UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17th Oct — Student Free Day
- 27th Oct — Hallowe'en Disco
- 1st Nov — Melbourne Cup (Show) Holiday
- 10th Nov — Awards Evening
- 17th Nov — Senior Dinner
- 18th Nov — Year 12 last day
- 21st & 22nd Nov — Year 6 Transition Days
- 24th Nov — Inter-house Swimming Carnival
- 25th Nov — Years 10 & 11 last day
- 29th Nov — Night Under the Stars
- 2nd Dec — End of Term 4
- 23rd Jan 2017 — School Commences

P&C Meeting
17th October
3.30pm, Primary Staff Room
Dear Families,

Welcome back to term 4. This is one of our busiest terms with only 9 weeks of school and a lot of culminating activities and events happening. Here are just a few of the events occurring:

- 5th, 12th, 18th, 26th October and 2nd and 11th November Kindy to Prep Transition
- 20th October subject selection evening will occur for Year 8 to 9 students and Year 10 to 11 students.
- 10th November is our Annual Awards evening
- 17th November is the Senior Dinner and Graduation for Year 12, with 18th November being the last day of school for Year 12
- 24th November is our annual swimming carnival
- 25th November is the last day of school for Years 10 and 11
- 29th November is the annual “Night Under The Stars” and
- 2nd December is the final day of school for 2016.

Special Education Room Redevelopment
At the end of last term the redevelopment of two rooms, one in Primary and one in Secondary, into purpose built Special Education rooms was complete. The redevelopment of these rooms cost almost $1 000 000 and has created excellent teaching spaces that can be used by all students. The rooms also contain full kitchens, disabled bathrooms and toilet and staff spaces. This redevelopment continues our commitment to providing quality facilities and opportunities for the young people and community of the Barcaldine Area.

Safe Driving Course
On Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of October our Year 11 and 12 students undertook a Safe Driving Course offered by Austrail Training Services. The course organised by Constable Tanya REWHA of the Barcaldine Police and funded by Hand, Heart and Pocket, the Charity of the Freemasons of Queensland, through the Barcaldine Masons, was also supported by the Barcaldine Regional Council.

All Year 11 and 12 students participated in the theory component of the course on the Tuesday and students who have a valid Driver’s licence or Learner’s Permit participated in the practical on the Wednesday. Students commented on how much they learnt, especially about the importance of car safety features and the difference cutting 5 km/hr off of your speed makes when you are confronted with a sudden event, that requires quick braking.
The school would like to thank Michael Stewart from Austrail, Constable Tanya Rewhar and Senior Constable Natalie Timar along with Mr Kevin Kerr from the Freemasons for their contributions to the driver education of our students.

**Enrolments for 2017**

As we move to the end of the year, planning for 2017 is well underway. In order for us to plan classes, staffing and subject offerings it is important that we are aware of all potential enrolments for 2017. If you know of a family that are moving to the area or who are looking to enrol their children at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School for 2017 can you please encourage them to make contact with the school as soon as possible. Also if you are unfortunately looking to move or your child will not be continuing at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School next year please contact the office to advise us of this. Successful starts to a school year are bought about by good planning and this will assist us in our planning.

For those parents with Prep age students, a reminder that as of 2017 Prep is compulsory. A child must have undertaken a prep program prior to enrolling in Year 1, as of 2017.

For enrolment into Prep, Queensland children must turn 5 years of age by 30 June in the year they start Prep. However, legislation allows parents of a child who turns 5 by 31 July to apply for early entry to Prep. A July-born child is not guaranteed early enrolment. Early entry to Prep is an exception, where it is in the best interests of the child and they have the required attributes.

**Attendance Awards**

Last term we had 9 students in Secondary and students in Primary who received awards for their attendance for term 3. Year 2 were the class with the best attendance in Primary with an excellent rate of 95.04%, whilst Year 10, for the third time this year received the award in secondary with an attendance rate of 90.53%.

It is important that students attend school every day, right up to the last day of term. Being part of all activities associated with school is an important part of a child’s growth and development.

Students who need to be away from school for 5 or more days are required to submit an Exemption Form, requesting exemption from school for the period of time. Often supporting documentation, outlining the need for the extended absence is required.

Til next time

In All Our Best

Grant Williams
Dear Families,
Welcome to another new school term. This being the shortest of all of the school terms means that everyone will be busy to finalise the school year and also incorporate preparation for the 2017 school year. Please be advised of some dates of importance for Term Four:

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| Tuesday, 20 October 2016     | Years 8 & 10 students | Subject Selection Evening – subject selections for the 2017 school year | Year 8: 6.00pm – 7.00pm (approx)  
Year 10: 7.15pm – 8.30pm (approx)  
Venue: Secondary School; Computer Room (A2) |
| Tuesday, 01 November 2016    | Prep – Year 12     | Town Holiday – Melbourne Cup         | As per Barcaldine Shire Council nominated ‘Show’ holiday. |
| Thursday, 10 November 2016   | Prep – Year 12     | 2016 Awards Evening                 | Venue: Barcaldine Town Hall                  |
| Thursday, 17 November 2016   | Year 12            | Senior Dinner and invited guests     | Venue: Barcaldine Town Hall  
Please RSVP as per invitation and pay at the Front Office |
| Friday, 18 November 2016     | Year 12            | Activity Day – last day of school    | As per arrangements, as notified by a note. All students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school. |
| Monday, Tuesday – 21 & 22 November 2016 | Year 6            | Transition visit (preparation for 2017) | As per arrangements |
| Thursday, 24 November 2016   | Prep – Year 11     | Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School Swimming Carnival | Venue: Barcaldine Pool |
| Friday, 25 November 2016     | Years 10 and 11    | Activity Day – last day of school    | As per arrangements, as notified by a note. All students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school. |
| Friday, 02 December 2016     | Prep – Year 9      | Activity Day – last day of school    | As per arrangements, as notified by a note. All students are required to be in attendance until the last day of school. |
As you can see, this is a very busy term – and this is without assessment, classroom learning and other activates that are arranged in the school calendar (as we are contacted by external agencies).

As we enter the warmer months, all students are reminded that they require a wide brimmed hat (soft brimmed) for school and the official school uniform has white socks and black leather shoes as the correct footwear. There seems to be a number of students choosing to wear black socks and multi-coloured runners are being worn. It would be appreciated if families/carers would remind students of the correct school uniform.

Year 9 students - who may be interested in undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship in 2017, are invited to meet with me to discuss the possibility of this offer going ahead; I will make contact with families to discuss work placement and the necessities of undertaking a SBA/T. Just as a reminder to families:
- School Based Apprentices – can take place from Year 10
- School Based Traineeships – can only be offered to Year 11 students (as this is a two year Certificate and the duration will be for Years 11 and 12)

With this term being quite short, please remember to look at the Assessment Planner to discern the due dates for assessment and see that holidays do not interfere with submission dates. All secondary students know the expectations of the submission of assessment tasks (this is also noted in the 2016 Student Diary) and it should not be assumed that late submissions of assessment will be accepted; unless an Extension has been formally requested, an assessment piece will not be accepted (there may be extenuating circumstances and discussions with a member of Administration will determine correct procedures have been followed for the submission of assessment).

Please do not hesitate to make contact with me, if I am able to assist you with any enquiries with regards to the contents of this article.

Regards for now,

Meegan Wills

We would like to welcome Miss Samantha Barnes to Barcaldine Prep-12 State School. Miss Barnes is a Pre-service Music Teacher from Griffith University and will be working with Miss Backer for seven weeks. She is very excited for this experience and was pleasantly surprised by the green grass from the recent rain.
YEAR 6 TO 7 ORIENTATION DAYS- 21st and 22nd November

Orientation Day for students transitioning into Junior Secondary in 2017 will be held on Monday 21 November and Tuesday 22 November. Information packages will be distributed to students in the coming weeks.

UNDER THE STARS-Tuesday 29th November

This year, we are holding Evening Under the Stars again. This evening will be held at the school and will feature performances by our Prep-Year 6 students. More details will follow closer to the date.

NAPLAN-Year 4, 6, 8 Practice Testing Term 4

As part of Central Queensland Region, schools within the region are asked to gather data on students who will be sitting NAPLAN in 2017. To do this, students in Years 4, 6 and 8 are asked to sit the 2016 NAPLAN test.

At Barcaldine Prep-12 State School, students will be sitting the Numeracy, Reading and Writing testing only. As mentioned in previous Newsletters, Reading has been a school improvement focus for the past few years and we have begun our journey of Numeracy improvement in 2016.

At a school level this information is then analysed to identify skills that need to become a focus for each cohort. Classroom teachers then use this information to embed identified strengths and weaknesses of cohorts into their day to day planning to either improve or enhance these nationally identified skills. This data will then be compared to the students actual testing results in 2017 to gauge individual student improvement and inform our ongoing teacher practice and improvement agenda.

The practice testing began in Week 1 and will be completed by Week 2 of this term. The timetable of testing will be up to each classroom teacher to ensure there is least disruption to classroom routine as possible.

Barcaldine Prep-12 State School P & C Meeting
Monday 17th October 2016, 3.30pm, Primary Staff Room

The P & C are taking submissions for project funding. Should you have any project funding ideas for the P & C to consider please attend the meeting and put forward your suggestions.

In 2015/16 P & C provided funding for:

- Blinds in all primary classrooms $10,000 – Have been in installed
- Sign Supplies $500 – Were purchased in January
- Speech Night and Leaders Shirts $900 – Purchased
- ID Attend Annual Fee $1500
- Outdoor Seating - $2500 – Still in progress

Total $15,400

A decision will be made on what projects will be funded at the following meeting, Monday 21st November, in the primary staffroom at 3.30pm.
As the holidays have come to an end the Year 12 students are now able to see the ‘light at the end of the tunnel’. This school year has certainly flown by and before we all know it the school year will be finished.

All of the year levels are well into organising their 2016 Magazine page and this is always lots of fun to do, as we reminisce about the school year; we cannot wait to see this year’s School Magazine and see what the creative classes come up with to put into the publication.

As this is the last term of the year, each secondary class has now started on their final assessment tasks. It was spoken about on assembly; just a reminder to make sure that every student does their best for every task and they are sure to meet the timelines for submission.

This term has been full of fun and eye opening experiences starting from the first week back. The Year 11/12 students, who have their Ls or Ps, were involved in a day-and-a-half Defensive Driving Course; this program was made up of a theory and practical component – it was great to be able to try these skills. The Barcaldine Police were instrumental in organising such an eye opening experience, the course went on about how easy an accident can occur on the roads and that reducing your driving speed by 5km, can make a difference to an end result - if an accident were to occur.

The Year 11/12 Art class has finished painting their mural, which was a challenging task for the students but with many hours put into it, they finally completed a great looking mural that represents the school in many ways.

This coming Friday the Year 11/12 students are receiving a visit from the Barcaldine Rural Fire Brigade (RAPP), for a talk about car accidents and being safe on the roads.

We are all looking forward to the rest of the term and a great end of year.

Cheers,
Tom, Bronte and Cloe
This term the Year 3’s are racing around the world in the Amazing Race. Students will visit different countries such as Spain, Russia, Sweden, Ethiopia and even Azerbaijan to gather an understanding about information reports, as well as looking at the similarities and differences of human and natural characteristics of each country when compared with Australia.

The year 3’s have also been working really hard on their organisation skills and ensuring that they are being responsible for their learning which is to be commended. The growth and success that the Year 3 class has had couldn’t have been possible without the support and help of all parents and our amazing teacher aides Mrs Mansfield, Miss Estell, Miss Tonnielle, Miss Jannita, Miss Alvina and Mrs Currie. I look forward to seeing what the remainder of the year holds. Thanks again to everyone who has made this year AMAZING!!

Mr Rose

Year Three ready to set off on their ‘Amazing Race’.
Last term 18 students and I travelled to Winton to compete in the 21st Annual Junior Bush Poetry Festival. There were 191 individual performers and 28 group performances. Throughout Terms Two and Three all of these students dedicated a lot of time and practiced their poems with Mrs Rafter and me. We could not be more proud of all of our students’ achievements and we look forward to seeing many new faces sign-up next year.

—Miss Mitchell

Awards:
Year 1:
Ava Arnaboldi - Very highly commended and Encouragement award for P-Year 2
Gracie Miller - Very Highly commended

Year 1 and 2 group poem - Highly commended

Year 2:
Stefanus Farrell - highly commended
Tobi Gentels, Harrison Miller and Zoe Birse - Very highly commended
Angela Luyt - 3rd place
Brock Wren - 2nd place

Year 3:
Sarah Luyt - Highly commended
Hannah Gronald/Cornelious Farrell - Very highly commended
Olivia Arnaboldi - 1st Place
Cornilious Farrell also won the Encouragement award for Years 3-4

Year 3/4 group poem - Highly commended

Year 4:
Ben Dickson - Highly commended

Year 5:
Marthinus Farrell - 3rd place

Year 6:
Hannah Dean - Highly commended
Mia Dickson - Very highly commended

Year 5/6 Group poem - Highly commended
There’s more to explore at the Canyon of Savings.

Congratulations to all School Banking participants who have qualified for the Term 3 Prize Lights and Grand Prize competitions by displaying consistent savings behaviour. Will your child be the one to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin on a VIP visit to Australia Zoo? The Grand Prize winner will be posted at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking on 17 October. The Prize Lights winners will be posted on commbank.com.au/prizelights from 10 October.

Remember, there are more rewards before our Outback adventure is over. School Banking is releasing two Term 4 reward items that are sure to keep students saving. After completing 10 deposits, your child can redeem a Bush Fly Fan or a Wriggly Glow Worm.

Add to your child’s financial literacy
While School Banking aims to make money skills more fun and engaging for your child, you can further fuel that interest at home. For example, have you explained the difference between needs and wants? A simple way to demonstrate this is to get them to help write your shopping list, placing the “needs” and the “wants” into separate columns. Then let your child find each item at the shops and tick it off their list, to reinforce the idea.

That’s one of many educational tips you’ll find in three new videos we’ve added to The Beanstalk. These short videos cover easy ways to help teach smart money management to your kids. To watch them, and to discover other insightful articles and activities, go to commbank.com.au/beanstalk

Activity: Outback checklist
As the Dollarmates prepare for their trip home through the Outback, they need to buy supplies for the road. Can your child help them work out what will be essential and what are treats they can do without? All they have to do is organise these items into “needs” and “wants”. Then add up the price tag of the wants to figure out how much the Dollarmates would save by only buying the needs.
The CommBank School Banking program is available at your school.

Ensure your child starts two great journeys at once.

For more than 85 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children about the value of money and smart saving as well as the rewards they can bring. It’s also a great fundraising activity, as CommBank offers your school commission for your child’s first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program.

To be involved, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. They can then make regular deposits at school on banking day and will even be rewarded along the way with our exciting Rewards Program.

Get ready to meet the Dollarmites and be on the lookout for more School Banking information when your child starts school.

To find out more about our program, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Ways to open a Youthsaver account for your child.

1. If you are a CommBank customer apply online through NetBank.
   Please have your child’s birth certificate handy to complete your online application.

2. Visit any CommBank branch.
   Please bring along your child’s birth certificate and identification for yourself.

Receive a Dollarnites wallet when you open a Youthsaver account.

Things you should know: As this advice has been prepared without considering your objectives, financial situation or needs, you should, before acting on this advice, consider its appropriateness to your circumstances. Full terms and conditions for the Youthsaver account are available at commbank.com.au and should be considered in any decision about the product. If you have a complaint in respect of this product, the Commonwealth Bank’s dispute resolution process can be accessed on 13 2221. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.
Employment Opportunities
BARCALDINE STATE SCHOOL

Available Positions

1 x Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities)
Permanent Full Time

Position
Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities)

Location
Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus

Classification
OO2 (Other than Public Servants Award)

Salary
in accordance with above award

Hours of Duty
38 Hours per week

Start Date
Monday 16th January 2017

Role of the School Officer
As the Schools Officer, Ground and Facilities you will:

• Contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of facilities and grounds care support to the Business Services Manager.

• Perform a range of activities to ensure that school facilities and grounds are maintained to a high standard of neatness, tidiness, safety and hygiene.

• Contribute to the beautification, enhancement of appearance and safety of the school’s grounds.

The position of Schools Officer, Grounds and Facilities is part of the ancillary support unit of the school, and reports directly to the Business Services Manager.

Externally, the position may have contact with a number of people/organisations including business houses, personnel from other schools, Department of Housing and Public Works and tradespersons effecting repairs to school facilities or inspecting jobs for quoting.

How to Apply
An Application Package with the Role Description can be obtained by contacting the school or downloading it from the school webpage – http://www.barcaldiss.eq.edu.au. If you have any queries, please contact the Business Services Manager Katherine Stewart on (07) 4651 5333.

Applicants should write a response to the selection criteria included in the application package including detail of how their experience, abilities and knowledge are relevant to the position and include a current resume with two referees. Short listed applicants will be required to be available for an interview during the week commencing 31st October 2016.

Applications can be returned, marked “Private & Confidential” to: - The Business Services Manager, Barcaldine State School, PO Box 136 Barcaldine 4725. Or via email kstew97@eq.edu.au or by Fax: – (07) 4651 5300.

Additional Information
The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. DETE are legally obliged to warn applicants that it is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application form. Further details regarding this check may be obtained by accessing the website of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian at the following internet address: http://www.ccypc.qld.gov.au/ or on the Commission’s website at: http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Blue Card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

Please note that the possession of a criminal conviction or record does not automatically exclude you from employment with the Department as the nature of the circumstances of any offences is taken into consideration.

Department of Education, Training and Employment
The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have the education and skills they need to contribute to the economic and social development of Queensland. The department delivers world-class education and training services for people at every stage of their personal and professional development. We are also committed to ensuring our education and training systems are aligned to the state’s employment, skills and economic priorities.

Closing Date for Applications – 3pm on Friday 21 October, 2016
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**Community Notices**

**At The Movies**

- **Friday 14th & Sunday 16th October 7.00pm**  
  *Bridget Jones’s Baby*

- **Friday 21st & Sunday 23rd October 7.00pm**  
  *Pete’s Dragon*

- **Friday 28th & Sunday 30th October**  
  *Sully*

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