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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable fortnight. It's hard to believe how fast this term is unfolding, having already reached the end of Week 6. Since our last Gazette, we have seen plenty of events and activities supporting student engagement and success here at Barellan Central School.

### **Annual Report**

I wanted to share with the community, just how proud I am of the dedicated hard-working staff at Barellan CS. What many don't realise is that in addition to the enormous work load of teaching and learning and supporting students, staff have participated in deep and meaningful conversations in reviewing 2022.

All NSW Department of Education Schools are approaching the completion of their Annual School Report and all community members can look forward to the publication of the Barellan Central School Annual School Report at the beginning of next term.

The Annual School Report is an essential tool for the school community. It provides a detailed overview of the school's performance and achievements, including information on student outcomes, teaching and learning practices, and school operations. The report is an important accountability measure for schools as it assesses how well the school is performing in various areas, including

student academic performance, attendance rates, and student wellbeing just to name a few. The report also provides valuable insights into the school's priorities and goals for the future. In short, the NSW Department of Education Annual School Report is a critical resource that helps to promote transparency, accountability, and quality education in New South Wales.

### **Welcome Back Mr Laing**

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the whole school community when I say welcome back Mr Laing. We hope that you have enjoyed your well-earned break and have had plenty of time to relax and accomplish all the things you wanted to do while on leave. Mr Laing returns to his duties as Principal at the commencement of Week 8 this term.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Riverina Swimming Carnival (PSSA) @ Leeton

Young Leaders Conference @ Sydney

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Riverina Swimming Carnival (CHS) @ Leeton

Young Leaders Conference @ Sydney

Mobile Library Visit

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

PSSA Basketball Trials @ Albury

## My Last Week – Thank you to all

In my first newsletter report at the beginning of Term 4 last year, I outlined how excited I was at the opportunity to work closely with the whole school community in supporting student's academic, social and emotional learning journey. What I did not expect, was that this experience was going to be an absolute highlight of my 22 years with the Department of Education.

I genuinely mean it when I say, working closely with the wonderful students and staff at Barellan Central School made this experience so very special. I gained plenty of learning moments and thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively with teams contributing to the schools priorities.

It was an honour and a privilege to work with the amazing staff who are so dedicated when it comes to supporting students. I have enjoyed the collegial conversations, celebrating student achievements, participating in events, but most of all, I have treasured the relationships that have been developed.

Over the past 17 weeks I have enjoyed so many great moments that I will always be able to look back on with happiness.

To all of the families, staff and students, I'm truly thankful for the experience and support you have given me. I will always remember my time here with gratitude - Thank you.

I want to assure all parents, students, and staff that Barellan Central School really is a connected learning community committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in life. I wish you all every bit of success as you continue on this journey.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Mr Christopher Grasso  
Relieving Principal

## Primary PBL Awards

EXCELLENCE
Jake Male
Zayn Lemke
Jake Irons
Lara Sanderson
RESPECT
Charlotte Dicker
Riley Irons
RESPONSIBILITY
Riley Menzies
RESILIENCE
Dustin Evans
Blake Brody



## Mobile Library

The Narrandera Shire Council Mobile Library will be visiting BCS on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

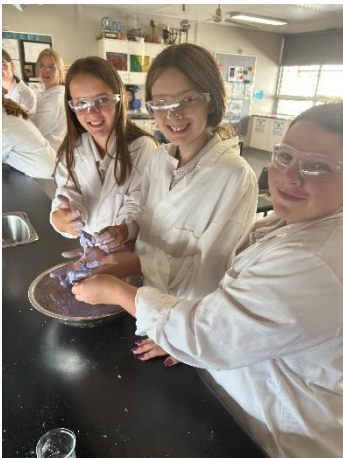
Students, parents, friends and the community are welcomed to utilise this service.



## States of Matter with 7/8

Students in Year 7 and 8 Science have been learning about States of Matter and experimented with Oobleck this week.

Oobleck is a non-Newtonian fluid; it has properties of both liquids and solids. You can slowly dip your hand into it like a liquid, but if you squeeze the oobleck or punch it, it will feel solid. Amazing stuff!



*Indilee, Harper and Addison*



*Seth and Krystian*

## 3/4 Field of Mars Incursion

Year 3 / 4 had the best time exploring the school oval, looking a wildlife and their homes.

We found a pair of rosellas and an active hollow in a gun tree. We decided, with help from Julie-Ann, from The Field of Mars Incursion Team, that we need nest boxes in our school so wildlife will live in Barellan and not move elsewhere. Then we set to work with the automatic screw drivers and made nest boxes.

After the construction we researched the wildlife that was best suited to the dimensions of our nest box. Finally, we voted and chose to keep the box that Rylie M and Eleanor built. It is exactly the right size and shape for Kookaburras to nest in. We hope a Kookaburra family move in soon.

Thank you to Mrs Flagg for organising this amazing experience, we had a ball.



*Riley M & Eleanor's nest box*

## **WELL DONE!**

The Community Service of the Week Award goes to the Year 7 /8 students for their excellent effort and impressive organisational skills in setting up the hall for the Last Lap Event for Heather and Emil White.



## 4/5/6 Field of Mars Incursion

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we welcomed Julie-Ann from Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre, Sydney to engage students in a hands-on experience combining English, Science and Geography skills in the 'Campaign' incursion.

Campaigns use powerful persuasive texts to captivate and position their target audiences. During this incursion students used a range of video making equipment, including iPads, to develop a sustainability campaign, incorporating sound and persuasive words to inspire, motivate and educate. Students learnt all about persuasive devices, camera angles and emotive language and music to connect with and convince their target audience. They were engaged in a variety of hands-on activities throughout the day and had a lot of fun learning new persuasive techniques.

They explored how point of view is shaped in environmental campaigns through digital camera work, editing and persuasive text to construct a communication product intended to convince students at BCS to stop littering and to encourage community members to come and try our fresh produce from Kenny's shack.



*Group discussion with Julie-Ann*

Enjoy their films by scanning this QR code and see if they have convinced you!



*Zahli & Ellie*



*Mason & Karen*



*Jake, Dusty & Ryan*



*Sam & Cailin*



*Billy & Zayn*



*Will & Declan*



*Mrs Overall*



*Billy & Zayn working on ideas*



*Zahli & Ellie working on their video*

## K/1/2 Field of Mars Incursion

On Wednesday, K/1/2 took part in an incursion that was run by the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre, and as you can see from the pictures, we loved it!

It was all about invertebrates (animals that don't have a spine), which tied in perfectly with our Science strand for Term 1 – Living things.

We kicked off the incursion by going to the garden and learning about several techniques to finding and catching invertebrates. We learnt how to dig for bugs in the leaf litter, how to catch flying bugs using a sweeper, and how to find creepy crawlies on vegetation by placing a white tarpaulin underneath a bush, and shaking them onto it.

Every child managed to find an invertebrate, and by the end of the "hunt," we had a collection of praying mantises, bees, worms, and beetles.

After catching them, we went back to the classroom and learnt how to draw scientific pictures of our bugs. The children then sketched these onto Styrofoam, covered them in black ink, and printed them onto some coloured paper to produce some pop art insects!

All in all, a very productive day!



*Aden and Eddy catching bugs*



*K/1/2 with their collection*



*Look what I found!*



*Adaline and Ava-Lee inspection their bugs*

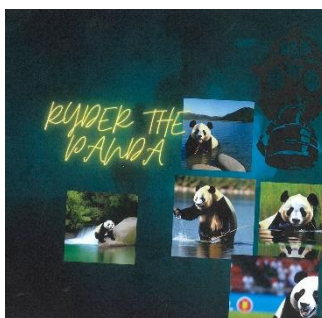
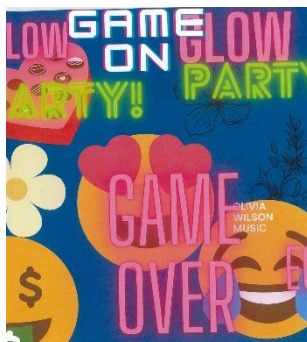
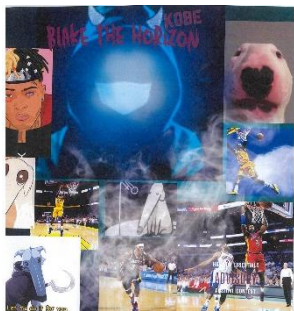
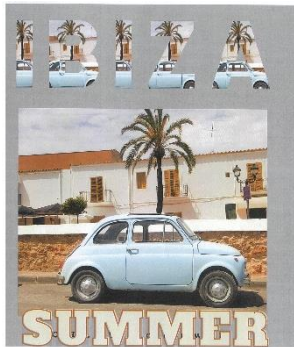


*Lyla and Poppy searching the dirt for bugs*

### 3/4 Technology

In class we have been learning how to use Canva and create album artworks.

Here are some of the excellent pieces of work produced by the class.



### RYDA

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Year 11 students, chaperoned by Mrs P, travelled to Yanco Agriculture Institution, to attend RYDA – an educational program about safe driving.

It was an informative day, with the students learning a lot.



*David, Ella, Madison & Logan*



*RYDA*

### *Congratulations*

Well done to William Evans, Dustin Evans, Jake Irons and Billy Irons for making it to the Eastern Riverina AFL trails to be held at Wagga 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



## Zone Swimming Carnival

BCS had the privilege of holding the PSSA and CHS Zone swimming carnivals at the end of Week 5.

Thank you to Ms Marquardt for her hard work in organising the days, and to the staff, parents and volunteers for all their help in making the days successful.

Well done to our students who represented BCS. It was amazing to receive feedback from parents & spectators about how impressive it was to see each BCS student cheer on their fellow team mates. Well done!

Good luck to the following BCS students who will be competing at Riverina on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Leeton Pool.

**PSSA** – Eddy Malone, Lara Sanderson, Jake Irons, William Evans, Joe Irons & Riley Irons

**CHS** – Toby Inglis, Dakota Smith & Zach Twomey



*PSSA Zone – BCS competitors*



*CHS Zone – BCS competitors*



*Toby Inglis R-Up 14yrs Bosy & Zach Twomey R-Up 17yrs+ Boys*



*Jake Irons Age Champion 10yrs Boys & Lara Sanderson R-Up 10yrs Girls*



*PP5 Small Schools Relay – Jake Irons, William Evans, Riley Irons & Joe Irons*

# HANDS ON LEARNING

Hands on Learning (HoL) is a practical in-school program that caters to the different ways young people learn, helping build confidence, engagement and achievement at school. Students thrive learning by doing – developing the teamwork, self-discipline and interpersonal skills vital for the 21st Century workforce.

## Skills for the 21st Century

Students develop critical skills and abilities to succeed in work and life:

- collaboration
- problem solving
- communication
- resilience
- empathy



## How Hands on Learning works

Students attend HoL one day a week fostering teamwork and leadership.

Students and Artisan-teachers share meals and work together on meaningful real projects that benefit the school and local community.

## Benefits for students

Most students build self-esteem, friendships, a sense of belonging and become more content at school. Motivation, focus and the ability to set goals increase when they return to class - building the platform for improvements in learning.

## Who can join HoL and what's expected?

Any student can benefit. HoL is open to girls and boys from years 7 - 10 with different talents, needs and interests. Like any workplace everyone is expected to be safe, part of a team and to do the best they can.

*If you are interested in joining HoL in 2023, please see Mrs Prentice or Ms Jones for a nomination form.*



# PARENT SEMINAR

Join Nathan Wallis, an  
International speaker on

## THE DEVELOPING BRAIN

CAPTIVATING AUDIENCES  
AROUND THE WORLD

- St Patrick's Primary School Hall (enter from Kooba St)
- Thursday March 30th 7.30-9pm

WHY JOIN US?

- Learn little tricks to make parenting easier
- Have a better understanding of how your child thinks
- Lively and engaging speaker
- Nathan uses humour and plain language
- Open up communication with children of all ages

REGISTER NOW

on [eventfinda.com.au](http://eventfinda.com.au)  
or scan QR code

More information call Sue  
at Kindylane Preschool 69644283





NSW Department of Education

# 2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Artwork by Elise Hurst

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au](http://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.*

# BCS Canteen - Term 1 - 2023

Effective 27/02/23

WE'RE A  
**GREAT  
CHOICE**  
HEALTHY SCHOOL  
CANTEEN  
HealthySchoolCanteens.nsw.gov.au

## HOT LUNCHES

Macaroni Cheese .....	\$5.00
Lasagne .....	\$5.00
Butter Chicken <b>NF</b> .....	\$5.00
Vegetarian Fried Rice <b>V GF NF</b> .....	\$5.00
Pumpkin Soup + Dinner Roll .....	\$3.00
Cup-a-soup + Dinner Roll .....	\$2.00

(chicken noodle/tomato)

Fresh Hot Rolls: .....	\$5.00
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- Beef & Gravy
  - Pork & Gravy
  - Chicken & Gravy
  - Chicken & Mayo
- (add cheese 50c)

### Toasted Sandwiches:

- Cheese ..... \$2.00 |- Ham & Cheese ..... \$3.00 |- Vegemite ..... \$2.00 |- Cheese & Vegemite ..... \$2.50 |

Meat Pie .....	\$4.50
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Sausage Roll .....	\$3.50
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5 x Chicken Chippee's/Nuggets .....	\$3.50
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## COLD LUNCHES

Salad Bowl .....	\$4.00
(add cheese/chicken/ham 50c each)	

Salad Roll/Sandwich/Wrap .....	\$4.00
(add cheese/chicken/ham 50c each)	

## DRINKS

Small Flavoured Milk .....	\$2.50
(chocolate/strawberry)	

Large Flavoured Milk (secondary only) .....	\$3.50
(chocolate/strawberry)	

Large Flavoured Milk (secondary only) .....	\$3.50
(coffee flavour)	

Water .....	\$2.00
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Orange Juice .....	\$2.00
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Fruit Box .....	\$1.50
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Chill J/Juice Bomb .....	\$2.50
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Hot Chocolate .....	\$2.00
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## SNACKS

Fruit Salad Cup <b>V</b> .....	\$2.50
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Sea Salt Chips .....	\$1.00
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Popcorn <b>GF</b> .....	\$1.00
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Grainwaves .....	\$1.00
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Milo Bar .....	\$1.00
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## AFTER LUNCH OPTIONS

\*\*\*Available Lunch 2 Only

Custard Cup <b>V GF NF</b> .....	\$2.50
(chocolate/vanilla/strawberry)	

Quelch Fruit Stick .....	\$0.50
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SnapStix .....	\$1.00
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Juicies Tubes <b>DF</b> .....	\$1.50
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Paddle Pop .....	\$2.00
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**GREEN = Everyday Item**

**GREY = Occasional Item**

Our canteen complies with the  
NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy

## Ordering Information:

Available Monday & Friday - lunch & recess

Cash orders to the office by **9.00am**

WE'RE ONLINE WITH



Online Ordering Available!

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au>

or download the 'My School Connect' app

Online Orders **close 9.00am**

BCS Canteen is operated by the Barellan P&C.  
All proceeds go directly to supporting students of BCS

- GF** Gluten Free
- DF** Dairy Free
- NF** Nut Free
- V** Vegetarian

**STEP 1.**



**Visit My School Connect**

Visit <https://myschoolconnect.com.au> and Join Today.

**STEP 2.**



**Setup a child**

Upon first login, setup your child/children.

**STEP 3.**



**Enter student details**

Don't forget to add in all essential fields; name, school, class and any allergy information.

**STEP 4.**



**Allow your child to order for themselves**

Setting '**yes**' here will allow your child to login online and order.

**PRO-TIP!**

This is a great way to teach your child to manage their spending and choose healthy food. Remember to always supervise.

**STEP 5.**



**Set a daily spend limit**

You can either enter a '**\$dollar amount**' or select '**unlimited**'. The daily spend will only apply to your child's account.

**STEP 7.**



**Add funds to your account**

Visit the '**Top up and financial history**' section to add funds into your account by following the following steps:

**Top up**

- Select payment type:  
Bank Account or Credit Card
- Select a \$dollar amount
- Enter payment details

**Auto top up**

- Select payment type:  
Bank Account or Credit Card
- Add top up parameters;  
minimum balance & auto top up amount

# 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)		
6 Riverina Swimming Carnival (Primary)	7 Mobile Library Riverina Swimming Carnival (Secondary)	8	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