



# THE GAZETTE



Friday 9th May 2025

Term 2, Week 2B

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE - EXCELLENCE



*Captains at the Barellan ANZAC Day March*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 16th May**

RAP Netball Trials @ Barellan

**Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd May**

Yr 11-12 RAP Canberra Excursion

**Wednesday 21st May**

School Photos

**Friday 23rd May**

Zone Cross Country @ Coolamon

**Friday 6th June**

Combined Athletics Carnival @ Ardlethan

**Friday 20th June**

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival @ Barellan



*Easter Hat Parade*



*SRC Mother's Day Stall*



*Do it for Dolly Day*



*Cross Country*

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Mothers' day

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible role that mothers, grandmothers, carers and mother figures play in the lives of our students and our school community. Thank you for the love, guidance, encouragement and strength you give every day.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a joyful Mother's Day filled with appreciation and love. Whether you are celebrating with family, remembering loved ones, or simply taking a well-earned moment for yourself, we hope your day is meaningful and special.

## Opportunities at BCS

I continue to be amazed at the range of opportunities for our students. Here's a brief list of the activities in the first few weeks of the term – all of which take place above and beyond the learning in the classroom daily. ACT Brumby's rugby clinics, SRC run Mothers' Day stalls, Police talks, Day for Dolly celebration, Study Day at Hillston Central School, AECG Health and Wellbeing Camp, Yes program at Leeton TAFE, Goldenfields Careers Day excursion, RAP Netball Trials and an upcoming University of Canberra camp for our senior students!

Thank you so much to the teachers for their dedication making these opportunities available to grow our local talent.

## Uniform review

Thank you to the families who have approached me to be part of the uniform review. I'll be contacting the members of the working party next week to commence our work. We'll update you on the progress in the gazette throughout the term.

## Shade sail on sandpit

Near the entrance to the school, we will be installing a small umbrella style shade sail over the sandpit. The works will take place in stages over the next month.

## Attendance

During COVID, students across NSW started going to school a lot less. Attendance dropped by about 20%. Unfortunately, when schools opened again, many students did not return to their normal attendance habits. This change in attitude towards coming to school is something we are noticing at Barellan too. Our attendance is slowly getting better, but it's still not where it needs to be. So far this year, our school's average attendance is 86%. Last year, it was 82.5%. Here's the important part: only about half of our students (51.7%) are coming to school 90% of the time or more. That means many students are missing about one week of school every term. Over a year, that adds up to four weeks missed. Over their school life, it adds up to missing one full year of learning. Good habits about attending school also sets students up for their life beyond school.

Regards,  
Paul Laing  
Principal

## IN SUMMARY

- Happy Mother's Day
- Thank you to the teachers for continuing to offer a broad range of opportunities to foster talent in all students
- Building good habits about attendance is important for your child's learning and their connection with their peers.
- There will be some minor works in the sandpit over the next month,
- We will be contacting members of the uniform review working party next week and updating you on the working party through the Gazette over the term

# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## CROSS COUNTRY

Age Group	Champion
Infant Girl	Mackenzie Cates
Infant Boy	Mason Hillman
Primary Girl - Ages 8-10 (2km)	Poppy Irons
Primary Boy - Ages 8-10 (2km)	Jamie Eldridge
Primary Girl - Ages 11-13 (3km)	Eleanor Goring
Primary Boy - Ages 11-13 (3km)	Otis Whitney-Taylor
Secondary Girl - Ages 14-17 (4km)	Zahli Menzies
Secondary Boy - Ages 16-17 (6km)	Archie Trudgett



And the winning house is...  
**Farrer!**





## PBL Awards - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025



### Excellence

Lily Curran, Zayn Lemke, Ronan Murphy, Xavier Bray, Aden Puppa, Poppy Irons, Adeline Smith, Judd Anderson, Adalynn Lemke, Liam Male



### Responsibility

Zayn Lemke, Sam Sheehan, Kacey Eldridge, Lara Sanderson, Jessica Kite, Dakota Smith, Jake Irons, Tim Cameron, Lylah Bischarf, Matthew Brown, Adalynn Lemke, Judd Anderson



### Respect

Darcie Geltch, Archie Trudgett, Kacey Eldridge, Dakota Smith, Ronan Murphy, Zahli Menzies, Amelia Mildren, Tim Cameron, Adalynn Lemke



### Resilience

Zali Trudgett, Zahli Menzies, Jessica Kite, Judd Anderson, Mackenzie Cates

## STATE SWIMMING

At the end of last term, Jack Malone travelled to Sydney to compete at the state swimming championships! Jack finished 15th overall in the 8yr old boys 50m freestyle, smashing his personal best by 1.82 seconds. Well done Jack.



## WESTERN RIVERINA NETBALL TRIALS

Last Thursday, Lara Sanderson proudly represented the Coolamon/Ardlethan PSSA team at the Western Riverina Division trials in Narrandera. She played seven strong games of netball as goal shooter, showing great skill and determination throughout the day. Although she wasn't selected for the Western Riverina team, she performed exceptionally well and should be very proud of her efforts

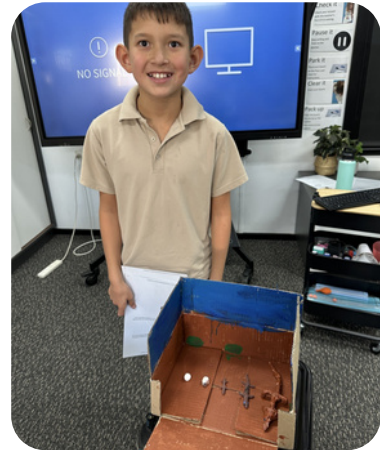
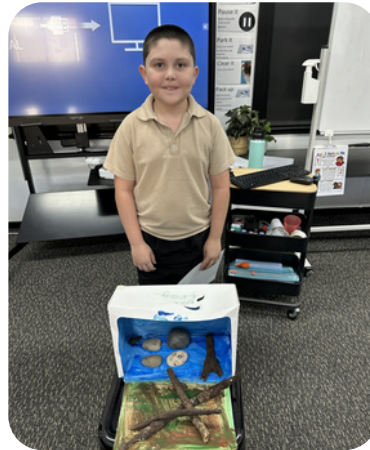
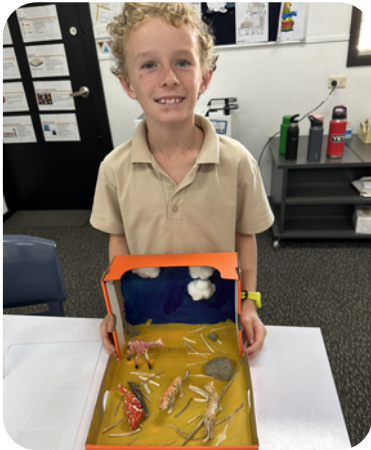
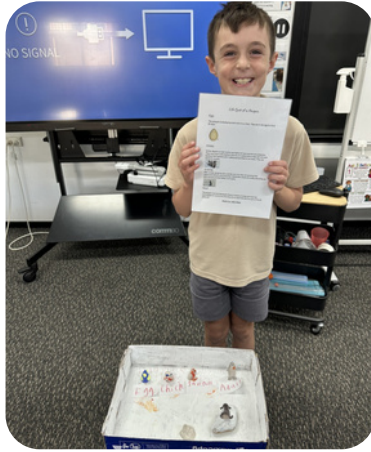




# LIFE'S A CYCLE - YEAR 3/4 EDITION

Our Year 3 and 4 students have been diving into the fascinating world of life cycles.

Through hands-on investigations, engaging discussions, and creative activities, they are learning how living things grow, change, and survive. From exploring the metamorphosis of a butterfly to understanding the stages of a plant's growth, students are developing a deeper appreciation for the patterns of life all around us.

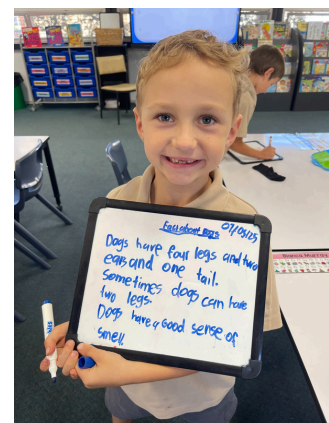
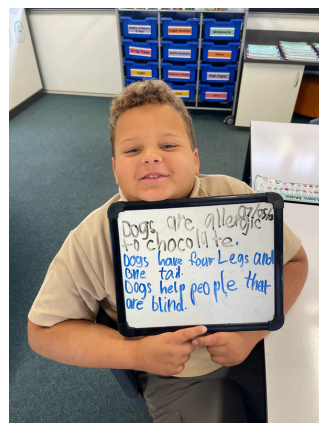
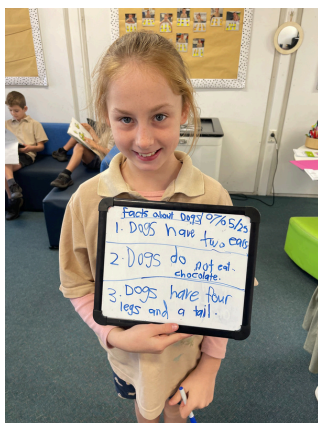


## Just the Facts with Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have been working on learning the difference between facts and opinions.

Pictured are students who wrote some facts about dogs.

We have also been working on ensuring our sentences start with a capital letter, have correct spelling and end with a full stop. They should be very proud of their incredible efforts!







The RAP Girls tennis team travelled to Deniliquin Lawn Tennis Club on Friday 2nd May to compete in the finals round of Riverina tennis. It was a perfect day for tennis, clear blue skies, warm but not too hot. The grass surface took the girls by surprise as the bounce is very different from synthetic or clay surfaces. In this round RAP played Billabong High School. The first round of doubles saw RAP win one set and lose one set. This then led to the singles games and fortunately we were able to play these on the synthetic courts, although this resulted in a loss in all four sets. Some of these sets were close and could have gone either way. Determined to maintain a competitive result the girls went out for the reverse doubles, which again saw a win in one set and a loss in the other. This ended our 2025 tennis campaign, with RAP losing 6 sets to 2.

At the conclusion of the first round, Billabong High School then played Hay High School. The victor was Hay with a resounding 6 sets to love win. The Hay girls now progress to the State finals in August.

I would like to thank the girls, Elsie Furphy, Lily Curran, Dakota Smith and Zali Trudgett, for their dedication (we had to leave at 5:50am) and great sportsmanship over the course of the gala days. I would also like to give a special mention to Zali Trudgett, who jumped in, as first reserve, to fill a vacancy, at very late notice.

Also a special shout out to Amy Blacker for assisting with organisation to get the girls to Deniliquin.

- Mrs Bray

## Year 12 Jumper Presentation

Receiving a Year 12 jumper is a cherished rite of passage for our senior students, symbolising the beginning of their final year and the leadership journey ahead.

This week, Darcie was proudly presented with her Year 12 jumper.

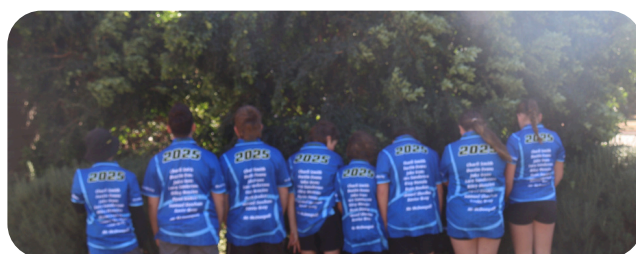
A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, especially to Mrs Sanderson who helped make this possible.



## Year 6 Shirts Have Arrived!

Each year, our Year 6 students design and order their very own shirt as a special keepsake to remember their final year of primary school.

Today, the much-anticipated shirts arrived—and they look absolutely fantastic!





# BCS WENT BLUE TO END BULLYING!

DO IT  
FOR  
*Dolly*  
DAY '25

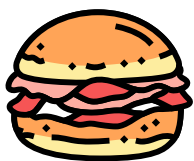
Today, BCS proudly turned blue in support of Do It For Dolly Day, raising funds and awareness for Dolly's Dream—an incredible organisation committed to preventing bullying and providing vital resources to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people. Thank you to everyone who wore blue, donated, and helped spread Dolly's message of kindness and hope. Together, we're making a difference.



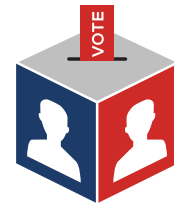
BCS Hat Tribute Video

Together, we can help create a world where kindness always wins.





# ELECTION DAY BACON & EGG BREAKFAST



On Election Day, our Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted a delicious bacon and egg roll breakfast to start the morning off right. The event was a great success, drawing strong support from the Barellan community and raising valuable funds for future SRC initiatives.

A big thank you goes to Lara Sanderson, Eddy Malone and Jack Malone who gave their time to cook and serve with a smile, and to everyone who came along to support the cause.



## School Photos

Wednesday 21st May 2025



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## CWA CROCHET/KNIT WORKSHOP

Dates: 7th, 9th, 11th July

Time: 9.30 - 3pm, BYO lunch

Free tuition with wool, hooks, needles provided.

Limited places for adults and students, please book asap with Judy Findlay. Text 0418639347.



# CAREERS CORNER



NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION

## What Matters? Writing Competition

*Closes 16 May*

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in shaping Australia's future, the What Matters? writing competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from Australia.

Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, What Matters? is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online.

<https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters>

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

## Essential Energy Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program Now Open!

*Opens 22 April - Applications Due By 25 May*

Have you always wanted to work outdoors and love hands-on, physical work? Would you like to work in a supportive team environment where you can contribute to your local community? An apprenticeship or traineeship with Essential Energy could be for you!

Through our Apprentice Program you can work towards gaining a nationally recognised qualification, with a combination of on-the-job and classroom-based learning.

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<https://www.essentialenergy.com.au/careers/apprenticeships>

### Apprentice Fitter - JBS Foods - Leeton, NSW

<https://www.jobsriverinamurray.com.au/industry/agriculture-nature-animal/job/25942594/apprentice-fitter>

### Apprentice Electrician - JBS Foods - Leeton, NSW

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Have questions or need some guidance? Reach out anytime!

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# Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed



**1** day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed





# 2025 CALENDAR

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

## MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2 Cross Country
5 Schools Cup Netball	6	7 Mother's Day Stall	8 Mother's Day Stall	9 Do It For Dolly Day
12	13 RAP Yr 11-12 Study Day @ Hillston	14	15	16 RAP Netball Trials @ Barellan
19	20 RAP Yr 11-12 Canberra Camp	21 School Photos RAP Yr 11-12 Canberra Camp	22 RAP Yr 11-12 Canberra Camp	23 Zone Cross Country @ Coolamon
26	27	28	29 Reconciliation Week Lunch	30

## JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6 Athletics Carnival @ Ardlethan
9 King's Birthday Public Holiday	10	11	12 Primary Riverina Cross Country	13 Secondary Riverina Cross Country
16	17	18 CHS Zone Athletics @ Lockhart	19	20 PSSA Zone Athletics @ Barellan
23	24	25	26	27
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