



Friday 21st February 2025

Term 1, Week 3A

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE - EXCELLENCE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24th February
Swimming Carnival Wrap Up @ 1.30pm

Tuesday 25th February
RAP Sports Trials

Thursday 27th February
CHS Zone Swimming Carnival @ APK

Friday 28th February
PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival @ APK

Monday 10th March
Primary Riverina Swimming Carnival @ Leeton

Tuesday 11th March
Secondary Riverina Swimming Carnival @ Leeton

Wednesday 12th March
Year 11-12 RYDA @ Yanco

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th March
Young Leaders Conference

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March
RAP Induction Camp



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student representative council

The SRC is an important voice for students. We were pleased to have our first SRC meeting on last week. The SRC is looking a little different this year with three separate portfolios that the students are running.

- *Civic Duties*, which is responsible for public speaking, giving a vote of thanks and welcoming guests. The SRC representatives in the Civic Duties portfolio are Dakota Smith, Lily Curran and Lylah Bishard.
- *Special Events* is responsible for organising specific events like the Mothers' Day Stall, Fathers' Day breakfast and other calendar events. The SRC representatives for Special Events are Amelia Mildren, Charli Smith and Harper Kenmir.
- *School Activities* is responsible for running regular activities at school like getting a handball competition up and running or clubs. The SRC representatives for this portfolio are Jake Irons, Poppy Irons, Lara Sanderson and Dusty Evans.

The Civic Duties portfolio has already had their first official duty where they welcomed a group of principals and the Director meeting at Barellan Central. The principals from 8 other schools in our network commented on how welcome they felt.

When students have an idea for special events or regular activities, please make sure you speak with your representatives above to make your ideas a reality. This is all about the students' voices shaping the school.

K-6 Parent information afternoon

Next Wednesday afternoon (26 February) from 3:00pm there will be a parent information afternoon discussing the K-6 teaching and learning programs. We look forward to discussing what explicit teaching is, and how it works at BCS. We'll also give you tips for how you can best support your kids at home to complement their learning at school.

Swimming Carnival

A big congratulations to all the students for their outstanding participation at the swimming carnival. The end of the day was interrupted due to inclement weather and we will be finishing off the events on Monday next week.

I'd also like to thank Mr Jack McDougall and Mrs Sue Flagg for organising and running the swimming carnival. These events aren't possible without all the extra work that goes in to preparing them. Thank you!



Cricket nets

The cricket nets are nearly completed. Please don't be tempted to climb in and give them a go yet though. We need to complete the official sign over before we can start to use them. They add to the range of outstanding facilities available for students, and will no doubt get plenty of use over the weekends.

As with any community use of school facilities, please treat them with respect and leave the area clean and tidy when you leave. We want to be able to maintain the school fields open for easy access for the community on the weekend, and this is only possible with continued responsible and respectful use. The classroom side of the school remains strictly not for public access out of hours.

If you see anyone trespassing, or damaging school property, please contact the police or school security on 1300 88 00 21.

Regards,

Paul Laing
Principal

IN SUMMARY

- The SRC is operating this year with three different groups, Civic Duties, Special Events and School Activities.
- K-6 parent information afternoon next Wednesday
- Congratulations to the students for their participation in the swimming carnival.
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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday, we held our annual Swimming Carnival, and it was fantastic to see such high participation from students! The energy was incredible, with plenty of cheering and great displays of sportsmanship throughout the day.

Unfortunately, due to a storm, we had to cut the carnival short. However, we will be finishing the relays and presentations on **Monday at 1:30pm**.

Families are welcome to come along and support the students.

We look forward to wrapping up the event and celebrating everyone's efforts!



MACARTHUR **VS** FARRER





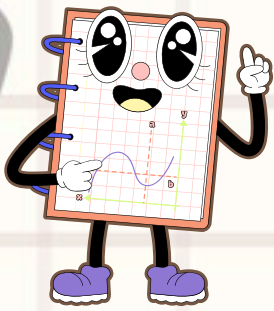


MATHEMATICS

with Year 3/4

3/4 have been off to a great start in Mathematics. We are focusing on why we need time and how it is measured. In pairs, students had to create their own activity and estimate how long it would take them to carry out the activity. Using a stopwatch students timed their partner. After comparing their results students were surprised with how fast they completed their activity. Here are some action shots of the students!

Miss Neville





Solar Racing Showcase



Students from Years 7 to 10 recently had the opportunity to attend the ANU Solar Racing Showcase, where they learned about the exciting world of solar-powered racing. The ANU Solar Racing team gave an engaging presentation about the competition, explaining the extensive engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving that go into designing and racing a solar-powered vehicle. Students gained insight into the challenges of the race, from optimising aerodynamics to managing energy efficiency, and saw first-hand the dedication required to compete at a high level.

Following the presentation, students broke into groups to participate in a series of hands-on workshops focused on different aspects of solar racing. In the Engineering workshop, students were challenged to build spaghetti towers that were both tall and strong, testing their structural design skills. The Aerodynamics challenge required students to construct a paper structure that took the longest to fall from a height, with Jayne and Ellie emerging as the winners. In the Marketing workshop, students worked in teams to develop a persuasive Shark Tank-style pitch for a given product, practicing creativity and business communication. The final activity focused on Communication, where students had to guide a blindfolded classmate through a maze filled with obstacles, emphasising the importance of clear and precise instructions.

The excursion was not only educational but also a lot of fun. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience and gained a deeper appreciation for the skills involved in solar racing, from engineering and design to teamwork and problem-solving. The activities encouraged critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration, making it a memorable and valuable learning experience for all involved.



CAREERS CORNER

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

Apprentice Machinist

A&G Engineering - Griffith, NSW

<https://shorturl.at/VXakC>

Apprentice Welder / Boilermaker

Griffith City Council - Griffith, NSW

<https://shorturl.at/bIKVj>

Diesel Mechanic

West Wyalong Dealership - West
Wyalong, NSW

<https://shorturl.at/QoZok>

BE A HEALTH HERO!

The **Be a Health Hero!** program is a dynamic four-day immersive experience that introduces students to exciting careers in nursing, allied health, and medicine. Supported by the **Regional Industry Education Partnership (RIEP), Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD), TAFE NSW, Calvary Riverina, and Three Rivers School of Rural Health**, this program offers students a unique opportunity to explore the diverse world of healthcare.

Designed to go beyond traditional work experience, **Be a Health Hero!** allows students to expand their knowledge of health careers through hands-on workshops and activities, giving them a taste of real-world experiences. Participants will not only gain valuable insights into various health professions but also develop foundational skills that could inspire them to pursue a career in the sector.

The primary goal of the program is to motivate students to explore further education and training opportunities in health care. Whether through a School-Based Apprenticeship, full-time Traineeship, or VET Training, the program aims to provide a clear pathway for students interested in starting a fulfilling career in health.

The program will run from Tuesday the 11th of March to Friday the 14th of March 2025.

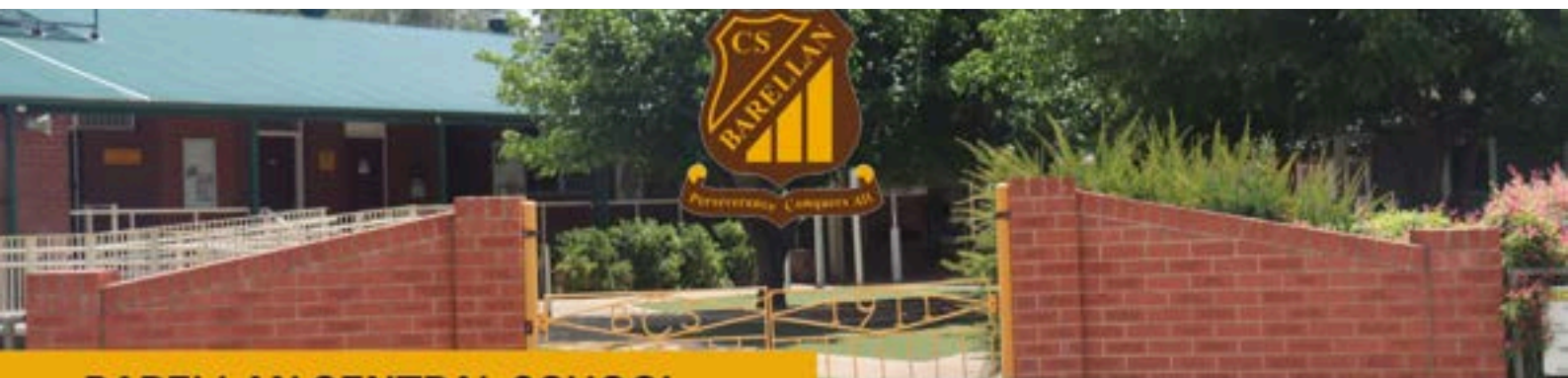
If you are interested in participating in the program, please contact Ms Jones.



Got questions or need some guidance? Reach out anytime!

✉ Email: caryn.jones1@det.nsw.edu.au

☎ Phone: 02 6963 9202



BARELLAN CENTRAL SCHOOL

PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Connect with Parents and Staff to
learn about the unique learning
experiences offered across K-6 at
Barellan Central School.

Afternoon tea
provided.

WEDNESDAY 26TH
FEBRUARY 2025
3PM - 4PM
SCHOOL CANTEEN

BOREE STREET, BARELLAN NSW 2665

PHONE: 02 6963 9202



Parents & Pathways

INFORMATION SESSIONS: PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIANS

Yiradhu Marang | Hello | ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ | Talofa Kamusta | नमस्ते

Is your child in Year 5 or above? Curious about how to support their educational journey? Want to learn more about career pathways, financial supports and local resources?

Join us over three **FREE** sessions where you'll:

- Get practical tips on encouraging your child's goals and success
- Connect with the CUC team and universities
- Hear from CUC students about their educational path
- Meet other local families

GRIFFITH

Where: CUCWR, 2/1 Olympic Street, Griffith

Session 1 Tuesday 25 March

Session 2 Tuesday 1 April

Session 3 Tuesday 8 April

Time: 6.00pm- 7.30pm

LEETON

Where: CUCWR, Leeton Library, Sycamore Street

Session 1 Wednesday 26 March

Session 2 Wednesday 2 April

Session 3 Wednesday 9 April

Time: 6.00pm- 7.30pm

Light refreshments provided.

Childminding, interpreters and transport available.

For more information contact:

Filomena, Widening Participation Officer

Email: wpo@cucwesternriverina.edu.au

Phone/text: 0432 343 602

Visit cucwesternriverina.edu.au/parents-pathways/



2025 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
3	4	5	6 First Day of 2025	7
10	11 Stage 5 Elective Induction Day @ ACS	12	13	14 BCS Swimming Carnival 11am
17 Yr 7-10 Wagga Solar Racing Show	18	19 RAP Study Day @ ACS	20	21
24 Swimming Carnival Wrap Up 1.30pm	25 RAP Sports Trials	26 Primary Parent Information Afternoon 3pm	27 CHS Zone Swimming @ APK	28 PSSA Zone Swimming @ APK

MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5 RAP Open Boys BBall	6	7
10 Primary Riverina Swimming @ Leeton	11 Secondary Riverina Swimming @ Leeton	12 RYDA - Yr 11 & 12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24 Young Leaders Conference	25 Young Leaders Conference	26	27 RAP Induction Camp	28 RAP Induction Camp

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Closing time for all advertisements/articles is 2pm Thursday, Week A