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Principal's Report

Public education

At Barellan Central School we are proudly committed to equity for all students; everyone should have equal access to the best possible opportunities regardless of any obstacles that you face.

To support you, we are sending home a letter where you can confidentially request specific assistance for your children's learning. I'm pleased to remind you that we now can support your child with an even greater range of services beyond their school education, including speech pathology, occupational therapy and counselling. Through Lauren Wetton, our school nurse we can also assist families to access services offered through the Department of Health.

If you need any support for your children, please don't hesitate in returning the note that will be sent home shortly, or calling the school directly to speak with me.

High expectations

We've renewed our focus on high expectations of student behaviour from the beginning of the year, with consistent protocols for students at all times of the day being reinforced. These include things like

expectations around lining up before class, respectfully seeking assistance in class, maintaining a neat and complete notebook in class and transitioning between activities.

A calm, safe and predictable learning environment is critical to the learning for every student, and we maintain this with our ongoing vigilance. We thank you for your ongoing support of the school's values of respect, responsibility, resilience and excellence.

Times

As you are aware, there are new bell times this year as follows:

- 9:00-10:00 – Period 1
- 10:00-11:00 – Period 2
- 11:00-11:30 – Lunch
- 11:30-12:30 – Period 3
- 12:30-1:30 – Period 4
- 1:30-2:00 – Recess
- 2:00-3:00 – Period 5

At 3:00pm supervision is provided for only the students catching buses until approximately 3:25pm. All students not catching a bus are expected to leave the school promptly at 3:00pm

Notes going home

Thank you in advance for completing the barrage of consent notes that we are sending home. By completing these notes it makes it easier for us to plan learning activities using resources around town, like using the sports facilities for PDHPE and sport, and extra-curricular activities around town. Thank you!

Health care plans

For us to be able to provide the best care for students with specific health needs, we require updated Health Care Plans. Please contact your GP to get an updated Health Care Plan (such as for identified allergies or asthma). The administration team will be contacting families who have identified a specific health needs for their child over the first few weeks of the year. Your assistance to arrange this promptly with your GP is appreciated.

Best wishes,

Paul Laing
Principal

In Summary

- **Confidential support:** We can support your child's education in lots of ways. If you need specific assistance, return the letter that is coming.
- **High Expectations:** Thank you for supporting our values of respect, responsibility, resilience and excellence.
- **Bell times:** The bell times have changed, see the table.
- **Bus supervision:** Only students who catch buses are to remain at school at 3:00pm for bus duty.
- **General permission notes:** Please complete the general permission notes sent home and return them to school promptly.
- **Health Care Plans:** Please update your Health Care Plans (such as for asthma) with your GP and share that plan with the school.

Upcoming Events

Friday 9th February

BCS Swimming Carnival @ Barellan Pool

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th February

Yr 11 & 12 Study Camp @ Borambola

Thursday 15th – Friday 16th February

Senior Wollongong Uni Trip

Thursday 22nd February

Zone Secondary Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan Pool

Friday 23rd February

Zone Primary Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan Pool



Our BCS Swimming Carnival is on Friday 9th February. The carnival will be commencing at 11:30am 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.

SRC will run a BBQ lunch and the pool canteen will have their normal items available.

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend and cheer on our students.

Meet our Captains!

Please join us in celebrating our 2024 School and House Captains.

School Captains - David Millis, Erica Messom, Declan Trembath & Zayn Lemke

Farrer House Captains - Bianca Spowart, Logan Dalley, Jake Irons & Xavier Bray

Macarthur House Captains - Dakota Smith, Lara Sanderson, Mason Haddrill & Lilly Curran

We wish you all the success and support in your new roles.



Library News

Year 3/4: Library borrowing times for Term 1 will be Wednesday, Period 4.

Please ensure all students bring their library bag.

Thank you! – Mrs Overall

The Narrandera Shire Mobile Library will be visiting BCS next Tuesday at 9am.

This service is available to all students and the Barellan Community.



Yearly Forms

Yearly permission forms have been sent home this week for parents/guardians to sign. Please return the 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

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.

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2024 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
			Term 1 Commences 2024	
5	6	7	8	9 Swimming Carnival
12	13	14	15	16
Yr 11 & 12 Study Camp	Yr 11 & 12 Study Camp	Yr 11 & 12 Study Camp	Snr Wollongong Uni Trip	Snr Wollongong Uni Trip
19	20	21	22 Zone Secondary Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan	23 Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Ardlethan
26	27	28	29	

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 School Photos	5	6 RAP Open Boys Basketball	7 RAP Open Girls Cricket	8
11 Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival @ Leeton	12 Riverina Secondary Swimming Carnival @ Leeton	13	14	15
18	19	20 RAP Open Girls Basketball	21 Harmony Day – Wear Orange	22
25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday (Holiday)

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