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WELCOME BACK!

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends and that the New Year has started off nicely for you. We look forward to working with you in partnership when supporting your Child's educational, social and emotional development throughout 2023. We are so glad to see so many happy faces returning to school and settling into a new year of learning. A particular welcome to all the new families who are starting off with us this year.

Staffing

We welcome two new members of staff to the wonderful team here at Barellan Central School for 2023. We congratulate and welcome Mr Jack McDougall who will be teaching the K/1/2 class and Ms Kerri Daly who is the new Assistant Principal Learning & Support for our network of schools. Although Kerri is based here, her role sees her travelling and supporting multiple schools in providing direct and timely assistance to students with additional learning and support needs and their teachers.

Uniform Focus

The school positively encourages students to wear full school uniform as it promotes a sense of belonging for all students. We have started the year off with the students looking fantastic in their full school uniform.

Regular Attendance at School

Both Australian and international research shows that regular attendance helps students to;

- Develop a sense of belonging
- Develop and maintain friendships
- Be more engaged at school
- Progress with their learning
- Be more aware of career and life options

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility – everyone has a role to play. Thank you to all parents / carers for informing the school when you know your child is going to be absent so that absences can be marked as explained rather than unjustified.

Back to School Vouchers

Many families may have heard by now that late last year the Government announced a \$150 'Back to School Voucher' for all students enrolled in School or Home Schooling. We have sent an information letter out earlier this week to all families indicating how to obtain the voucher and the eligible purchases that you can use the voucher for. Since then, there has been another update (announced on Tuesday) that these vouchers can now be used to pay school fees if families wish. We are currently investigating a 'Scan & Redeem' system at BCS for this. More to follow on this soon.

Staff Development Days

As mentioned in previous reports, the staff at BCS put a lot of time and effort in their planning and preparation for the term ahead to benefit the learning opportunities for all students. I'm happy to report that we collectively enjoyed the two days in our teaching teams discussing, planning and preparing for the term ahead. I would like to thank all staff for their professionalism and participation in the Staff Development Days.

Evacuation Procedure / Drill soon

As it is the start of a new year and we have new students and staff here at BCS, we thought it would be a good idea to practice an evacuation drill. It is something all schools need to do at least twice a year to remain familiar with the procedures in the event of an emergency evacuation. Please note, that we will be doing an evacuation drill during week 3 (next week). I write this to inform you there is no need for panic if you hear an alarm signalling from the school. There is no need to attend the school thinking something is wrong. We will also notify families closer to the day via Facebook. Please rest assured if there ever was a real emergency evacuation, families would be contacted if needed.

2022 School Magazine

Students have received a complimentary copy of our 2022 school magazine. If parents or careers have not received a copy, please contact the office.

As indicated in previous reports, we are often encouraging students to pause, reflect and set goals, giving them purpose. We started the year off with a welcoming assembly where all students were reminded of this. I thank those families who continue to support us with this message at home.

I know I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say we're looking forward to a positive term of learning and achievement for all students. Welcome back.

Yours Faithfully,
Mr Christopher Grasso - Relieving Principal

Yearly Forms

Yearly permission forms are attached to this gazette, for parents/guardians to sign. Please return their yearly forms to the front office as soon as possible. Forms include:

- Media permission
- Permission to publish
- Swimming permission
- Walking permission
- Internet agreement
- Gazette preference
- Mosquito application

Please contact the front office on 6963 9202 if you have any questions.

The permission notes can also be found on our website, under the documents tab.

Canteen News

The Barellan P & C would like to notify families that the canteen will reopen for 2023 on Monday 13th February.

The Canteen will operate each Monday and Friday, for recess and lunch, unless otherwise advised.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th February
Year 11 & 12 RAP study camp @ Yanco

Friday 10th February
BCS swimming carnival

Thursday 16th February
RAP sports trials @ Barellan

Thursday 23rd February
CHS zone swimming carnival @ Barellan

Friday 24th February
PSSA zone swimming carnival @ Barellan

Swimming Carnival

This year Barellan Central School will once again be participating in our annual Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th February. The carnival will be commencing at 11:15am for all students.

All students will be required to have:

- appropriate swimwear
- rashie must be worn when not swimming competitively
- goggles
- hat
- towel
- sunscreen

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled and in a plastic bag.

The P&C will run a BBQ lunch and the pool canteen will have their normal items available.

We are delighted that this year we are able to invite parents and guardians to watch our carnival.



Primary Library Times

K/1/2 Monday – Period 4
3/4 Thursday – Period 5
4/5/6 Wednesday – Period 5



Mobile Library

The mobile library will be visiting BCS on Tuesday 7th February at 9am. If students have any outstanding library books from the mobile library please return them.

2023 House Captains

Congratulations

2023 House Captains have been announced.

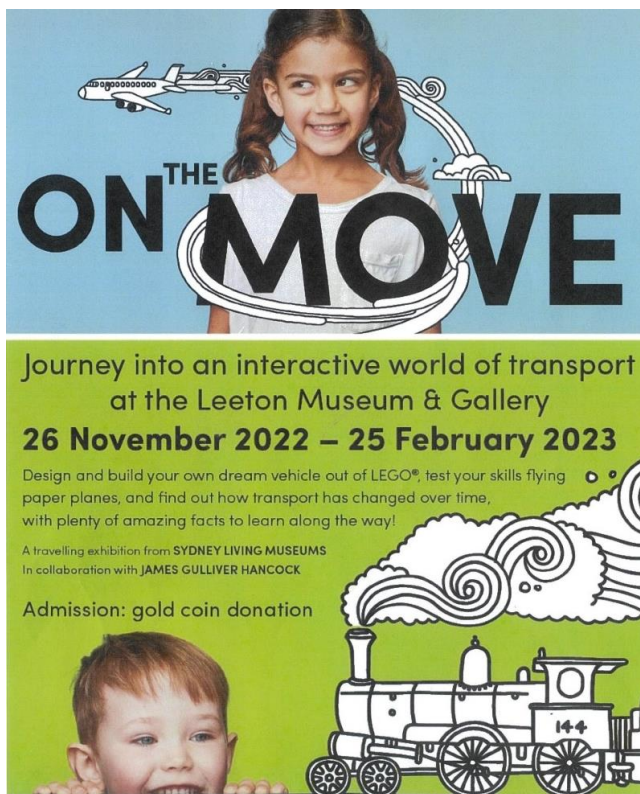
Congratulations to the below winners.

Macarthur

William Evans & Jack Inglis

Farrar

Declan Trembath and Zac Twomey



ON THE MOVE

Journey into an interactive world of transport
at the Leeton Museum & Gallery
26 November 2022 – 25 February 2023

Design and build your own dream vehicle out of LEGO®, test your skills flying paper planes, and find out how transport has changed over time, with plenty of amazing facts to learn along the way!

A travelling exhibition from SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUMS
In collaboration with JAMES GULLIVER HANCOCK

Admission: gold coin donation

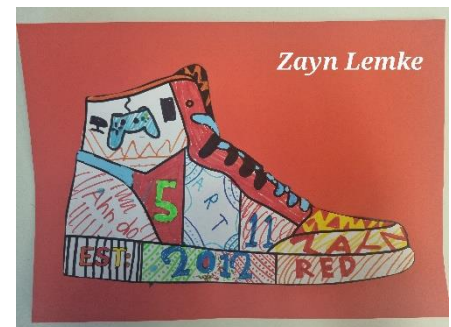
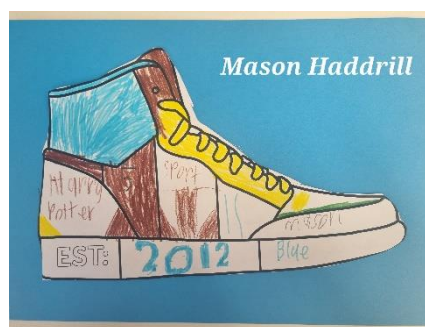
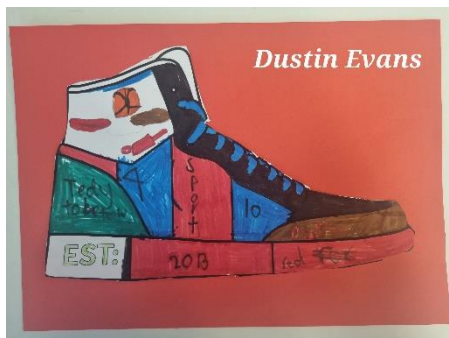
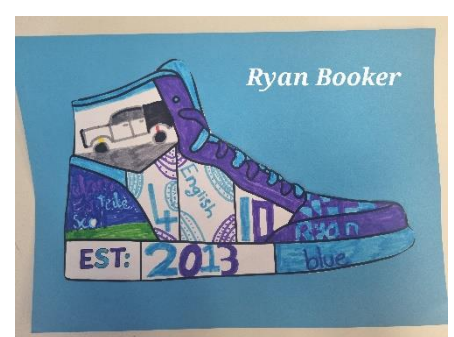
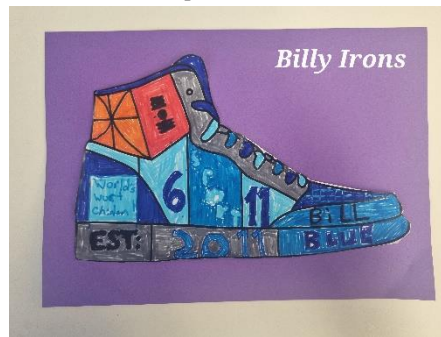
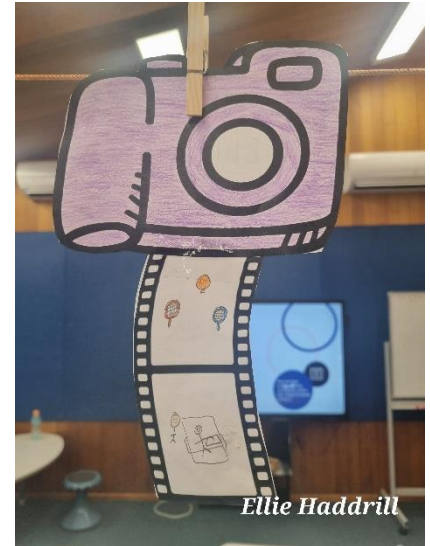
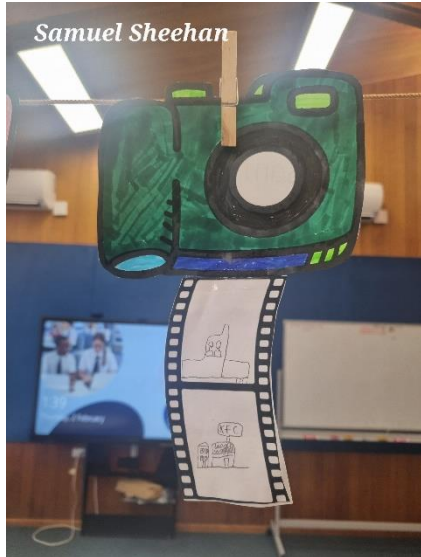
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LEETON
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GALLERY

Monday – Saturday
10am to 3pm

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4/5/6

4/5/6 have had a great first week back to 2023. They have been enjoying sharing some snapshot moments of their favourite holiday memories, and getting to know one another better through their funky shoe designs.





NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday 27 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 August



Stewart House Donation Drive 2023

92 years caring for children

NSW Public Education's Charity of choice

“I wanted to thank you guys and all the people at Stewart House 'cause there I learnt some more confidence in myself and making new friends. This all helped me in a recent musical I was in at my school and it has also helped me in many other ways.”

[Email, August 2022]



Your donation supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher

- Place a \$2 coin, or equivalent, in this envelope
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return to your school to be eligible for the draw



All entries must reach Stewart House by Friday, 26th May 2023, in time for the draw at 12 pm on this date.

If you would like to donate to Stewart House, please see the front office, for the donation envelope.

upcoming sessions



headspace is offering free mental health education webinars in Term 1, 2023 for Parents and Carers in the **Murrumbidgee**. Follow the links to register.



Connecting and communicating with my young person

Date: 7 February 2023
Time: 12:00 - 1:15pm AEDT
Location: Online webinar
Registration: bit.ly/3W7SvqU

This session aims to:

- Strengthen knowledge and understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today
- Increase awareness of your young person's emotions, thoughts, feelings, and behaviours
- Identify opportunities for connection with your young person and enhance your conversational approach
- Introduce skills and strategies to encourage and support help-seeking



Navigating uncertainty and change

Date: 7 March 2023
Time: 6:00 - 7:15pm AEDT
Location: Online webinar
Registration: bit.ly/3w6GlnC

This session aims to:

- Strengthen understanding of how young people can be affected by change and uncertainty
- Build skills and strategies to support young people who are navigating change
- Identify signs that young people may need additional support
- Build awareness of local, state, and national supports available to young people



For more information: Contact us at programsupport@headspace.org.au

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

2023 CALENDAR

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

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 Mobile Library Visit Yr 11 & 12 RAP Study Camp @ Yanco	8 Yr 11 & 12 RAP Study Camp @ Yanco	9 Yr 11 & 12 RAP Study Camp @ Yanco	10 BCS Swimming Carnival
13	14	15	16 RAP Sports Trials @ BCS	17
20	21 RYDA @ Yanco (Year 11)	22	23 CHS Zone Swimming Carnival @ Barellan	24 PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival @ Barellan
27	28			

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Field of Mars Incursion (4/5/6)		Riverina Swimming Carnival (Primary)
6 School Photos	7 Mobile Library	8 Riverina Swimming Carnival (Secondary)	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28 Parent/Teacher Meetings	29	30	31 BCS Cross Country PBL Assembly





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31 January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Gazette is handed out every second Friday to the eldest child in the family. Please indicate below your preference for how you would like to receive it.

Please return this note promptly to the front office. If you do not return this note, we will issue the Gazette to the eldest in the family.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso

Relieving Principal

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GAZETTE 2023

I would like to receive the Gazette (tick all that apply):

☐ Handed to my eldest child. Name: _____

☐ Handed to another child of mine. Name: _____

☐ Via email. My preferred email address is: _____

☐ I do NOT want to receive the Gazette. I will access it through Facebook or the school website.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____





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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The use of the internet at Barellan Central School is provided to promote educational experience through facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication.

Students may use the internet only if they are engaged in educational activities, which fit within the objectives and goals of the Barellan Central School curriculum.

The Internet must be considered as a public place in cyberspace. Accordingly, students are expected to exhibit the standards of behaviour on the Internet, which are expected at all other times, and in all other places.

Students:

- have access to the internet for uses related to the curriculum
- students shall not undertake mail, news, chat or other activities without permission
- may only download information to their folders, not the C drive
- must prepare a key word search before using the 'world wide web'
- are forbidden to access or transmit material that is violent, racist, sexist, pornographic, illegal (e.g. bomb construction), threatening (e.g. chain letters), discriminatory, inflammatory, offensive or of a personal or private nature
- must not break copyright law by copying and/or redistributing another's work
- must not copy the ideas of others and present them as their own, this is plagiarism
- if students become aware of any breach of these rules they must report it to a teacher immediately
- should under no circumstances reveal personal information that may identify themselves to someone else, e.g. full name, home address or telephone number.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso
Relieving Principal

ACCEPTABLE INTERNET USE POLICY AGREEMENT FOR 2023

We have read and discussed the Internet Policy. We understand the expectations of student's use of the Internet at Barellan Central School. We agree to abide by the policy and understand that failure to follow the policy will result in immediate loss of Internet access.

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____





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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From time to time the media approach the school requesting co-operation in photographing, filming or interviewing students. The school also seeks to promote the achievements of students by naming them in material provided to the media or by arranging for them to be included in photographs for newspapers and the Internet or vision for television commercials.

If you are willing for your child/children to be photographed, filmed, named or interviewed on topics that do not involve current issues or do not offer a personal insight, would you kindly sign the consent form below and return it to the front office.

This consent applies to the School Gazette handed out each fortnight, and online, local newspapers, radio and television.

You will be contacted specifically if your child/children may be required to offer an opinion on an issue or may be required to discuss something that could give a personal insight into themselves, your family or friends, or the request is from media outside the local area.

The school understands that there can be many reasons why families may prefer that their children do not appear on the media or Internet and respects your wishes. If you sign the consent form, but later wish to withdraw it, please notify the school so we can adjust our records accordingly.

If you wish to discuss consent for your child/children to appear in the media or Internet, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso
Relieving Principal

MEDIA PERMISSION 2023

I **do give / do not give** (Please circle appropriate) permission for my child/children

to be named, photographed, filmed and interviewed in local newspapers, radio stations and television, in the school newsletter both printed and online and school magazine

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____





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Dear Parents/Caregiver,

As I am sure you are aware, we currently having a problem with mosquitos at school.
Mosquitos carry the risk of diseases such as Murray Valley encephalitis and Ross River Virus.

To try to counteract the risk and improve student comfort, we are asking parent/caregivers permission to apply a non-aerosol insect repellent during school hours.

Please sign the attached form, clearly indicating if your child is allowed to have repellent applied to bare skin e.g., arms, legs, neck.

Please note the repellent supplied will be a non-aerosol product.

Could you please return the form to the front office as soon as possible.

Any student who does not return a note, will be unable to have repellent applied.

Regards

Chris Grasso
Relieving Principal

Mosquito Repellent Permission Note 2023

I **DO** give permission for my child/ren (name/s)

to have mosquito repellent applied at school.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my child/ren (name/s)

to have mosquito applied at school.

Signed _____





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Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school by 6 January 2023.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso

Relieving Principal

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH 2023

I have read this permission to publish and (tick the appropriate box):

☐ **I give permission**

☐ **I do not give permission**

to the school/Department of Education to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child's name: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During 2023 our students from Kinder to Year 12 will be involved in swimming as part of their physical education, lifesaving program and sport. This permission note will cover all attendances at the pool.

If you do not hold a season ticket for the pool your child will need to pay pool entry for each visit. As with all outdoor activities in summer, a hat and sunscreen are required. **Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Please complete a separate permission note for each of your children and return the below slip to the office as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso

Relieving Principal

Permission for Swimming 2023

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Class: _____

Season ticket? **Yes / No**

How would you rate your child's swimming ability in a fresh water pool?

- ☐ **Strong** (able to swim more than 100m unassisted)
- ☐ **Fair** (able to swim more than 50m unassisted)
- ☐ **Weak** (able to swim more than 10m unassisted)
- ☐ **Non-swimmer** (unable to swim unassisted)

Does your child have a medical condition that swimming may have effect on? **Yes / No**

If 'yes' please give a brief description.

Is your child an asthmatic? **Yes / No**

If 'yes', please ensure you have given the relevant details regarding your child's asthma to the school.

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter _____ to participate in the swimming activities in physical education, sport, swimming carnivals or any other school activity being held at the Barellan Swimming Pool. I understand that this involves walking to the pool, being in the pool or on the swimming pool grounds.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____





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31 January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During 2023, students walk to various places within the boundaries of the township of Barellan. This note will give your child/ren permission to leave the school grounds with a teacher for a school-based activity.

Please be aware that this involves crossing roads. For example, students may walk to the Community Hall or to sport venues within the town for school related purposes.

Please indicate if your child has a medical or allergy concern that needs to be taken into consideration, for example asthma and the need to carry a puffer, or an allergy to bees.

Please complete the note below and return it the school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Chris Grasso

Relieving Principal

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WALKING PERMISSION NOTE 2023

I give permission for my child/ren to walk from the school premises to a designated area within the boundaries of the Barellan township in 2023. I understand that this may involve crossing roads and playing sport on non-school grounds.

STUDENTS NAME	MEDICAL / ALLERGY CONDITION

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____