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Principals Report

Establishment of a Barellan, Ardlethan and Aria Park Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)

I'm thrilled to share with you that on the 10 April at 4:00pm there will be a meeting of the Aboriginal parents and families from the Ardlethan, Aria Park and Barellan communities to establish a local AECG. The meeting will take place at Ardlethan Central School. There will also be an option to join via Teams.

AECG meetings provide opportunities for Aboriginal people to be actively involved in all decision-making that is relevant to education and training through a collaborative consultative process.

We will be contacting our Aboriginal families over the next week with more information about joining the meetings.

NAPLAN

We are currently in the middle of the annual NAPLAN testing period. As always, I remind you that these assessments are a snapshot in time of how your child is performing. The preparations at this point should be the normal preparations for school; all students need to sleep well, read regularly, eat well, and come to school refreshed.

Homework

Homework matters for students, but its effect isn't straightforward for all students.

For younger students, homework really only needs to be regular reading and doing

something that helps them develop a positive attitude towards school.

In secondary school however homework is increasingly important for regular revision and consolidation of learning that takes place at school. All secondary students in years 7-10 have a homework policy in their notebooks, which has been signed by parents. Please support your child by regularly checking their books at home and directing them to complete all homework assigned in class.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 21st March

Harmony Day – Wear Orange

Wednesday 27th March

RAP Study Day at BCS

Thursday 28th March

Easter Hat Parade and PBL Awards

Friday 29th March

Good Friday (Public Holiday)

Monday 1st April

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Friday 5th April

Cross Country

Friday 12th April

Last Day of Term 1

Health matters

We have had reported cases of gastro coming through the school community again. We've also have reported cases of COVID. It's a timely reminder to encourage all of us to maintain a high standard of health care.

Whilst attendance at school is critical to your child's success, please be sensible and avoid sending unwell children to school.

Royal Far West Partnership

We are excited to be hosting our Royal Far West colleagues next week. Bhais Manogharan, our speech therapist and Jennifer Carmody, our occupational therapist will be with us for the week. They will be conducting their therapy sessions face to face, as well as observing students, conducting assessments and meeting with teachers. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the school.

Best wishes,
Paul Laing
Principal



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Friday 24th May 2024



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In Summary

- **AEEG Establishment:** If you are interested in establishing a local AEEG there will be a meeting in Ardlethan at 4:00pm on 10 April.
- **NAPLAN:** The NAPLAN tests for years 3,5,7 and 9 are currently running.
- **Homework:** Please encourage your children to read every day, and for all secondary students to complete their homework daily.
- **Health:** We've had reported cases of gastro and COVID in the school. Please keep unwell children home.
- **Royal Far West:** Bhais (Speech therapist) and Jennifer (Occupational therapist) will be visiting us next week.

Young Leaders Conference



Lara Sanderson, Samuel Sheehan, Declan Trembath, Zayn Lemke and Mr Cummins attended the Young Leaders Conference. It was held at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney. We arrived in Sydney the day before the event, and after quite a long drive on the bus with other local schools we did some sightseeing. We caught a tram, walked through the Queen Victoria Building, walked through The Rocks and across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, caught a ferry to Darling Harbour, caught a train from Wynyard to Central Station and then ended up at Chinatown where we all had dinner (not naming names but some of us had nuggets and chips).

The following day, we listened to an array of guest speakers at the event. Anastasia Woolmer, an Australian memory champion and Survivor contestant; Eva Amores and Matt Cosgrove, Authors and Illustrators (Matt Cosgrove's most popular books would have to be the Macca the Alpaca series); Stephen O'Keefe, recently retired cricketer for Sydney Sixers, NSW and Australia; and Bryson Klein, a contestant on Australian Ninja Warrior.

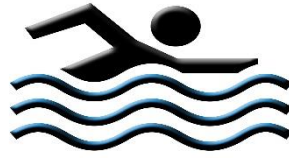
These speakers spoke about overcoming adversity and obstacles, persevering through challenges, to have a positive perspective even when there is self-doubt, to push yourselves, and that success only comes from hard work. All these speakers imbedded their personal story into the message that they wanted to convey, which resonated with the listeners.

We all had a great time in Sydney exploring the city and listening to some fantastic speakers and we are all excited to spread the knowledge that we learnt on the day.





RIVERINA
SCHOOL SPORTS



RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024



Primary Representatives: Eddy Malone, Ryan Booker, Joe Irons, Poppy Irons, Lara Sanderson,
Aden Puppa, Jake Irons, Riley Irons



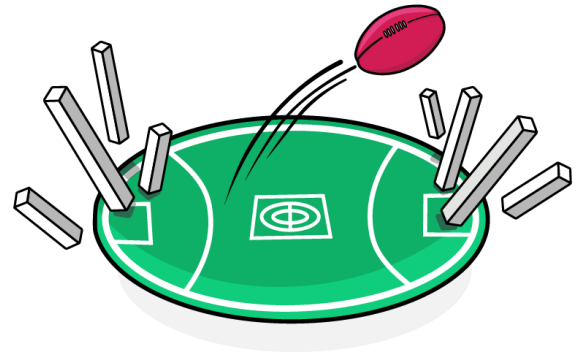
Secondary Representatives: Dakota Smith, Zahli Menzies, Archie Trudgett, Lynkin Roberston



EASTERN RIVERINA AFL TRIALS

Congratulations to Dusty Evans and Jake Irons for participating in the Eastern Riverina AFL Trials in Wagga on Tuesday 12th March.

The boys played 3 games in very hot conditions. Mr Lucas from Ganmain Public School was very impressed with the boy's sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the day.



EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH | 11:30AM
BCS CANTEEN

FAMILY AND FRIENDS INVITED

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

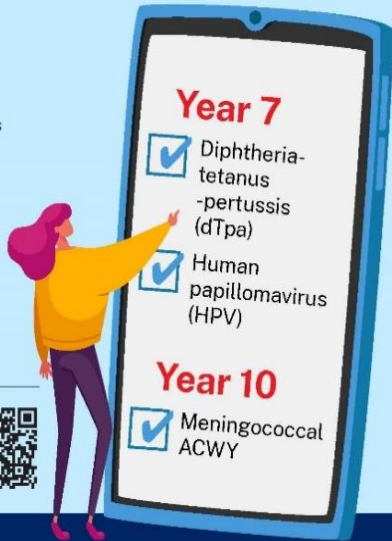
Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

To provide online consent, you will need:

- to visit: <https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare card details for you and your child – the name of the high school your child is attending in 2024.

If you or your child do not have a medicare card, you can provide consent using a paper-based consent form at your child's school.

Scan the QR code to give your consent now



For more information on vaccination visit: health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination



BCS Uniform Shop

Barellan Central School now operate the uniform shop and have available for purchase new and pre-loved uniforms.

The uniform shop will be open every **Tuesday from 9.00am – 11.00am** for parents wishing to make an order.

Making a payment for uniforms can be done through our new online line payment system called School Bytes or a cash payment at the school office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding uniforms please don't hesitate to the contact Kylie Sanderson at the school.



Royal Far West
Children's health, country-wide

**We'll be visiting soon
March 18th – March 22nd, 2024**

**Royal Far West
clinicians will be
onsite at our school**



Royal Far West clinicians are returning to Barellan Central this term to provide allied health services for students and conduct professional development activities for teachers and support staff.

This visit offers face-to-face services such as in-class activities, staff workshops, and parent learning opportunities, including individual therapy sessions in occupational therapy and speech pathology. If you have concerns about your child's speech, language, motor skills, or behaviour, discuss them with school staff or clinicians during the visit.

Your child may participate in classroom activities led by clinicians, and further assessment may be suggested. Inform the school if you have questions or preferences regarding your child's involvement.



Australian Government

HARMONY WEEK



18 - 24 MARCH 2024

Harmony Week at Barellan Central School is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

All students have the opportunity to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving harmony in Australia.

Join us on Thursday, 21 March 2024

for

A Taste of Harmony.

Parents, friends and students are invited to a multicultural feast beginning at 1:30pm.

Let *A Taste of Harmony* be the stepping stone to a world of cultural understanding and appreciation within our community.

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au



P&C News

Welcome back to 2024 it's been a while since our last update.

- The Uniform Shop has now been handed back to the school, for families requiring uniform please contact the front office. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Leah Irons for all of her time and dedication to the uniform shop over the past 5 years.
- Our canteen is in desperate need of more volunteers to keep it open for the school community. If you can help out in any capacity please contact Rae Bray or send us an email.
- P&C AGM Monday 25th March 7:30pm at the school canteen.
- We are catering for another RAP study day on Wednesday 27th March and calling for volunteers to provide food and assistance on the day. If you can help in anyway, please let our Canteen Manager Rae Bray know.
- If you would like to be a member of the P&C please send an email and we can send you through a membership form.

For any enquires or suggestions please send an email to our mailbox
barallancspandc@gmail.com

- Sally Irons





Joss Facility Management is hiring staff **now**

Joss Facility Management provides cleaning services to local Schools and other Clients in this area. We are looking for committed, local people to assist us in maintaining these sites by joining us as a Cleaner.



As a Cleaner, your tasks will include a mixture of general & periodical cleaning tasks, ensuring facilities are ready for use by students, teachers and Client representatives.



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We look forward to welcoming some new faces to our team.



2024 CALENDAR

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

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	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 RAP Open Touch	20 RAP Open Girls Basketball	21 Harmony Day – Wear Orange	22 RAP Tennis
25	26	27	28 Easter Hat Parade @ 11:30am to 12pm	29 Good Friday (Holiday)

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Easter Monday (Public Holiday)	2	3	4	5 Cross Country
8	9	10	11	12 Last Day of Term 1
15 School Holidays	16	17	18	19
22 School Holidays	23	24	25	26
29 School Holidays	30 Term 2 Commences			

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NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2024 the following vaccines will be offered:

- Year 7 students: are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV).
- Year 10 students: are offered free meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations. Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

How to Provide Consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
2. For detailed steps on how to provide consent please refer to the NSW Health webpage: [How to Provide Consent](#).
3. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a [ServiceNSW](#) account, refer to [ServiceNSW](#) to create one.
4. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
5. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a) Enter your child's personal details.
 - b) Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child.
 - c) Read the linked [Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement. Translations available in 27 languages](#).
 - d) Provide consent.

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, or you are not able to provide consent on-line, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school office.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details.
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given.
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

If you require assistance to provide on-line consent, please contact Albury Public Health:

- Phone: 02 6053 4800 and press option2 **OR**
- Email: MLHD-Immunisation-PHU@health.nsw.gov.au with your child's name and your contact details and we will call you back.

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit: www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

The date for vaccinations at Barellan Central School will be Monday, 20 May 2024.