UPCOMING EVENTS

• 14th-15th Sept—NW Primary Cricket
• 16th-20th Sept—Year 7 Camp
• 18th Sept—Reptiles at Kindy
• 20th Sept—International Talk Like a Pirate Day
• 20th Sept—End of Term 3
• 7th Oct—Labour Day
• 8th Oct—First day of Term 4
• 10th Oct—CW Youth Network
• 14th Oct—Beach to Bush
• 15th-16th State Primary Athletics

P&C MEETING

• Monday, 16th September & Monday, 14th October at 5.30pm in Staff Room
Dear Families

Congratulations to our senior students who sat the Queensland Core Skills tests last week. I was impressed with their conscientious efforts to do the best they could and I hope the results support their pathways to a tertiary education.

Well done to all the students in Year 10 and 11 who participated in Work Experience and thank you to all the teachers who supported them and visited work places. I was very pleased to hear positive reports of their conduct as young adults and as often happens, to hear that some students already have job offers when they leave Year 12.

On Thursday we were entertained by Carter and Carter who then conducted a song writing workshop with the Year 8s; and the Year 3 students learnt more about Spina Bifida and had a fun ride on the bikes from the Southern Cross Motorcycle Club.

Friday we wore green and raised funds for Bilby research and the students enjoyed the Arts Council performance. We also celebrated the work of our ancillary staff on Teacher Aides’ Day. Thank you also to all the men who supported the Fathers’ Day activities – great to see such a wonderful attendance and the enjoyment of the children!

Mrs Ogden and Mrs Pumpa participated in training to prepare our curriculum for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum Geography subject and Mrs Barwick, Mrs French and I participated in training in Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives.

We have also had visits from our curriculum and school improvement coach, Rod Mason, and from the Assistant Regional Director, David Manttan. Mrs Murray and Mrs Wren have attended training for Non Violent Crisis Intervention.

This week we enjoyed the Opera working with our students and it was great to have Qld Cricket here to work with students. Well done also to the organisers of the Cross Country and the students who participated.

Good luck next week to the Year 7s on their camp and thank you to Mrs McKeough for offering to take them for Mrs Rafter.

We now have confirmation from region regarding Term 4 staffing. Mrs McKeough will be taking the Year 6/7 class with some other duties as well. Mrs Wren and Mrs Murray will share the role of Head of Special Education Services and Mrs Williams will take on a Students with Disability role as well as being the Gifted Education Mentor. Mrs Egerton will continue to provide support to students with learning difficulties and disabilities. I thank Mr Thorpe and Mrs Miller who finish with us this term. We have appreciated their efforts to support students.

As this is my last newsletter I would like to thank everyone in this community for the wonderful support they have given me, the school, students and staff over the years. I will certainly miss this community and I know the new principal, Mr Grant Williams, will enjoy many years here.

Very best wishes to all our school leavers and best wishes to the families and staff who will leave at the end of the year.

Very best regards

Robin Rayner

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YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr Kemp, Miss Wahlin and myself travelled to Brisbane last week with the Year 11’s for a week of Work Experience. The students were placed in a variety of workplaces including Veterinary Practice, Antique retail, Science research centres, Retail work, and a variety of other work places. For many, it was the first time they had the experience of using public transport and all acquitted themselves very well. The students received glowing reports from all employers with many students identifying a career pathway for when they leave school.

Congratulations to the students on a great week.

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS

The student reports that were originally due in to schools next week from Queensland Studies Authority, are now scheduled to be issued to parents early in Term 4.

GEOGRAPHY

As stated in previous newsletters, next year will see the continuation of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. In 2014 Geography will be introduced into the school curriculum as a key learning area in Years Prep to 8 with it continuing to be an elective in Years 9 and 10. Over the past three weeks Mrs Jeni Pumpa and myself have begun attending Professional Development Programs in readiness for 2014.

CROSS SCHOOL MODERATION

Next week, Mrs Paula Bashford and myself will be travelling to Longreach to participate in a day of Cross School Moderation of Prep units. The process allows for teachers from various schools to compare their assessment pieces and discuss the standards they have apportioned to the assessment piece to ensure a consistency of judgement.

Until next time,
Kim Ogden.

A Merit Morning Tea was held on 29th August, with a large number of secondary students being acknowledged for their great attitudes and work ethic in application to school work. Students, parents and staff enjoyed each other’s company and a wonderful feast of delicious eats and drinks, expertly catered for by the people at Barcaldine Aged Care.

Congratulations to the following meritorious students who were recognised:

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Dear Families

The end of next week brings to a close my time here relieving for Mrs Wills whilst she has been tripping around the UK and Europe. Judging by the couple of postcards we have received, she and her family have been having a fabulous time, but will no doubt be looking forward to returning home for a rest before the start of Term 4.

The Year 12 OP students managed to survive the QCS Test last week relatively unscathed. The security of the test materials and the conditions under which the 4 separate papers are completed are very strict, and the students are to be congratulated on their efforts and approach to the 2 days of testing. Hopefully the results they achieve will reflect their great attitudes! A big thanks also to Mrs Amy Miller and Ms Lynn Lloyd-Jones for their support and professionalism in performing their duties as Chief Community Representatives for the QCS.

The Year 10 and 11 students returned to school this week after a successful time at work experience last week. I had the pleasure of visiting some of the Year 10 students in their workplaces, and by all accounts everybody had an interesting and enjoyable week. Thanks go to Mr Greyling and Mrs Pumpa, who also made workplace visits and phone calls, and to Mrs Barwick for all her expertise in organising placements, collating all the necessary paperwork, and supporting students when making calls to their employers. The Year 11 trip to Brisbane was a very productive and worthwhile experience for students, and much appreciation goes out to Miss Wahlin, Mr Kemp and Mrs Ogden for all their efforts in organising the trip, and being surrogate parents for the week.

This is an important time for our Year 12 students as they are rapidly approaching the end of their formal schooling years. The OP students are currently in the process of completing QTAC applications by putting in their preferences for university studies, and all students have been busy completing assessments in preparation for Year 12 Verification submissions. This involves teachers sending off samples of student work to be verified by QSA panel members for each of the subjects, and is an important process to ensure comparability of standards across the state. My thanks to all of the secondary staff who have been working very hard over the past few weeks to complete marking of assessment and ensure that these submissions are well organised.

Earlier this week I enjoyed watching the Year 7 class rehearsing for their drama presentations which revolved around the theme of the “Seven Deadly Sins”. The students were very creative and enthusiastic in their performances, with some very realistic portrayals of issues that affect young people. A great example of art imitating life!

On Tuesday night I had the pleasure of joining a number of Principals from Central West District schools, along with some District and Regional staff, at a farewell dinner for Ms Rayner in Longreach. In listening to some of these people speak about Robin, it was very clear to me that she is extremely well respected amongst her peers, and during the past seven years, has been very instrumental in ensuring that students at Barcaldine, as well as other schools in the district, have been provided with many wonderful opportunities to enhance their educational and vocational goals. Also mentioned was her capacity to develop partnerships within the community, as well as provide support for her colleagues. I would personally like to thank Robin for her support during my brief time at the school, and for giving me the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and experience, which will no doubt be of benefit to me in my future career aspirations.

Finally, as I approach my last week at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all the staff, students and parents for your warm welcomes and continuing support for me whilst I have performed the role of Deputy Principal over the past couple of months. I am sure the end of the term will bring with it a number of mixed emotions for me, as on one hand I will be pleased to be heading back to the Gold Coast to be home with my family, but on the other, I will be sorry to leave this lovely school and community, that I have been fortunate to be a part of. I wish you all the very best of good fortune in your future endeavours, and hopefully our paths may cross again somewhere; sometime.

I leave you with the following quotes:

“Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education”. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Don't let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use”. – Earl Nightingale

“There is no school equal to a decent home and no teacher equal to a virtuous parent”. – Mahatma Ghandi

“Live long and prosper”. – Mr Spock (Star Trek)

Warm regards,
Mal Attree
Primary School Captains’ Report

Hi everyone,
Well done to those who dressed up in green on Friday last week for Bilby Day. It was great to see everyone participating and giving a gold coin donation to support our Australian endangered species.

Also on Friday, the Prep to Year 9 students walked to the Town Hall at ten o’clock to watch the Arts Council presentation ‘My Story, Your Story’. It was fantastic to see all the students enjoying the show and learning some Indigenous dance moves, songs and stories.

It was entertaining to watch the instrumental students at the Opera Queensland Workshop on Thursday this week. All the students were very engaged and enjoyed the workshop.

On Thursday as well, we had some of the primary students participate in a Cricket Development Clinic. It was great to learn some new cricket skills.

The Year 7 students are really excited about going to camp next week, although they are not so excited about having to be at school on Sunday morning at 6:30am to depart. They are all looking forward to going to the North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre and participating in some awesome beach and bush activities.

We hope everyone tried their best in the Cross Country this week! Congratulations to the place getters!

Until next term,
Olivia, Cooper, Abi and Liz

Secondary School Captains’ Report

Wow! Term 3 is nearly over already!
Hello again everyone
The weeks have flown by and the term ending is near. With one week to go, all assessments are being handed in and marked. The students and teachers are like busy little bees with huge workloads to take control of.

QCS is now over and the eight Year 12 students are proud of their efforts – the wait for OP’s and QCE’s is now on. Counting down, the Year 12 students only have seven jam packed weeks left in total for 2013. There are many nervous, excited and ambitious faces spread throughout the Year 12 cohort. Bring on the ‘REAL WORLD!’

The cross country was held on Friday the 13th and all students competed and were happy with the proceedings that took place. A big thanks is to be given to Student Council for their tremendous effort in feeding everyone by providing each student with a popper and tasty sausage sizzle.

Also coming up on Friday the 20th of September is ‘National Talk Like a Pirate Day!’ Get in the spirit and show your inner pirate. We hope to see many crazy pirates roaming the school and talking like pirates. ARGGGGH!

On an end note, we wish everyone safe and happy holidays. Enjoy your break while it lasts!

Thanks
Emily and Lochie

Ahoy there, me hearties!!

Our school will be celebrating ‘International Talk Like a Pirate Day’ on Friday 20th September (last day of school). Like last year, students can come dressed in their pirate costumes to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer. We’ll have prizes for the best costumes and pirate games in the afternoon for the whole school. So grab ye best scurvy pirate garb ‘n join in th’ ruckas or ye’ll be walkin’ th’ plank fer sure.
Father's Day Fun

Last Friday P-3 students celebrated Father’s Day with their fathers, uncles, grandparents and other members of the community. Students competed with their special guests in a number of different activities such as red rover, tunnel ball, relay races, soccer and a game of tug of war. Many laughs were shared and there was great team work on display. After all the excitement of the games everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle and were able to compare stories.

There was a great turn out from all of the guests, much to the students’ delight. We hope that there were great memories made and we would like to thank everyone for making this a special occasion.

Kind Regards,
Natalie Mitchell

Carter and Carter

On Thursday 5th of September the Year 8 Music class participated in a song writing workshop with famous country music duo “Carter and Carter”. Students worked on developing their compositional process to developing lyrics, honing in on their creative flair to produce a combined song called “Missing home”. Congratulations to all Year 8’s involved; you showed great enthusiasm and creativity! Carter and Carter commented on how musical and well-behaved you all were! A recording of the song will be available on our school website hopefully by next week so have a listen!

Sincerely,
Mr Schulze.
What an amazing time Year 3 had with the Southern Cross Association last week! The Southern Cross Association, formed in March 1998, is run entirely by volunteers who raise funds for children’s charities. The Southern Cross Association has been helping children and adults with Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus since 1998. The main fundraising event for the year is the Southern Cross Annual 5 Day Poker Run, which is held in the first week, beginning on the first Monday of September every year. The Poker Run covers nearly 3,000km during the week, and is believed to be the longest in Australia. The Year 3 students were informed of many facts about Spina Bifida and were then treated to rides on the many motorbikes that the Southern Cross Association brought to the school. We had lots of fun and were able to get lots of photos! At the end of our session with the Southern Cross Association, Year 3 presented the charity with a cash donation of $83. Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause and a big thank you to the Southern Cross Association for an amazing time!

Kind Regards,
Joanna Powell

A friendly reminder to parents and students that it is a requirement for all students to bring a hat to school with them every day. The school uniform policy clearly states that “As part of the school’s ‘sun safe’ strategy, a wide brimmed hat is compulsory for students when they are not in a covered area. This includes walking to and from school, planned sporting activities, lunch time play and any excursions out of the school”. There are also occasions when teachers may need to take students out of the classroom to conduct an activity outdoors and students need to ensure that they have their own hat available to wear in such situations. Your assistance in making sure your child has an appropriate hat for school is very much appreciated.

!!!!URGENT REMINDER!!!
A reminder to parents and community members to please complete the Parent and Community Engagement Survey – link available on the school website, www.barcaldiss.eq.edu.au. A hard copy is available from the school administration office. This needs to be done by Monday 16th September to allow for collation of the results.
I am writing to you about a wonderful opportunity for young women considering future study in agriculture and environmental studies, architecture and building, engineering, earth science, or information technology.

The Supporting Women Scholarships program is a Queensland Government initiative which provides real opportunities for Queensland women. In 2012–13 more than 120 women across the State commenced studying with the assistance of a Supporting Women Scholarship.

Now in its second round, my Department is once again pleased to offer scholarships to women who are interested in pursuing study and employment in traditionally male dominated fields and skill shortage areas. Scholarships of up to $20,000 are available for study from Certificate IV level through to postgraduate.

Applications for a Supporting Women Scholarship are now open for study commencing in 2014. Applications will close on 11 October 2013. I invite you to encourage eligible female students at your school to consider this opportunity, and to promote the scholarships to those involved in assisting students with their post-school study and career options.

Further information about the Supporting Women Scholarship program is available online at www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au.

Should you have any queries regarding the scholarships or wish to access promotional material, I invite you to email supportingwomen@dete.qld.gov.au or telephone 1800 177 577.

I welcome your support of this initiative.

Yours sincerely

John-Paul Langbroek
Minister for Education, Training and Employment

BARCY BROADCASTER

Swimming club training starts Monday 16 September at 5.30pm.

MADBAG MINI TRIATHLON

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2013
BARCALDINE

Sprint Distance: Swim 750m – Bike 20km – Run 5km
MADBAG Mini: Swim 400m – Bike 10km – Run 2.5km
Junior Aquathlon: Run 1 km—Swim 200m – Run 1km
Under 8’s Tri-for-FUN: Swim 50m – Bike 1km – Run 1km

For more information visit:
Barcaldine theatre.blogspot.com.au
(check calendar on R) side
‘Barcaldine Picture Theatre’ on Facebook
or check information board at the movie theatre

!!!!LOST PROPERTY!!!!!
There is a huge amount of lost property in the office at school, especially winter clothing. Parents could you please come and check if any of it belongs to your children. Anything that is not claimed, will be taken to Vinnies at the end of term.

At The Movies

Fri 13th Sept & Sun 15th Sept at 7pm
The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones
Fri 20th Sept & Sun 22nd Sept at 7pm
Kick Ass 2: Balls to the Wall
Fri 4th Oct & Sun 6th Oct at 7pm
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