treats).

Thank you to Miss McKinlay for organising the event, and the Year 2 students who helped out.

Below are a few stories from our Year 1 student's about the afternoon and on how much they enjoyed it.

On Tuesday the glitter
ball was on.
At ^{the} glitter ball there
was year 2 and K1
where there and me.
At the glitter ball Joe
smacked the piñata.
Blake John Lemke

On Tuesday K1/2
went to the
glitter ball. The new
kinders came too.
What is the glitter
ball? So year 2
can be leaders. So John
Joe Irons

When was the
glitter ball at lunch
at school? Who was
there? K1/2 the new
kinders and no one
else. I got the first prize
in pass the parcel.
Riley Irons

Yesterday after lunch to
we had a glitter ball
and year 2 were running
it and we had nesos
fun. My friend
was reaching
the big up and down.
Eleanor Goring

HoL News



Last Friday night, our Hands On Learning team, were presented with a cheque from The Barellan Masters Game.

This grant, will go towards building Barellan's very own pizza oven, for all the community to enjoy.

Thank you to the Barellan Masters Games, for the grant, and for supporting our students.

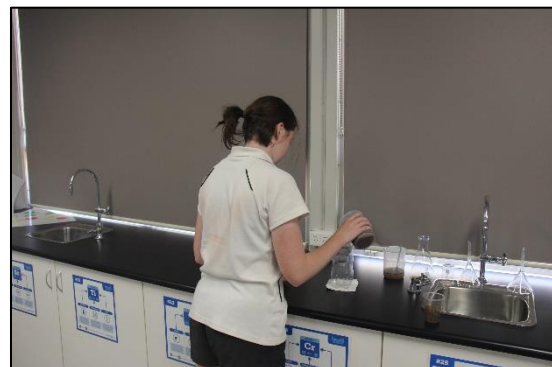
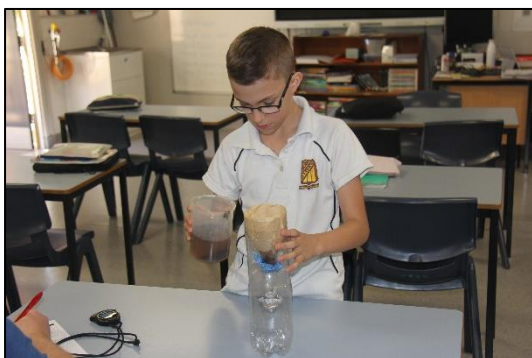


7/8 Science

After a year of 7/8 science class telling Mr Clough that he doesn't do anything fun in science, Mr Clough finally delivered, with a fun experiment everyone enjoyed, especially Bianca.

7/8 Science have been learning about mixtures and were set the challenge of building a water filter capable of cleaning 250mL of muddy water in under a minute. All students made innovative water filters, even if some were overbudget!

Great work 7/8 😊





Remembrance Day



On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we take a moment to remember and observe the significance of the sacrifice made by those serving on the Western Front. This year we remember the interring of the Unknown Australian Soldier, 28 years ago, in the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

We do not know this Australian's name and we never will. We do not know his rank or battalion. We do not know where he was born, nor precisely how he died ... We will never know who this Australian was ... he was one of the 45,000 Australians who died on the Western Front ... one of the 60,000 Australians who died on foreign soil. One of the 100,000 Australians who died in wars this century. He is all of them. And he is one of us. – Paul Keating 'Eulogy for the Unknown Soldier'

Barellan students shared a minute's silence in respect of the sacrifice made by those serving in all past and ongoing conflicts.



UNIFORM SALE!



Barellan P&C uniform shop have a sale on the below items;

Black Sports Shorts \$10
(sizes 2-14, S-XXXL)

Black Sports Tracksuit Pants \$20
(sizes 3-16, S-XL)

Please contact Leah Irons - 0438 463 967.

Also if your child requires any uniform for next year, can you please call Leah to arrange a time before the end of term.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 - 2021

Thurs 18 th Nov	Friday 19 th Nov
Sue Wilson	Leah Irons
Thurs 25 th Nov	Fri 26 th Nov
Lil Ross	Chantelle Booker



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Make sure you check out our Facebook and website pages throughout the year as we publish general information, important notices and exciting news and photos about our students!



Parents and Citizens News

Following our last meeting:

**The P&C extend a warm thank you to our teaching, cleaning and support staff. Your effort in going above and beyond to achieve the best outcomes for our children is hugely appreciated.*

**We are saddened to be farewelling many valued staff members this year. Tracey Gordon, Danae Conlan, Louise Robertson, Chris Eldridge, Matt Clough and Shirly Whytcross. We wish you all the very best in your future pursuits.*

**There will be a Children's Christmas Raffle very soon, tickets will be sent home to each family. We would appreciate if all tickets could be sold and returned. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Night.*

** Two sturdy tool boxes have been purchased to store the play equipment for the creative outdoor play area.*

**At the forthcoming AGM three positions will become available on the P&C. Please give some consideration to taking a position and positively contributing to our school.*

Our next meeting is the AGM only

on Tuesday 8th February 2022

in person or via zoom at 7.00 pm, at the Commercial dining room.

Contact Julie if you would like to order dinner- parma or fish- chips and salad.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 806 262 2188

Passcode: 6F9CmV



Excited students enjoying the toys generously donated in the P&C toy drive.