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## Principals Report

### Attendance

Attending school every day is critical for happy children who are learning at their best. Learning is much like building a house; every day we build on the learning from the day beforehand. When students miss school, it gets harder to build on the previous days' learning. Furthermore, students then feel bad about themselves because it gets harder and harder the more time they miss. Add to the mix that students who miss lots of school then find it harder to build those relationships with their peers. The best option forward is to ensure your child attends school every day to give them the best chances.



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

This is a reminder 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.

### Strategic Improvement Plan

We are currently working on our Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-2027. This plan is based around three strategic directions. Our strategic directions are:

- Student Growth and Attainment
- Excellence and consistency in teaching practice
- Empowered learning community

In simple terms our plan is around enhancing the quality of our explicit teaching and empowering students to achieve their best. A big focus will include looking at successful post school transition for all students, whether that be to university, learning a trade or direct to work.

Best wishes,

Paul Laing  
Principal

### In Summary

- **Attendance:** To give you child the best chances to learn and be happy, they need to attend every day.
- **AECG Establishment:** If you are interested in establishing a local AECG there will be a meeting in Ardlethan at 4:00pm on 10 April.
- **Strategic Improvement Plan:** Our new plan is being finalised now focusing on explicit teaching and empowering students.



## BCS Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is having an Open Day  
Tuesday 9th April 9am-11am.

We have second hand uniform pieces  
starting from \$5.

Brand new sports shorts, grey shorts, black  
track pants and grey pants - all priced at  
\$10.

Get ahead of the winter chill and get your  
jumpers and jackets ordered, ready for  
Term 2.

We are taking hat orders now, if your child  
requires a new hat, please place an order.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

K-2 League Tag @ Coolamon  
Uniform Shop Sale Day – 9am to 11am  
Mobile Library

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7-8 Temora Excursion

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Mortimer and Trent Barrett Rugby League  
Shield (Year 3-6) @ Leeton

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Last Day of Term 1  
Cross Country

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 Commences

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Athletics Carnival



# BARELLAN ANZAC DAY MARCH 25TH APRIL 2024

Barellan Central School students are invited to march and participate in the town ANZAC ceremony on Thursday 25th April 2024. Please be aware this is in the last week of the School holidays but an excellent opportunity for our students to show their commitment to their community. Last year a pleasing turnout of 39 B.C.S students represented our school.

We are privileged to have the talented Leeton Town Band involved in our service again this year and it is very exciting to announce that the ANZAC address will be delivered by Donald Kirk, Anglican Bishop of the Riverina. Additionally we are fortunate to have Belinda Douglas, singing this year during our service.

Students are asked to wear full winter school uniform including black footwear. We will assemble outside the Community Hall at 2.30pm for a 2.50pm march time. Please wear school hats and bring a water bottle if it is a hot day.

A collection for legacy will be taken at the conclusion of the ceremony and students are asked to have a gold coin for this collection. Afternoon tea will be served at the Barellan and District War Memorial Club following the ceremony, and everyone is most welcome to attend. The afternoon tea will be supplied by community members and donations of food will be gratefully received.

- Julie Kenny





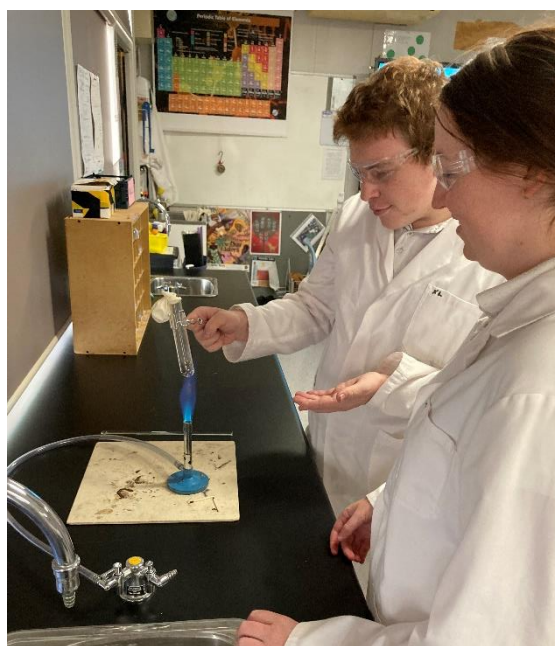
## Stage 5 Food Technology

While the Stage 5 girls were off playing RAP cricket, Archie and Charlie took charge of the kitchen last week, cooking a culinary masterpiece – Fish and Chips. Their triumph didn't end with the final sizzle of the frying pan. As true culinary maestros, Archie and Charlie understood the importance of a clean kitchen. Well done, boys – may your culinary journey continue to inspire and delight!



Welcome to Stage 6 Science where curiosity and inquiry reign supreme. This term students have embarked on a captivating journey into the realm of Chemical Reactions.

Students have engaged in some hands-on science experiments, with the guidance of their teacher Mrs Thacker, making some molecular models of methane, water, and carbon dioxide and performing a combustion reaction.





# Easter Hat



What a spectacular day we had at our Easter Hat Parade! It was lovely to see so many parents and friends come along for the festivities. The array of magnificent hats on display was nothing short of a kaleidoscope of creativity and joy. Well done students!

The afternoon didn't stop there; it was packed with laughter, lively games, and, of course, a little chocolate indulgence.

We hope everyone had a lovely relaxing Easter.



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# A TASTE OF HARMONY





# PBL Awards

RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	RESILIENCE	EXCELLENCE
Logan Dalley	Mason Hillmans	Caleb Bischard	Jake Male
Darcie Geltch	Madison Davies	Bianca Spowart	Poppy Irons
Dakota Smith	Lily Curran	Darcie Geltch	Logan Dalley
Lily Curran	Lynkin Robertson	Charlie Arnott	Dakota Smith
Harper Kenmir	Erica Messom	Cooper Arnott	Erica Messom
Addison Dalley	Jack Millis	Archie Trudgett	David Millis
David Millis	Eleanor Goring	Zali Trudgett	Zali Trudgett
Ellie Haddrill	Aden Puppa	Noah Waters	Jack Millis
	Blake Lemke		Timothy Cameron
	Joe Irons		Aden Puppa
	Asher Smith		Amelia Mildren
	Blake Lemke		Declan Trembath
	Charli Smith		
	Lara Sanderson		
	Jake Irons		



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*Responsibility*



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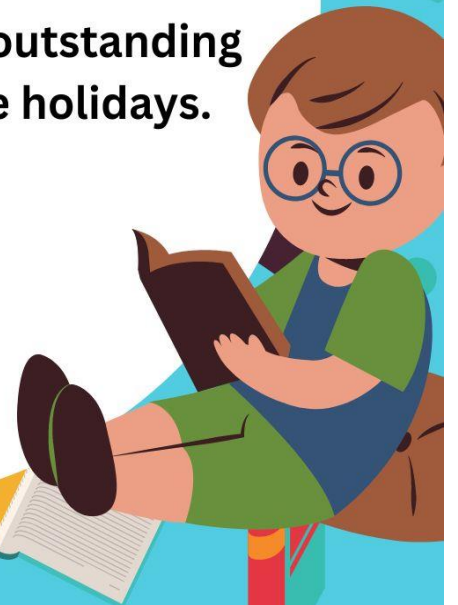
*Resilience*



# **LIBRARY NEWS**

**Class Borrowing days:**  
**K/1/2 - Monday**  
**3/4 - Wednesday**  
**5/6 - Thursday**

**Please help your Children to remember to bring their library bags and book returns on their borrowing days. Also if you could take a moment to check at home for any outstanding books and return them before the holidays.**





Our AGM held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March was very well attended. We are excited by the enthusiasm shown to work towards a common goal of the betterment of the experiences, facilities and programs at Barellan Central School.

Our executive for 2024 is as follows:

- President Sally Irons
- Vice President – Vacant
- Secretary Jane Colwill
- Treasurer – Michelle Evans

Our Vice Presidents position did not receive a nomination. We will call for nominations at our next general meeting. If this role is something you would like to take on, please ensure you have paid your 2024 membership fees and returned a completed membership form. (attached to the back of this newsletter)

One focus of the General Meeting that followed, was to update our policies, procedures, and guidelines that seek to guide and govern us. These documents have been directly sourced from the P & C Federation website are being amended to be specific to our Association. It is our intention to have these documents updated and able to be viewed online along with our Membership Form, Constitution and By-laws in the near future.

We look forward to our Canteen re-opening in Term 2. We are in need of more volunteers to assist in this space. Even if you are able to give us 1 day per term that would lighten the load on our volunteer pool. Please reach out to our Canteen Co-Ordinator Rae Bray or send us an email at [barellancspandc@gmail.com](mailto:barellancspandc@gmail.com) if this is something you are able to help with.

Speaking of the canteen, with new bell times for lunch and recess, we are going to move the order box from the Front Office to be at the Canteen. This will give our “cooks” more time to get orders ready.

If you are new parent, we want to advise you that our canteen offers online orders through [My School Connect](#). To access this portal please download the MySchool Connect App and set up your profile. If you experience difficulties, please reach out to Rae Bray for assistance. Our Price list can be found on the school website under the [Canteen](#) link

Our next meeting will be held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm at the Commercial Hotel Dining Room – Meal are available. Hope to see you all there.

Sally Irons – President



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## Barellan Central School P&C Membership

The Barellan P&C Association is a not-for-profit organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Membership of the Barellan Central School P&C Association is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all interested citizens. Barellan Central School P&C Association is always keen to welcome new members and particularly members who access or have an interest in the services provided by the P&C Association, such as our fundraising activities and canteen.

Meetings are held a minimum of four times a year, the time and location of each meeting is advised through the school newsletter and P&C Facebook page/group. Annual membership is \$5.00 and entitles you to be involved in the decision making of Barellan Central School P&C Association. When you become a financial member, you agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct, policies, procedures and sub-committee rules, as adopted by the Barellan Central School P&C Association, copies of these materials are available from the Barellan Central School P&C Association Secretary at each meeting of the P&C Association. You are recognised as a financial member of the Barellan Central School P&C Association after the meeting closes at which you submit your payment. The Treasurer shall issue you a receipt for this payment, you should retain the receipt for the current P&C Association year as proof of your membership.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the form below and bring it with you to the next meeting of the Barellan Central School P&C Association. If you are unable to attend the next meeting but wish to become a member, please submit this form and payment to the Treasurer via the P&C email address.

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### Barellan Central School P&C Membership Form

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Type:**      Parent/Guardian                      Citizen                      Other

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

I include a payment of \$5.00 to become a financial member of the Barellan Central School P&C Association. I acknowledge that I am aware that I agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct, policies, procedures and sub-committee rules as adopted by the Barellan Central School P&C Association.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 RAP Study Day @ Barellan	28 Easter Hat Parade @ 11:30am to 12pm	29 Good Friday (Holiday)

## April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Easter Monday (Public Holiday)				
8	9 K-2 League Tag @ Coolamon	10	11 Mortimer and Trent Barrett Shield (Year 3-6) @ Leeton	12 Last Day of Term 1 Cross Country
15 School Holidays	16	17	18	19
22 School Holidays	23	24	25	26
29 School Holidays	30 Term 2 Commences			

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 A**

