



The Gazette

Week 4 - Term 1

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday 21st February

RYDA (Year 11) @ Yanco

Thursday 23rd February

CHS zone swimming carnival @ Barellan

Friday 24th February

PSSA zone swimming carnival @ Barellan

Monday 6th March

Riverina Swimming Carnival (Primary) @ Leeton

Tuesday 7th March

Riverina Swimming Carnival (Secondary) @ Leeton

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable fortnight. It is my pleasure to be embarking on another year of schooling with you as Relieving Principal as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. We have another exciting year ahead with many activities already planned.

Evacuation

In my previous report, I informed families that the school will be focusing on updating the Emergency Management Plan as we begin a new year with new members to the school. This involves conducting an emergency evacuation drill, among other drills and updating documentation. I'm very happy to report that the staff and students did exceptionally well in performing the evacuation drill last week with all staff and students evacuating the school site and all accounted for within 6.5 minutes. In the coming weeks we will be practicing the lockdown drill.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Swimming Carnival last Friday. Thank you to the parents who attended and offered support while enjoying the afternoon with the students. Unfortunately, I was at Network Learning Day, but returned to work hearing the afternoon was very successful and enjoyable for all who could attend. A particular thank you to Ms Marquardt and Mrs Malone for the organisation of this event. We wish all the students who will be competing in the Zone carnivals all the very best.

Safer Internet Day

Last Tuesday was the 'Safer Internet Day', a global event that brings together communities, families, schools and organisations to consider ways to create safer online spaces. As you know, technology has evolved dramatically in the

past two decades and the benefits have been huge. These developments have also exposed us to many risks with real-world impacts, making online safety awareness even more important. Please support this message when having the conversation with your children at home. Key ideas include:

- Connect safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.
- Reflect before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.
- Protect ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can all help.

School Attendance

Every day counts, as 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. Every fortnight attendance data will be reviewed with the purpose of early intervention should students need additional support in gaining positive attendance.

As always, a big thank you to all the dedicated staff, students and families for the wonderful partnership in ensuring quality learning and relationships are occurring at Barellan Central School.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Mr Chris Grasso - Relieving Principal

Yearly Forms

Yearly permission forms have been given out to all students. Can parents please ensure that all notes have been returned to the front office as soon as possible. The 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.

School Photos - Change of Date

Please note that we have changed the date of our school photos to Term 2 – Wednesday 7th June 2023.



Attention Kindergarten & Captains

The Irrigator Newspaper will be visiting our school this Monday 20th February at 9am to take photos of this years Kindergarten students and the 2023 Captains. Can parents please ensure all students are in full school uniform. Thank you.



Welcome to our Kindergarten students!

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students, Adeline Smith, Hunter Glover, and Maci and Ava-Lee McElwaine. We hope that you have settled in and are enjoying your time at Barellan Central.



Adeline



Maci



Ava-Lee

Swimming Carnival

It was a beautiful day out on Friday 10th February for our BCS swimming carnival. It was great to see lots of families attend the event to cheer on the students. Thank you to everyone involved in ensuring the day was a success.

The winning house was Macarthur by 34 points.

Congratulations to the below Age Champions.

| Age Group | Age Champion |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Junior primary girls | Lara Sanderson |
| Junior primary boys | Jake Irons |
| 11-year-old boys | Zayn Lemke |
| Senior primary girls | Ellie Haddrill |
| Senior primary boys | William Evans |
| Junior secondary girls | Lily Curran |
| Junior secondary boys | Toby Inglis |
| Senior secondary girls | Dakota Smith |
| Senior secondary boys | Zach Twomey |

Barellan will be hosting the PSSA and CHS swimming carnivals this year.

CHS Zone – 23rd February & PSSA – 24th February. Good luck to all students representing Barellan Central School.





RAP Study Camp

Students in Stage 6 spent two nights at a RAP schools study camp in week 4. We travelled as a group to Yanco Agricultural Institute where we met with our teachers and classmates from Hilston, Ariaiah Park, Ardlethan, Lockhart and Oaklands, for some extra learning and bonding experiences.

Students in year 11 were able to meet some of their teachers and classmates face to face for the first time and were introduced to each of their chosen subjects in detail. Students in year 12 were able to re-connect with their teachers and classmates while utilising valuable face to face time for new modules and revision. We made time for a little bit of fun with some spotlight in the dark and a swim at Yanco Ag Highschool pool. Two big days and nights were backed up by great attendance at our swimming carnival the next day too!



4/5/6 "Feeding the Future"

4-5-6 are studying Living things in Science with a unit focused on "Feeding the Future." Students have the opportunity to dig deep and get their hands dirty as they take on the role of an agricultural scientists; texturing soil and conducting fair tests to explore the conditions required for plant growth.

This aligns perfectly with our goal to revamp the community garden, ensuring a seasonal rotation of fresh herbs and vegetables. To assist us with setting up a sustainable and healthy project, we were privileged to engage the expert knowledge of Sally Russell from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre to teach us about soil types, ideal conditions for growth, the effects of PH of soil, crop rotations and companion planting.

We made our own biodegradable seed pots to propagate some seeds for our raised beds. We are looking forward to Sally returning in two weeks to see our progress and help the students plan and plant their autumn vegetable crops. Stay tuned!





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

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“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.

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 |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| 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 |
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| 20 | 21 RYDA @ Yanco (Year 11) | 22 | 23 CHS Zone Swimming Carnival @ Barellan | 24 PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival @ Barellan |
| 27 | 28 | | | |
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March

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