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Principals Report

Final Gazette for the year

What a fantastic year it has been. Thank you all for your amazing support—it means so much to our school community. Personally, this year, I loved getting back into the classroom teaching French. As principals, we often spend a lot of time on admin tasks, but every principal in NSW Public Schools started as an experienced classroom teacher.

One challenge that stood out for me this year was attendance. Regular attendance is so important. When students miss school, they miss out—not just on learning, but on all the other good things that come with it. When kids succeed at school, they feel motivated. That motivation makes them happier and more confident, which helps their mental health, too. It's a win-win.

Sometimes, I hear families talk about giving students a “mental health day.” While it sounds like a good idea, taking too many days off can actually make things harder for kids. It can lead to falling behind in class, losing connections with friends, and feeling even more stressed.

The best way to support our kids' mental health is to help them experience success at school. Regular attendance makes that possible.

Employment opportunity

We have an unfilled vacancy for a primary teacher for 2-3 days/week to be negotiated with the successful candidate. The position is currently advertised in the NSW Education JobFeed. If you know any teachers who would be interested in this position, please let them know and encourage them to contact either me or Mrs Flagg at school for further information.

End of year

- Student reports will be issued next Thursday 12 December. If your child is not at school on Thursday, they will be posted home.
- Presentation night will be held on Tuesday 17 December and we look forward to seeing you there.

Primary classes 2025

The confirmed primary classes and main teachers for 2025 will be as follows:

- K/1/2 Miss Alanah Williams
- 3/4 Mr William Cummins
- 5/6 Mr Jack McDougall

The final arrangements for the second teacher (often called the release from face to face teacher) are yet to be finalised.

Holiday works at the school

I'm really excited to share that we have some important capital works being completed during the Christmas holiday period.

- The Visual Arts room will have extensive repairs and renovations
- Air Conditioning will be installed in the administration building (front office and staffroom)
- New cricket nets will be installed replacing the old ones

All of these works have implications for community use during the holidays, such as increased traffic around the school and no access to the area around the current cricket nets.

Got it program

We have been successful in applying for the Got It program, which is an important partnership with the department of health to support the best start to school for students in K-2. You can read more details about it in the Gazette. If you have children in years K-2 next year, please take the time to read that important information.

See you at presentation night, and I wish you a wonderful Christmas break,

Paul Laing
Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday 2nd – Friday 13th December

Swim School

Wednesday 11th December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
K/1/2 Santa Visit

Tuesday 17th December

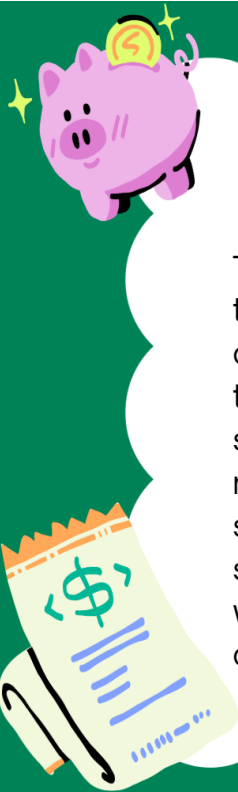
Presentation Night

Wednesday 18th December

Last Day of 2024
Lake Talbot Excursion – Whole School

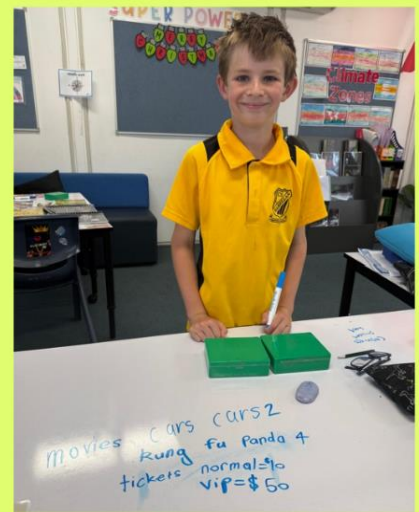
In Summary

- Regular attendance matters
- We have a current vacancy for a primary teacher 2-3 days a week next year
- Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 12 December
- Presentation night is Tuesday 17 December.
- The primary classes will be:
 - K/1/2 Miss Alanah Williams
 - 3/4 Mr William Cummins
 - 5/6 Mr Jack McDougall
- There will be lots of capital works over the holidays
- New cricket nets
- Renovation to the Visual Arts room
- Air Conditioning will be installed in the administration building
- If you have children in K/1/2 next year, please read the information about the Got it program



BUY, SELL, AND LEARN: YEAR 3/4'S MONEY ADVENTURE!

Throughout Weeks 6 and 7, Year 3/4 students immersed themselves in a practical unit where they performed calculations with money, including finding change. To put their skills to the test, students wrapped up the unit by setting up their own shops. Students took turns playing the roles of the shopkeeper and customer. From delicious food stalls to cosy bookshops and even a mini cinema, students showcased their money skills in a fun and interactive way. It was wonderful to witness their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they handled real-world money scenarios!





Stage 5 Geography



This term, our Stage 5 Geography students have been diving into the fascinating world of Environmental Changes and Management. As part of their hands-on learning, they visited the Fivebough Swamp a few weeks ago, to collect water samples for testing.

This week, they measured the pH levels of their swamp samples and compared them to water samples collected during a field study incursion at BCS. Through this practical investigation, students gained valuable insights into how different environmental factors affect water quality and ecosystems.



PBL Assembly – Term 4



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



EXCELLENCE



Attention K/1/2 Parents/Guardians

Santa will be visiting BCS Wednesday
11th December at 11:30am.

Santa has asked if his helpers could
please bring in a book present to the
office before his arrival.



Everyone is invited to join us
to celebrate our BCS students'
achievements this year at the
Barellan Community Hall.

**Tuesday 17th December at
6:30pm**

**END OF THE
YEAR**
library books are due!

**Just a friendly
reminder...**

As we approach the end
of the year, we kindly
remind you to assist your
children in returning all
library books they may
have at home.



BCS Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be
opened on **Wednesday, 5th of
February 2025, 10am - 12pm,**
for all purchases.

If your child requires a new
hat for 2025, please place an
order with Kylie before the
17th December, 2024.

Careers Corner

December Career Kick-Starters

Click on the job links below to find out more.

Leisure Services Cashier – Casual

Griffith City Council - Griffith

Events Officer – Casual

Griffith City Council - Griffith

Aquaculture Technician (Junior and Senior)

Aquna Murray Cod, Griffith

Casual Junior Retail Salesperson

Imibiz, Griffith

Out of School Care and Vacation Care – Childcare Worker – Casual

Leeton Shire Council - Leeton

Water Operator – Full-time

Leeton Shire Council - Leeton

Proudly brought to you by the Grow Our Own 2024 Committee.

Grow Our Own (GOO) is an industry led alliance of business, education, and government agencies who seek to inform and inspire young people to live, work and learn in the Riverina.

International Student Art Contest - Science Without Borders

Entries close 3 March 2025

The *Science Without Borders Challenge* is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art. This annual competition inspires students to be creative while promoting public awareness of the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources, contributing to the overarching goals of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation. The *Challenge* is open to primary and secondary school students 11-19 years old, with scholarships of up to \$500 awarded to the winning entries

<https://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/education/science-without-borders-challenge/>

UAC Digital: How to review your UAC application following your ATAR result 17 December

Demystify the impact of your ATAR on your uni application. Whether you're fine-tuning your course preferences or contemplating your next steps if you receive an offer, this session is your roadmap to success. <https://www.uac.edu.au/schools/uac-digital>

UAC Dates - December

5 December - January Round 1 Application Deadline

5 December - December Round 1 Offers Released

18 December - ATARs Released


18 December - Deadline to change preferences for December Round 2


23 December - December Round 2 Offers Released

23 December - SRS Conditional offers converted to unconditional offers



Got questions or need some guidance? Reach out anytime!

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Every Day Matters



When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the QR code to learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening friendships



Build skills through fun

Barellan Central School

School holiday works notification – Summer | 2024/25

We regularly inspect and maintain schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school communities.

The school holidays are the ideal time for a lot of maintenance and project work to take place across the state without disrupting learning.

We will be carrying out asbestos removal work at Barellan Central School from Tuesday 7 January to Friday 10 January 2025.

Background

A staff member identified damaged ceiling sheets – known to contain bonded asbestos – in the visual art classroom demountable on 7 February 2024.

NSW Health explains living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged.

- **February 7:** The room was made inaccessible to students and staff and a contractor encapsulated all exposed edges on the damaged ceiling
- **February 13:** Testing by an independent hygienist confirmed the presence of bonded asbestos, as listed in the school's asbestos register
- **February 20:** The independent hygienist provided test results and recommended future asbestos removal. The area will remain cordoned off until the asbestos removal work is completed.

Works overview

- replacement of asbestos-containing ceiling sheets with coloured corrugated iron sheets
- removal and replacement of air-conditioning units, light fittings, ceiling fans, light switches and associated cabling.

Asbestos removal works will take place in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan.

Safety measures, including air monitoring, will be in place while work was being done.

All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

The independent hygienist will inspect the classroom to confirm it has been fully remediated and issue a clearance certificate before the space is reopened ahead of Day 1 Term 1 2025.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.



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2025 Back to School Supply Requirements

Primary

- Homework folder (eg: plastic document wallet)
- Headphones – No ear buds (Year 2-6) – clearly marked with name.
- Art Smock (K – 2)
- Library bag
- Pencil Case, with good supply of HB lead pencils, eraser, glue stick, ruler, coloured pencils, blue pens, black pens (Year 3-6)

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
- 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

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 USB
- Headphones
- Supportive sports shoes for PDHPE and sport lessons
- Fully enclosed in leather school shoes/ boots for practical lessons in Science, Agriculture, Primary Industries, Food Technology and Industrial Technology.
- Students will also need items for swimming for PDHPE and sport: goggles, swimmers/rash top, towel
- A4 display folder for Food Technology

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.



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2025 Back to School Important Information

2025 Term Dates	
Term 1	Thursday 6 th February to Friday 11 th April
Term 2	Wednesday 30 th April to Friday 4 th July
Term 3	Tuesday 21 st July to Friday 26 th September
Term 4	Tuesday 14 th October to Friday 19 th December

Bell Times

Period 1	9:00am - 10:00am
Period 2	10:00am - 11:00am
Break 1	11:00am - 11:30am
Period 3	11:30am - 12:30pm
Period 4	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Break 2	1:30pm - 2:00pm
Period 5	2:00pm - 3:00pm



Make sure you check out our Facebook and website pages to keep up-to date with general information, important notices and exciting news about our school and students!

2025 Term 1 Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5th February 2025

Uniform Shop Open (10am – 12pm)

Thursday 6th February 2025

Term 1 Commences for 2025

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Stage 5 Electives Induction Day @ ACS

Friday 14th February 2025

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 19th February 2025

RAP Study Day

Thursday 27th February 2025

Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival @ Aria Park

Friday 28th February 2025

Primary Zone Swimming Carnival @ Aria Park

Tuesday 25th March 2025

Young Leaders Conference



Getting on Track in Time – *Got It!*

Got It! is an early intervention social and emotional learning program supported by the NSW Ministry of Health, and the NSW Department of Education. Your school has the opportunity to participate in this exciting program in 2025.

The *Got It!* team will be working with children in 2025 Kindergarten to Year 2, aged 5-8 years (Early Stage One and Stage One) and their parents, who may be experiencing difficulties with challenging and disruptive behaviour – at home or at school. The program will give families the opportunity to be part of a fun and supportive group that can improve child behaviour and family relationships, and help parents deal with difficult behaviours. For some of these families this may include a 10 week group program.

Challenging social and emotional difficulties often cause problems in many areas of a child's life. It can also be stressful for their family, friends and community. Sadly, these children can be seen as 'naughty', rather than as children who are struggling with organising their thoughts, feelings and behaviours.

Got It! aims to provide support and practical help to children and their families, and also to support the school community to help children get the most out of the opportunities available to them.

The *Got It!* team is looking forward to working with your school during the rest of this year and throughout 2025. We would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment to improving the wellbeing of children and families.

All families will be asked to complete a questionnaire for each child starting Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 in 2025. The questionnaires for the children currently in Kindergarten and Year 1 will be coming home with your child soon. Please help us by returning this form ASAP. Got It! staff will be available at your school to help with this.

Please direct any specific enquiries to your child's teacher.

GRIFFITH AMS YOUTH SERVICES + TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING



CHRISTMAS GAMES



FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUTH BETWEEN 10-24 YEARS OLD

DATE: 19TH DECEMBER 2024
TIME: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
LOCATION: TBC

Please come celebrate with TIS and Youth Team by registering in our Christmas Games!

THIS IS A
SMOKE &
VAPE FREE
EVENT

Food included
Field/bonding games
Giveaways & Prizes to win
Trophy for the team who wins 1st place

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/3ccLT6BSqSiXppgX9>

LIMITED SPOTS - REGISTRATION CLOSE 9TH DECEMBER

CONTACT YOUTH TEAM ON 6962 0000 FOR ANY QUESTIONS



2024 CALENDAR

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

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 Kinder Transition – 9am to 3pm	6	7	8
11	12 Kinder Transition – 9am to 3pm K/1/2 Glitter Ball School Social	13	14	15 Yr 12 RAP Graduation K-10 Swimming for Sport
18 RAP Study Day @ Barellan	19	20	21	22 K-10 Swimming for Sport
25	26	27	28	29 K-10 Swimming for Sport PBL Assembly

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Swim School	3 Swim School	4 Swim School	5 Swim School	6 Swim School
9 Swim School	10 Swim School	11 Swim School Yr 6 Graduation Dinner K/1/2 Santa Visit	12 Swim School	13 Swim School
16	17 Presentation Night	18 Last Day of School Lake Talbot Excursion – Whole School	19	20
23	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27
30	31			

Please forward advertisements/articles for the Barellan Central School Gazette to:
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Closing time for all advertisements/articles is 2pm Thursday, Week B

