UPCOMING EVENTS

• 3rd-4th August—G&T Camp
• 8th August—Pre Charleville Festival Concert in dance room
• 10th August—Chaplaincy Sausage Sizzle at Newsagency
• 16th, 17th and 18th August—Charleville Performing Arts Festival
• 17th-18th August—NW Primary and Secondary Athletics
• 19th-23rd August—Children’s Book Week
• 24th August—CW Primary Cricket

P&C MEETING

• Monday, 19th August at 5.30pm in Staff Room followed by a special meeting to elect President.

North West Sport Representation

Soccer
Liz travelled to Cairns in week 2 to compete with the North-West Under 12 Soccer Team in the State trials. This was a great opportunity to mix with girls from around the region and learn to play with them as a team. While North-West is traditionally near the bottom of the ladder, as the girls do not have the opportunity to train together as a team until the week of the carnival, they worked really hard to overcome this. This paid off when they won their game against South-West 2-1. They also held the scores low in the other games with good defensive play and the brilliant “sticky fingers” of their goalie, Aamie. In recognition of their great attitude, the girls won the Spirit of the Carnival trophy. The girls were also playing in unusual conditions – it rained for two days of the carnival and overnight before their 7:45 am start on Sunday. Of course they and many of the other teams also took the opportunity to go to the beach in the afternoons and dine out at Sizzler and the like. A big thanks to Norm McNamara and Helen Harper for coaching and managing the team.

Touch Football
In week 3 Harrison and Liz competed in the North-West Under 12 Touch Football teams at the state trials held at Caboolture. Harrison travelled down with his Dad and Liz flew from Townsville to Brisbane on her way back from Cairns. After being fine for a couple of days, they played most of their final games in the rain (which I hope they bring out here!). They travelled home together with Will. Harrison thought it was a great experience with a big learning curve. He played very well and achieved the Coach’s award. The girls’ team broke about a decade long drought of tries with Liz and Piper scoring one try each. Another big thank you to Shaye Macleod, Craig Gason, Linda Ashburn and Lisa Ward for coaching and managing the teams.
Dear Families

This week we welcome Mr Attree as Acting Deputy Principal and wish Mrs Wills and her family a wonderful trip. We are also pleased to have Miss Passier join us to work with Miss Horne. Miss Harbottle and Miss Woods also join our staff as teacher aides and we welcome Mrs Lloyd-Jones home and look forward to her being ready for full duties as her injuries heal. We also farewelled Mrs Hubbert and her family and thanked her for her work with us.

Last week we were pleased to again work with our coaches Mr Mason and Mr Gordon to assist us in having very high quality processes to continually improve the teaching in our school and to assist us to map our work against the Teaching and Learning Audit to move all areas firmly from the high to outstanding domain. Mrs Wills and I attended a meeting to work with other principals to enhance delivery of the hospitality training through the Trade Training Centre and the Big Red Truck.

Last Friday we were very pleased to have our Federal Member, Mr Bruce Scott address the parade and present awards to students. Mrs Wills and I were also very pleased to be able to spend time with him to discuss our community’s need for a child care centre and to hear his support for our needs.

Well done to our students and staff who supported Stress Down Day to raise funds for research and support of mental health. The Year 6/7 class also enjoyed a Movie Night reward for their hard work and compliance with school expectations and I look forward to the Gifted and Talented Camp Mrs Rafter has also organised for this weekend.

Congratulations to all those students selected from Central West Athletics – I am impressed with how many forms I am signing and the sporting achievement of so many students. It is a pity that the NW trials will clash with our excursion to Charleville Music Festival and that some students will need to choose between the two events. This often occurs in small communities where students are involved in multiple activities. Congratulations to Liz and Harrison for their participation at state level sport and I am sure their experiences will give them new goals for training.

This week Mrs Ogden, Mrs Bashford and I have been training with other schools to continue the process of ensuring clear and high quality explicit teaching in our classes and we are fortunate to have Mrs Yvana Jones with us all day this Friday to work specifically with our teachers. This is an opportunity none of the other schools have been provided and we are most appreciative of the regional support for this.

The students enjoyed the Cowboys visit and I was impressed with how many more students participated in the Western 7s on Wednesday. Well done to Mr Lawrence, Mr Kerrigan and our sports teachers for building the interest and skills of our secondary students. Well done also to all who participated in the Matt Scott Cup – I look forward to hearing the results.

I hope all selected parents were able to complete the online School Opinion Survey and I look forward to hearing how that went. Remember if you do not have online access you can bring the hard copy in.

Next week we have the Who’s the Man program on Monday and Tuesday for boys in our secondary school and I have sent letters home to the relevant classes. If you are a parent of a boy in Years 8, 9, 10 or 11 and did not receive your letter please contact the office for another.

Please note that as we move to electronic rolls next week a number of processes will change to allow this to happen. All secondary late, early departure and students leaving for appointments will need to go through the main office and will not be able to be signed out at the secondary department. Teachers will begin electronically marking rolls, and notes, emails and phone calls etc will be recorded through the main office. This will be a change of process however in talking to other schools an easy one which will ensure accuracy and save considerable time.

We are also completing the school strategic plan and the pedagogical framework for our school and will have regional officers checking our progress. We will then take that to P&C for any further discussion. I commend the work of Mrs Ogden and her team in developing these important frameworks. Mr Attree will also begin work on the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to enhance how we communicate and work with our community.

To assist this, our new webpage is now live and we will continually add to this to enhance its usefulness to our community. Mr Attree, I am sure, will be listening to what you would like to use the site for. Currently we have the QSchool app working and if you check the instructions in this newsletter you will be able to add that to your iPhones.

Very best wishes for a busy term full of learning and exciting events for students.

Kind regards,
Robin Rayner
Acting Deputy Principal’s News

Dear Families,

Well I have arrived back in Barcaldine for my 8 weeks replacing Mrs Wills, whilst she is enjoying her lovely European holiday, and by the time you are reading this newsletter, she and her family will have already arrived at their first overseas destination. Mrs Wills has been extremely welcoming to me, and has kindly left me with a large folder full of information about everything that needs to be done in her absence!

Following up from the Secondary Parent – Teacher interviews held recently, obviously there would have been many students deserving of congratulations for their Semester 1 results, and I encourage all of them to keep up the great work. For those students whose results may not have been quite so positive, it is important to set yourself some goals to achieve higher standards, and to put some strategies in place to help achieve those targets. If anyone would like some assistance in this area, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Students in Years 10 and 11, along with a number of staff, are currently busy making preparations for Work Experience, which will be taking place in week 9 this term. As you are aware, an information evening has already been held for Year 11 students and their parents, and we are currently in the process of finalising letters for parents of Year 10 students to inform them of the placements and arrangements for their children.

A project that Mrs Rayner has indicated that she would like me to take on during the time that I am working here is to get things moving with the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s Parent and Community Engagement Framework. This framework aims to support schools to engage with parents and communities, to work together to maximise student learning outcomes, and is based around five key principles:

- Communication
- Learning partnerships
- Community collaboration
- Decision making
- Participation

A vast amount of research and experience recognises the role that parents and communities play in the education of children, and a key factor in contributing to successful student outcomes is parents who are highly engaged with their school, and their child’s learning. Stay tuned for more information on this very soon.

I don’t have a great deal else to report after only a few days on the job, but as I indicated in my previous communication to you, I am very happy to be working at the school, and am looking forward to some great experiences, and getting to know many more of the students and their families between now and the end of term.

Regards,
Mal Attree

Are you aware that the Australian Government has developed a National Plan for School Improvement to ensure every Australian child is able to get a world-class education, regardless of where they live, the school they attend, or their family background?

Our P&C play a vital supportive role in achieving any school improvements, so it is imperative that as parents and caregivers we continue to strive for a well represented P&C. The position of President has become available due to Kelly Hubbert leaving. In order to be considered for the position, you do need to be a current member of the P&C. Therefore we will be holding a Special Meeting to appoint the President directly following our next General Meeting on 19th August 2013. If you are not a current P&C member, simply come along to the General Meeting, have your membership endorsed and then we will hold the Special Meeting to nominate and vote for a President. The role is not onerous, as the current executive committee are highly experienced and there is good support from the other P&C members. We have a new Principal starting in term 4; specific priorities around curriculum, teaching practices and school capabilities; as well as parent/caregiver engagement strategies, so it is a great time to be part of the P&C. A widely represented and well led P&C can provide the school with much needed finances, resources and support to create a fantastic learning environment for our children.

Lastly, a big thank you to Kelly Hubbert. Kelly was the only one who stood for the position of P&C President at the AGM and we as a committee are very grateful for her hard work, commitment and efforts whilst in the position.

We wish Kelly and her family the very best of luck with this new stage of their life.
NAPLAN RESULTS
Student reports are due to begin arriving in schools in the last week of Term 3. As soon as all reports have been checked, they will be distributed to parents.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) is an Australian Government initiative, supported by Education Queensland. This year, National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrates its 15th anniversary. The week was celebrated from the 29th of July-4th August. Check out the website www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

Helping your child with Literacy and Numeracy
Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life.
To be literate is to confidently and appropriately read, write, speak and listen in a range of contexts. This may include cultural knowledge, such as knowing the meaning of phrases like a task being "a piece of cake".
To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.
Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education.

There are many everyday things you can do to encourage literacy learning. These include:
• valuing and encouraging your child’s efforts with literacy
• sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life
• encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes
• encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources — invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals and electronic slide shows
• encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes — sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information
• discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience — for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects
• talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful
• discussing favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators and what you like about them
• discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries
• playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words
• making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries, clubs, community groups and websites

There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning. These include:
• encouraging your child to use mathematical language — how much, how big, how small, how many
• discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — numbers found on library books, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds, in the home and architecture
• talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real life situations — cooking, map reading, building and playing sport
• exploring situations using money such as shopping, budgets and credit cards
• estimating, measuring and comparing lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold
• talking about different ways to solve a Problem
• using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
• asking ‘does that make sense?’ ‘is the answer reasonable?’ or ‘what other ways could we do this?’
• observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
• helping your child to work out how much things cost and what change they will receive
• playing number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
• organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes.

Until next time
Kim Ogden
The intrepid explorers set off in the FBI surveillance van at first lunch on 30 July to investigate aspects of Barcaldine’s water supply. They started off with a little tour of the town to check out the old bores that are no longer used for town supply, and the two that are used. While doing this they noticed the increasing size of the water storage tanks and thought about what this indicated about how much water we each use. This was followed by a little foray into the scrub where the outflow from the sewage treatment works was investigated. The grand finale was a visit to the weir which is almost empty at the moment. (Unfortunately) they arrived back just in time for Lesson 4. The students will create a brochure about the water use and supply in Barcaldine based on the field trip.

**Year 10 Geography Field Trip**

**CHANGES TO LATE PASSES/SIGNING OUT**

Due to the gradual phasing in of Electronic Rolls throughout the school, we would ask parents to advise of absences by directly contacting the main office by phone (46515333), email (info@barcaldiss.eq.edu.au), or a note.

Please also be aware that as of Monday 5th August, Secondary students will no longer be able to sign out in the secondary staff room. They are required to sign out and report late arrivals to the main office.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER**

School photos are scheduled for Thursday 22nd August. Every student should have received a personalised envelope from PSP Photography.

Please be reminded to place your orders either online before this date, or bring the envelopes with correct money enclosed, on the day. The envelopes MUST contain the correct money, as there is no change available from the photographers. All orders received after photo day are subject to a $20 search fee.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 49213355.

**QSchools Smartphone App**

Queensland school communities now have a new way to interact with their favourite state schools using the FREE QSchools smartphone app. The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with a new type of school website, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

**SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR SCHOOL TO STAY ENGAGED WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

Add schools to your favourites to get school news items, newsletters and calendar events straight to your smartphone. Add events to your smartphone calendar. Multiple schools can be added as favourites.

**IMPORTANT ALERTS**

Receive push notifications for important announcements about school closures and natural disasters.

**SCHOOL SEARCH**

Find schools using text search, postcode, school name, suburb or your current location.

**SCHOOL DETAILS**

View school details including contact numbers, web address and other related information.

Android and iOS versions of the app are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.
Hi all,

Well done to everyone who participated in the Central West Athletics carnival last Friday in Longreach. Congratulations to everyone who reached the Central West team.

Last Friday it was Stress Down Day. Everyone came to school in their casual clothes or pyjamas and contributed a gold coin to raise money for Lifeline’s 24 hour telephone crisis support service.

Mr Bruce Scott, the Federal Member of Parliament, visited the school on Friday also and addressed us on assembly. He even gave out the Student of the Week Awards and Secondary Merit Certificates, which was exciting for the recipients.

On Tuesday Aaron Payne, former player from the North Queensland Cowboys, visited to train many boys from grade three to seven, for the Matt Scott Challenge in Ilfracombe today. Aaron Payne also taught the boys to be good sports, play fairly and respect others.

Just a reminder to work on the behaviour focus for the week, which is lining up!

Until next time,
Olivia, Cooper, Abigail, Elizabeth.
With the recent rise in all Parmalet products, the P&C Tuckshop will have to increase the prices of products sold. As from Monday 5th August, prices for the following products will be:

- 500mL Coffee Ice Breaka and Chocolate Ice Breaka — $3.70
- 300mL Chocolate and Strawberry Breaka — $2.20

The tuckshop is still seeking volunteers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for approximately 2 hours. If you can donate any of your spare time, your help would be much appreciated.

Chappy’s Chat

Hi Everyone
The Goat Expo was a great fundraising success; raising $655.00 for Chaplaincy. Thank You very much to all our fantastic volunteers. These funds are raised to run programs and buy resources for the children which include Milo Mornings and Art and Craft supplies for the Chappy Room.

I am on my way to Scripture Union Conference on Saturday. This is always a fantastic time of learning and networking for the Chaplains in Queensland.

Need For Feed is great fun for all those who are participating. We will start that off again in Week 9.

I will be away from the 14th August until the 30th August.

We are running the Pathways to Resilience Friends Program in Aramac State School, the Preps and Year 1 class are doing Fun Friends and Year 7/8 My Friends which is the youth program. In Barcaldine State School we are running the Friends for Life program with the Year 3 class.

This program
- Assists children and youth in developing life skills to effectively cope with difficult and/or anxiety provoking situations.
- It normalises the emotional state of anxiety.
- Builds emotional resilience and problem-solving abilities.
- Promotes self-confidence when dealing with difficult situations

KIDS CLUB is up and running again and we have some awesome games and activities planned for this term. The cost is $2.00 per child at the Uniting Church Hall. It is on Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm until 5pm. Hope to see you all there.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Problems with Friendships
Everyone, even adults, have problems with friendships from time to time. You might say or do something to hurt your friend, or they might do the same to you. A misunderstanding might arise, or one or both of you might get a new friend who doesn’t like your other friend.

What can you do?
If there is a problem in your friendship, you could:
- Try asking your friend, nicely, if you have upset him at all.
- Ask if she would like to talk about anything.
- If he still wants to play without you then say that’s OK. But tell your friend where you will be.
- Be positive – don’t think that you will never have another friend. There are heaps of people out there just wanting to make new friends but you have to get out there and find them.
- If you have hurt your friend’s feelings, then you should apologize with sincerity.

If your friend has hurt your feelings you could:
- Explain how it has made you feel in calm, confident words.
- Tell your friend you would like an apology.
- Forgive him/her for his/her actions.
- Evaluate your friendship.
- See if there are lessons to learn from the situation. For example, it might be a good idea not to tell secrets to this friend.

Above all else if you are having a problem with a friend, do NOT turn it into a whole-of-playground dispute where you tell everyone and ask people to choose sides. This behaviour does not heal problems, it just makes them worse.

Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, some friendships come to an end. When this happens, forgive yourself or your friend if that would help, focus on the good things that friendship brought into your life (and be grateful for them) and use your friendship skills to make a new friend.

Isabel Greyling
A wonderful family event with a BBQ operating during the afternoon.

2nd and 4th August at 7pm
Man of Steel

9th and 11th August at 7pm & Saturday 10th at 10am
Despicable Me 2

For more information visit:
‘Barcaldine Picture Theatre’ on Facebook
or check information board at the movie theatre.

Shell Questacon Science Circus

The Science Circus is coming to LONGREACH!

The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. You can encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science by exploring hands-on exhibits.

Come along and spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and test your reflexes.

Spectacular science shows are presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone’s stomach or a Science Circus presenter lighting their hands on fire!

Science toys for sale (cash only).

Longreach Civic & Cultural Centre
Eagle Street, LONGREACH

Monday 5 August 2013
Come any time between 5pm – 8pm

Admission: Family $18, Adult $6, Student/Concession $5 (cash only)
Children under 5 and student ticket FREE
Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Enquiries: 0427 060 801

Barcaldine Pony Club Hosts Open Gymkhana for Year 11 Fundraising - Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus
Aramac Pony Club’s Open Gymkhana for Colin Wood Day

WHERE: Saturday August 10, 2013 for Barcaldine’s Open Gymkhana
Sunday August 11, 2013 for Aramac’s Colin Wood Day

WHERE: Barcaldine Pony Club Grounds

TIME: 8.30 am start both Saturday and Sunday

Cost: $20.00 Nomination on each day

(Elders can have 2 horses on each day for another $20.00 Nomination fee)

AGE GROUPS

- 7 Years and Under - Led
- 7 Years and Under - Rider
- 8, 9 and 10 Years
- 11, 12 Years
- 13 and 14 Years
- 15 and 16 Years
- OPEN

This day is run under PHAG rules. If you do not meet these requirements you will be unable to participate.

Barcaldine Twilight Fun Run

Saturday 7th September 2013
Events start/finish at Barcaldine Showgrounds from 3.00pm

10km Run Only
5km Walk/Run
1km Junior Walk/Run (U10’s)
U6’s Hot Lap

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY
6th September, 4.30pm
at Barcaldine Tourist Information Centre in Oak Street

For more information visit:
‘Barcaldine Picture Theatre’ on Facebook
or check information board at the movie theatre.