UPCOMING EVENTS

• 3rd-4th Sept — QCS Test
• 2nd-6th Sept — Yr 10 & 11 Work Experience
• 5th Sept — Southern Cross Motorcycles, Carter & Carter and EATSIPS
• 6th Sept — Bilby Day
• 12th Sept — Open Opera
• 13th Sept — School Cross Country
• 14th-15th Sept — NW Primary Cricket
• 16th-20th Sept — Year 7 Camp
• 20th Sept — End of Term 3

P&C MEETING

• Monday, 16th September at 5:30pm in Staff Room
Dear Families,

What a wonderful couple of weeks students have had! Well done to all who competed in NW Athletics and congratulations to Liz and Jesse on their selection for the NW team. Our students were outstandingly successful at Charleville Music Festival and you can read their achievements in this newsletter. Thank you to Mr Schulze, Mrs Mansfield and all the parents who travelled with the students and assisted.

Last week we had lots of fun and inspiration with the two careers days and I thank Arrow Energy, Anglicare, RFDS, Barcaldine Regional Council, Blackall-Tambo Council Youth Officer Lily Kent, CTC and all our wonderful local organisations for their funding and support. We are also very appreciative of the RREAP funds to our cluster which allowed us to organise the event in Barcaldine. John Coutis enjoyed his first visit to the west, and the experience of presenting to distance education students over the new technology, although he did not catch a fish in the Thomson!

Petero Civoniceva visited for the ARTIE program and also assisted with the Careers Day – his talk to the students was inspirational and I don’t think he will ever forget the Goat Obstacle Race – he was still talking about it the next day!

Our chess students had a great time in Longreach and learnt new skills and the Western 7s did well in Blackall until they came up against Winton. I am impressed the chess students played well enough for the school to qualify for the state interschool chess competition in Brisbane. In all instances I was very happy with the conduct and effort of all students. Thank you to Mr Kemp and Mr Bourne for the time they spend supporting students to be able to participate in these activities.

Last week we also farewelled Miss Passier who has been working with us and we wish her well in her career. Mrs Ogden and Mrs Pumpa attended the Geography workshop in Longreach in readiness for the implementation through the Australian Curriculum next year. Mrs Ogden and Mrs French have also attended the Support Teacher network meeting in Longreach.

Year 8 and 10 students have had the next round of immunisation and Mr Neuendorf from the Longreach Agricultural College made himself available for students wishing to consider training and careers in the rural industries. Year 12 students have begun QCS practice and I am sure they will be pleased when that is over next week. We have also had a visit from Principals and teachers from other P-10 and P-12 schools interested in the work we do at our school.

Well done to Mr Schulze and the music teachers from Blackall and Longreach for a great Beginner Instrumental program on Monday. Commendations also to the Early Phase team for their recognition of Father’s Day. Men, whether fathers, stepfathers, uncles, grandparents, big brothers, family friends, sports coaches, teachers or other people of significance in the child’s life are very important to the healthy development of young people. Thank you to all the great men out there who assist young people in so many different ways.

Next week will be equally busy with the Year 11 students attending Work Experience in Brisbane with Mrs Ogden, Mrs Wahlin and Mr Kemp while the OP eligible Year 12 students will sit for the Queensland Core Skills test. The Southern Cross Motorcycle Club will visit Year 3 and talk to the students about spina bifida, as well as giving some lucky students a ride on the bikes. Carter and Carter who will be performing with Stock Up for Hope will entertain students at lunch time and conduct a song writing workshop for Year 8 students on Thursday. Please come along at lunch time if you would like to listen to them. On Friday we will have the Arts Council performance at the Town Hall and also celebrate Bilby Day. The school will also be the venue for the Election on Saturday.

Opera Queensland also begins a visit to western Queensland and will be conducting a week long program in Longreach starting the 5 September with a final public performance on Wednesday 11th. On the 12th they will visit our school to work with students. I also hope students are in training for Cross Country on the 13th of September.

Best regards

R. Rayner
JUNIOR SECONDARY

Junior Secondary is a phase of education in state secondary schools for Years 7, 8 and 9, which helps to ensure the bridge between primary and secondary school is safe, strong and consistent for all students.

Junior Secondary will focus on age-appropriate education, and support for students’ wellbeing and transitions.

What does Junior Secondary look like?

While it will look different in every secondary school (depending on size and context), six principles have been developed to underpin Junior Secondary. Under six guiding principles, Junior Secondary will provide challenging educational offerings that engage young adolescents, while giving them a sense of belonging and support through the changes they face.

In preparation for the introduction of Junior Secondary, the six guiding principles that we will assess our readiness against are:

1. **Distinct Identity** - Junior Secondary students will be encouraged and supported to develop their own group identity within the wider high school.

2. **Quality teaching** - Teachers working with students in the Junior Secondary years will be given skills they need through additional professional development, so they can support young teens through these crucial early high school years.

3. **Student well being** - The social and emotional needs of Junior Secondary students will be met with a strong focus on pastoral care.

4. **Parent and community involvement** - We want parents to stay connected with their students’ learning when they enter high school. Parent involvement in assemblies, special events, award ceremonies and leadership presentations will be welcomed.

5. **Leadership** - Encouragement in setting up leadership roles for students in Year 7, 8 and 9.

6. **Local Decision Making** - The needs of each school community will influence how Junior Secondary is implemented in each school.

There is no prescribed way schools must implement these principles, instead it is important for individual communities to examine each principle and consider how they can be implemented at the local level to best meet the needs of their Junior Secondary Students.

At Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus we have established a team of teachers to assist the Principal and administration staff in assessing our readiness. Consultation with the P & C will also be sought.

NAPLAN RESULTS

The results of the 2013 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are due for release prior to the September holidays.

Every year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in these national tests that examine their abilities in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Every student who participated in the 2013 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results. This report provides a range of information about your child’s performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. These reports will be sent home after the holidays.

Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and explanatory notes, and contact your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

It’s important to remember that these tests are just one form of assessment of a child’s abilities in literacy and numeracy. The results should be considered along with other school report information.

At this stage, student reports will be sent to schools in September in the week preceding the school holidays. The reports will be distributed to parents in Term 4.

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr Kemp, Miss Wahlin and myself will travel to Brisbane with the Year 11’s for a week of Work Experience next week. The students are placed in a variety of workplaces including Veterinary Practice, Interior Design, Beauty Therapy, Information Technology, Retail work, and a variety of trades. They work the business hours requested by the employer and for all intents and purposes are employees for a week. For many, it will be the first time they have had the experience of using public transport in Brisbane. The trip is a wonderful experience for the students and all are excited and eager to see what the week ahead brings.

Until next time,

Kim Ogden
Dear Families,

This term is really flying by, and it is hard to believe that there are only 3 weeks remaining of my time here at the school. There has been a wonderful variety of activities happening recently, and I am constantly impressed by the range of opportunities provided for students. On Monday 19th, we held our own Careers Day for Years 4 – 6 and 11/12, and we were joined by a number of students and teachers from Alpha, Aramac, Blackall, Jericho and St Joseph’s. Students were inspired and entertained by an incredible guest speaker, Mr John Coutis, who was born with a severe disability that rendered his legs useless. John defied medical opinion by surviving beyond all expectations, and is currently still going strong at 44 years of age. He shared some of his life story and talked about the importance of self-belief, setting goals, overcoming obstacles, and just generally getting up off your backides and making the most of your life. A truly amazing man!

On the same day, ARTIE (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) students also had the chance to spend time with Petero Civoniceva (ex NRL Brisbane Broncos, Queensland and Australian representative player), and his able assistant Alys Donnelly, representing the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) organisation. Petero and Alys provided some words of wisdom and talked to students about how they can improve their school attendance, behaviour, academic achievement and effort. The highlight of the day was the Amazing Careers Race in which teams of 3 students from each school competed in a series of challenges organised by various community organisations. Some of the challenges included icing a cupcake, tying a knot, constructing a 1 metre tower out of newspaper, bandaging a person’s arm, and leading a goat through an obstacle course. The teams were all cheered on by the enthusiastic spectators from the different schools, with expert race commentary being provided by Mrs Jo Martin, and the overall winner of the race was the team from Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus, receiving an iPad for the school.

Years 7 – 10 students travelled to Longreach on Tuesday 20th to attend the Careers Expo held at the Showgrounds. There were a number of exhibits provided by a variety of agencies, employers and educational organisations, giving students the opportunity to talk to representatives and gather information about possible future career pathways. Included on the day were some competitions, with a few Barcy students achieving success - Liz Pumpha and Bethany Von Nida gained 2nd place in the Chappy’s Burger Cook-off, and 4th place in the Passport Activity, Chloe Gribble came 2nd in the Passport Activity, and Jesse Marshall also won a prize in one of the other draws that were conducted.

Since my arrival at the school, I have spoken to both Primary and Secondary students on different occasions about the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve them. In particular over the last couple of weeks I have spoken to the Secondary students about effort and participation in class, and submission of assessment tasks by the due date, as there have been a number of students who have not been meeting expectations in this regard. I understand that a significant number of students have experienced ill health lately, and realise that this has impacted on both their attendance at school and timely completion of assignments. These factors are always taken into consideration when extension requests are made, however there are still some students who are not prioritising their time effectively, and consequently not managing their homework and assessment load very well. It would be very much appreciated if parents could ensure that you are checking in with your children at least on a weekly basis to see how they are going with their school work, and please encourage your child to speak to their teachers if they are experiencing difficulties.

Last week I spoke at the P & C meeting about the Parent and Community Engagement Framework, and presented some ideas for how we might start working to develop an appropriate strategy for the school to implement this framework. I see this as an important opportunity to conduct an audit of our current practices, and a means by which we can take what is working well, and make it even better, as well as seek to develop other processes to improve our engagement with parents and the community, to ensure that we develop real partnerships in the education of our students. As an initial step to gather feedback from parents, staff and community members about perceptions of how well we currently engage our parents and the community, we would like as many people as possible to complete a simple survey. The school has now purchased a subscription to Survey Monkey, an online survey tool, which will enable us to gather information and feedback about a range of different things throughout the year. It is vital that we get a large number of respondents to this particular survey, so that we are well informed for our strategic planning in this area. There is a link to the survey provided on the school’s website, or alternatively if you are unable to complete the survey online, you may collect a hard copy from the main office. Deadline for completion is Friday 6th September.

This week, the Year 12 OP students have completed their practice QCS test in final preparation for the real deal next week. All students took on the testing with fantastic attitudes and gave it their absolute best shot. If they approach the actual test with the same determination to succeed, I am sure they will achieve some great results, and I wish them well for the 2 days. In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to all the Dads, for a very Happy Father’s Day on Sunday!

Regards,
Mal Attree
Primary School Captains’ Report

Hi everyone,

Last Monday Years 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12 students participated in a Careers Day at school, with students from other schools in our region. They listened to a fantastic motivational speaker and got to meet Petro Civoniceva, among other great activities. The Barcy students even won our school a new iPad!

Last Tuesday Year 7-10 students travelled to Longreach to participate in a Careers Program. There were many great things to do like a burger challenge and flat pack challenge and there was also lots of information about different career pathways after Year 12. It was a great experience for everyone!

This Monday people from different schools around the Central West region came to our school to take part in a Combined School Instrumental Music Day, many thanks to people who participated and people who were able to help out on the day.

Just a reminder to keep picking up any rubbish floating around even if it is not yours!

Until next time,
Olivia, Cooper, Abi, Liz

Secondary School Captains’ Report

Hey everyone,

What a busy 2 weeks it has been since the last newsletter. From visits by professional NRL players to practice QCS tests we have it all happening.

Last week we had a visit from motivational speaker John Coutis who spoke about the experiences that he was put through as a kid when he attended school. The knowledge and advice that he shared with students in his speech will remain with us for many years and will hopefully guide us in our day to day life. Also attending the school on the same day, was none other than Petero Civoniceva the Former Origin Great footballer. After a barbeque for lunch, Petero joined the footy fanatics down on the field for a game of touch football.

After such an inspiring speech from Mr. Coutis it seemed only right that we followed it up with an interschool challenge in which representatives from the various schools throughout the Central West battled it out in the Amazing Careers Race - Barcaldine State School came out on top to win an iPad for the school.

The next day was the Careers Expo in Longreach where Years 7 to 10 got to investigate possible career pathways and learn about various options available to them.

With all this happening we also have had the Year 10’s preparing themselves for local work experience and the Year 11’s pack their bags as they head to Brisbane for a week’s work there. While the Year 10/11’s are busy at work experience, the Year 12’s will be burying their faces into books as the rush to complete assignments meets with the upcoming QCS tests.

As we near the “tough” end of term here is a quote to think about:
“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty” - Henry Ford

Until next time
Lochie and Emily

BARCALDINE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS
21st Annual Barcaldine Art Exhibition 2013

Official Opening: Friday 30th August 2013
Barcaldine Radio Theatre
6.00pm
Dress: Cocktail
Entry $15 per head includes dinner, dessert & entertainment

Exhibition open
10am til 2pm
Saturday 31st August—Thursday 5th September 2013
Entry: $2 per head
Well what an exciting and rewarding time we had at the Charleville Performing Arts Festival – thankfully we didn’t freeze! Congratulations to all students involved in the festival – you did Barcy SS proud! Thank-you to all parents who attended and helped out with special thanks to Mrs Mansfield for being my right-hand woman over the weekend! Below are the results from the festival...

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Eisteddfod Awards

- **University of Southern QLD – Most Promising Performer in Music** - Brendan
- **Outstanding Instrumental Solo - Adult** - Trevor Schulze
- **Outstanding Instrumental Solo – Student** - Brendan
- **Outstanding Instrumental Duet – Student** - Abigail & Brooke
- **Outstanding Instrumental Duet – Adult** - Trevor Schulze & Brendan
- **Musical Encouragement Award** - Cooper
- **Instrumental Encouragement Award** - Jaxson

Outstanding Large Ensemble

Barcaldine State School Senior Concert Band

Once again, thanks to the students and parents for your help and support as these results prove how hard work and dedication can pay off!

Yours in Music,

Trevor Schulze

Instrumental Music Teacher.
On Monday the 26th of August, students from Longreach, Ilfracombe and Blackall came to Barcaldine SS to participate with our primary Instrumental Music students in a combined schools workshop. With over 50 students performing at once, the sound to begin with was....... interesting! However through a range of rehearsals, master classes and a vocal workshop by the end of day the students were sounding AMAZING! Reports back from audience members at the finale concert proved that the student’s hard-work and effort was a hit! Looking forward to having a bunch of Year 3’s join the Instrumental Music Program next year! Thank-you to everyone involved in the day we all had a blast!

Yours in Music,
Mr Schulze.
MEALS ON WHEELS SERVED BY A VERY BIG RED TRUCK

Eight hospitality students from Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus had the chance to use the state of the art Big Red Truck to help complete their Cert II in Hospitality.

The $1.6 million B-double truck has been purpose built and includes a commercial kitchen, a marquee and seating to cater for up to 300 people.

As part of their training the students made various types of coffee and milk based drinks and a restaurant quality lunch which was eagerly taste tested by school staff.

The meal of choice was a season pan fried chicken breast and creamy garlic white wine prawns served on a bed of sweet potato bake and vegetables.

The meal was a delicious hit with staff and the Big Red Truck hospitality teacher Tanya Hamilton who said “The students had performed outstandingly with their preparation and presentation”.

The students next stage of their Cert II training is to deliver a delectable dinner when the Big Red Truck returns next term.

Hello Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday the 6th of September 2013, it is ‘School’s Bilby Day!’ to raise awareness for the ‘Save the Bilby Fund’. The Save the Bilby Fund was co-founded by conservationists Frank Manthey and Peter McRae to raise money to help stop the steady decline of the wild bilby population.

Bilbies were common in many different habitats throughout Australia until European settlement. Predation by European Red Foxes and Feral Cats has meant that bilby populations now only occur in the isolated arid and semi-arid areas of Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. Please help us to assist Frank and Peter in ensuring that the bilby population is secured.

To raise awareness of this we ask that you send your children to school wearing green next Friday 6th September, and we also ask that you donate a gold coin if possible that will go towards the ‘Save the Bilby Fund’. Primary students will also be given a crossword to complete.

Thank you so much for your support in this and hopefully we can raise enough money to help secure the bilby population!

Kind Regards,

Joanna Powell and Natalie Mitchell
STUDENTS GET INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES AND A CHOICE IN CAREERS

Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus students have been treated to two days of life inspiration and career information.

On Monday, primary students and grade 11 and 12 Barcaldine students were joined by other schools in the cluster, St. Josephs, Aramac, Blackall, Alpha and Jericho to partake in a fun filled day.

The Students were inspired by two guest speakers World renowned motivational speaker John Coutis and Australian and Queensland Rugby League legend Petero Civoniceva.

Petero was working with the ARTIE students as part of FOGS program as well as sharing his journey from packing shelves at his local woolies to a long and successful career in the National Rugby League.

John 'JC' Coutis shared his inspirational life story with a mesmerized audience. Born with a severe disability that rendered his legs useless, John defied medical opinion by refusing to die and has now dedicated his life to assisting young people to try and reach their full potential.

John and Petero then helped judge an amazing careers race which saw competitors from each school race around a circuit and participate in several careers based challenges including Council's reading a water meter challenge, led a goat around an obstacle course challenge and SES’s tie a knot challenge.

On Tuesday students from grade 7-10 travelled to Longreach to participate in the Careers Day Expo. Students were exposed to a variety of different careers from Queensland Police to Mining and Agriculture.

Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus students also placed in a great burger cook off competition and a flat pack building challenge.
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.

Sunset and North West Trials
On the weekend of the 17th and 18th of August, six of our students travelled to Longreach to compete in the NW Athletics Trials.
Hugh came 2nd in 100m and 200m.
Harrison competed in shot put and long jump.
Kasey came 2nd in long jump and 3rd in 200m.
Elizabeth competed in the 100m, 200m, discuss and long jump and came 1st in the long jump.
Jesse came 1st in long jump and 100m, 2nd in 100m, 200m and triple jump, and 3rd in shot put and javelin.
Katie came 2nd in 100m, 200m, triple jump and javelin and 3rd in long jump.
Both Liz and Jesse were selected for long jump in the NW team to compete at a state level in Brisbane.
A huge congratulations to these students and also to the many other Barcaldine SS students who travelled over to compete with their athletics club.
WELL DONE!!

Kasey Marshall, Hugh Arthur, Harrison Gray, Liz Pumpa

Katie Marshall and Jessie Marshall
Interschool Chess Tournament
On Wednesday 21st of August, four of our students competed in the Gardiner Interschool Chess Tournament at Longreach. Throughout the day, competitors played through eight gruelling rounds of high stakes chess. The day was interspersed with expert lessons from the Gardiner Chess coach, Andrew Fitzpatrick.

Congratulations to Jordan Richardson, who placed first overall in the competition! Dylan Dwyer, Thomas Pumpa and Christopher Haaksma followed closely behind, placing second, third and fourth respectively.

All of our representatives are to be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour, composure and humility in victory.

Well done!
Stephen Kemp

Library News
Over the past weeks the younger children have enjoyed listening to a selection of texts that were nominated for Book of the Year – Early Childhood as part of Book Week and to encourage the love of books.

Just reminder to all families, if your child/children received a 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge record sheet from their teachers could they please return them to the class teacher or library by next week (6th September) to receive a certificate.

Please remind your child/children that overdue books should be returned to the library as soon as possible so that they can continue to borrow from our well resourced library.

Thanking you
Ms A French

OPERA QUEENSLAND
Barcaldine State School students have been offered the opportunity to participate in a one day workshop with Opera Queensland. Within our school music program, students from Years 8-12 will be invited to attend.

When: Thursday 12 September 2013
10am—3pm
Where: Barcaldine State School
Cost: Free

SWIMMING CLUB
The Annual General Meeting for the Barcaldine Amateur Swimming Club has been postponed until Tuesday 3rd September at 5.30pm at the Swimming Clubhouse at the pool. All most welcome to attend.

!!!!!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.
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 supporting-women@deet.qld.gov.au or telephone 1800 177 577.

I welcome your support of this initiative.

Yours sincerely

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