UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Nov—Tuckshop Day
- 5th Nov—Public Holiday
- 7th Nov—Secondary Speech Night
- 8th Nov—Merit Morning Tea
- 14th Nov—Senior Formal
- 15th Nov—Last day for Year 12
- 18th & 19th Nov—Year 7-8 Transition
- 21st Nov—Subject Selection Evening
- 28th Nov—Primary Awards Night
- 2nd Dec—Year 7 Graduation
- 6th Dec—Last day of school

P&C Meeting

Monday, 18th November at 5.30pm in Staff Room
Dear Families

It has been another very busy couple of weeks as we settle into Term 4. I have enjoyed visiting classes and getting to know the students. Last week we began the process for the selection of our 2014 School Leaders. This year we have 4 nominations from Year 11 for the School Captain and Vice Captain roles; Brad, Sophie, Phoebe and Joslyn. In order to get to know each of these candidates for leadership better, I along with Deputy Principal, Meegan Wills and Barcaldine Regional Councillor, Garry Bettiens, had a brief interview with each of the students. I must say the calibre of young people continues to impress me. I know when the student body hear these young people speak they will have a difficult time deciding who they wish to represent them as their leaders in 2014.

In a couple of weeks our Year 5/6 students will be going through a similar process. In 2014 our Primary School leaders will come from both the Year 6 and 7 cohorts. 2014 will be the last year of primary school for both these year levels as Year 7 moves to secondary school in 2015.

We again have had a number of students admirably represent our school over the last few weeks. As you read through this newsletter you see how our students, representing the school at Chess and Athletics continue to uphold the school motto of “In All Our Best”. Congratulations to Jordan, Dylan, Tom, Chris and Liz on your efforts and achievements.

I was very pleased this week to attend Prep and Year 1 lessons along with student’s grandparents, as part of Grandparents Day. Grandparents and parents of Prep students were treated to some terrific acting as the students showed off their skills in performing some classic children’s stories. Year 1 interviewed their grandparents about what it was like when they were at school, followed by some games; marbles, elastic and pin the nose on the grandmother. A great time was had by all.

Subject selection evening was held last week. I want to thank Mrs Wills and the secondary staff for their work in the organisation of the evening. Looking to the future and making decisions about what to study can be a difficult task for some students. When choosing elective subjects students should always think about what they are good at, and what they enjoy, as this will generally lead to better engagement and success.

I look forward to Awards Night next week and the Senior Dinner the following week.

In All Our Best
Grant Williams
Early Start—coming to Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus in 2014

The early years of schooling (Prep–Year 2) are widely acknowledged as a critical time in every child’s education — a time when they develop the foundational literacy and numeracy skills crucial for success throughout their education and in life. We know that children come to school with diverse understandings, capabilities and dispositions because of their varying experiences prior to school. We also know that one of the most important roles of the early years teacher is to make connections between children’s prior knowledge and new learning.

- But how do we do that? How do we gently but efficiently find out what our students bring with them to school?
- What data should we gather and analyse to inform teaching and learning so that every child experiences success and develops those all-important literacy and numeracy skills?
- How do we build on what they already know, understand and are interested in?
- How do we promote engagement and motivation to learn and provide appropriate challenges for each child?

Early Start is a program that has been developed by Education Queensland in response to the above questions. Within the first few weeks of Prep and then through to Year 2, Early Start will provide teachers with tools to gather information about the literacy and numeracy skills students in the Early years possess. The Early Start tools allow teachers to track progress and measure growth for students in Years Prep-2.

Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus have requested copies of these tools with the view of implementation in Prep only in 2014.

Reminder:
- Year 7-8 Transition Days – Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th November—details coming home next week
- Primary Presentation Night—Thursday 28th November commencing at 6pm

Until next time

Kim Ogden
Dear Families

As we reach mid-term, there is much happening in the school and much left to occur .... I wish all of the students well for the remaining term (many senior students have one remaining piece of assessment; which means that 12 years of official school has virtually come to an end).

Whilst the Year 12 students are planning their future pathways and careers, the Year 8 students are about to embark on their Year 9 subject choices and the Year 10 students are already undertaking some year 11 course work.

**Subject Selection Evening:**

Thank you to all of the families who attended this very informative evening – it is always appreciated when families involve themselves in their children’s education and it always is a good opportunity to have open dialogue regarding what we all want for your child – the best information, so that informed decisions can be made.

I also received many phone calls of apology and I am very grateful for these parents for taking the opportunity to talk about possible subject choices – please do not hesitate to catch up to discuss pathways for 2014.

Current Year 8 and Year 10 students have received their Subject Selection Booklets, as well as their subject selection forms. I would like to remind students of these year levels that these forms are due back to me please on Friday, 08 November 2013.

Parents are invited to meet with me should you require further clarification of possible choices or possible alternatives to subject delivery – for the Year 10 students, this would also be in the format of a SET Plan meeting and discussion ensuring that all possible avenues are explored.

We endeavor to offer a wide range of subjects for students, however there are constraints placed on the delivery of these – those being class numbers, availability of teachers and WPH&S numbers for classes, in particular HEC and INTAD subjects. All efforts will be made to offer for your child a course of study that meets their future needs.

**Awards Evening:**

The Secondary Awards Evening is fast approaching; please mark on your calendar Thursday, 07 November 2013 as the night to come along and celebrate in the achievements of the secondary school students (it will also be a good opportunity to meet the new Principal, Mr Grant Williams).

This evening is open to the community of Barcaldine to attend and we welcome your continued support of our students. The Secondary School students are required to be in full school uniform for this occasion.

**School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships (SBT/SBA):**

A reminder for families ... applications have been called for SBT/SBA positions for 2014. Traineeships can only be undertaken in Year 11 and Apprenticeships can be commenced in year 10.

There are significant changes occurring in the Vocation and Education Training (VET) process and the State Government have tightened funding to Employers and to the number of times an individual can access this finance (through employment via a SBT/SBA).

All pathways have been prioritised and Priority One occupations will continue to receive government subsidy (many of the trade fields fall into this category). Where students have in the past requested participation in SBT/SBA, schools now have a responsibility to advise all students that they may decreases future opportunities on completion of school (as the State Government is looking for individuals to be funded in most situations for one Apprenticeship).

In simple terms, it means that there will be times that the request for a SBT/SBA does not meet the priority list and students will not be offered the opportunity of undertaking a SBT/SBA.

**Certificate II – Hospitality (Big Red Truck)**

Just a reminder that applications are open for year 10 – 12 students (2014) to participate in this valuable opportunity and undertake an in-school certificate II. All contact lessons are availed to the students via an instructor with industry credentials. The cost is yet to be discussed for 2014, however students have paid $200.00 per year to undertake this course (it is a two year course) and Year 12 students can do a fast-track year of course work for QCE attainment.

Please have you child add his/her name to the list so that arrangements can be made for 2014.

**QSA Requirements for completion of Year 12 Students:**

Please be advised of the Queensland Studies Authority’s (QSA) requirement for day of completion of school for Year 12 students:
The following site is provided for your awareness in validating the date of completion for Year 12 students. Alternatively go to the QSA website and click on Student Connect to read the following statement:

... Finishing date for Year 12 Students – to get your Senior Statement and/or OP, you must stay at school until the last day of Year 12, Friday 15 November 2013 ...

https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au

Please do not hesitate to make contact with me, if I am able to assist with any further enquiries.

Warmest regards for now

Meegan Wills

Liz Competes with NW Team

Liz competed with the NW Athletics team in the State selection trials held at QEII in Brisbane on the 15 & 16th of October. She flew down from Longreach on the 14th October and met up with the rest of the team for the team photo and track familiarisation that afternoon. Liz was very honoured to be nominated as one of the team captains and led the team out for the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday 15th. Her event was long jump and this was held on Wednesday. Liz achieved a PB but this was not sufficient to get a place in the final. She flew back into Barcaldine on Thursday, having really enjoyed her experience. Liz would like to thank the Coach and Team Manager and the family she stayed with for helping to make this possible.

Queensland Interschool Chess Championship

Jordan (team captain), Dylan, Tom and Chris represented the school at the Queensland Interschool Chess Championship on the 19-20th October at Brisbane State High School. They had special team shirts which they hope to be able to wear again next year. While they all had several close games, Chris and Tom each won their game in Round 3 and the team picked up another 2.5 points in Round 4. It was awe-inspiring for the students, being the first real experience of Brisbane (and the traffic) for two of them and their first experience of a really big school. There were some social experiences as well – a night out at the Flipside Circus for some, TimeZone for others and of course EB Games on the way home. The students would like to thank Janeece Thompson and the Barcaldine Aboriginal Corporation for their support with funding, Janeece and Mrs Pumma for transporting and supervising them, various extended family members for providing accommodation and Mr Kemp for taking Chess Club on Thursday afternoons.
Hi Everyone,
What another jam packed week this was with all the exciting things happening around our school. The Prep to year three students brought in their elders to play some fun and exciting games such as marbles and to celebrate Grandparents Day.

Last week many students from our school participated in Day for Daniel which raises money for child safety. It was great to see so many people dressed in red to support the Morcombe family. Lots of money was raised for such a great cause.

Don’t forget to stay safe and follow the school rules being respectful, responsible and safe.

Until next time,

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Hi Everyone

Brekky Club is up and running in Aramac. We had French Toast with maple syrup for breakfast this week and next week is spaghetti on toast. Parents are more than welcome to pop in for a coffee and a chat on Tuesday mornings.

Yippee!!! We are starting Brekky Club in Barcy on Thursday mornings at 8.15am. Once again, any parents that would like to come and join us for a coffee are more than welcome. Breakfast will be served in the Home Economics room in the high school. This is available to all students. Next week we will be serving scrambled eggs on toast.

Games in the Dance Hall have been fantastic. We have had between 20-40 students attending each lunch time. In Aramac I introduced the game, ‘Happy Puppies’. The kids love it and want to play it in both lunch breaks.

Cyberbullying

Talk, Report, Support!! Cyberbullying is using technology to deliberately and repeatedly bully someone. By reporting it, talking about it and supporting each other we can stop it.

What does Cyberbullying look like?

It can include:
- abusive texts and emails
- hurtful messages, images or videos
- imitating others online to set them up
- excluding others online
- nasty online gossip and chat

How do I deal with it?
- talk to someone you trust straight away—like a parent, sibling, uncle/aunt, teacher or friend
- don’t retaliate or respond—they might use it against you
- block the bully and change your privacy settings
- report the abuse to the service and get others to as well
- collect the evidence—keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversation.
- remember you didn’t ask for this—nobody deserves to be bullied

What if a friend is being bullied online?

If you know a friend or someone at school is being cyberbullied:
- don’t join in—don’t comment on posts, images or videos that will hurt others
- don’t forward or share posts, images or videos that will hurt others
- leave negative groups and conversations
- report bullying to someone that can help—this can be an anonymous report to a parent or teacher
- if you are confident, call others on their bullying and ask them to stop—“Enough. This isn’t funny”
- support your friend—let them know you are there for them—“I heard about those crap posts. I’m here for you”

Am I a cyberbully?

Sometimes it can be easy to fall into a trap of feeling like you need to defend yourself aggressively, like you need to be the most popular, or needing acceptance online by pointing out other people’s flaws. You might even be trying to hurt someone on purpose. These actions might seem innocent or you might think that you’re ‘just joking’ but they can really affect the experiences other people have online.

By making other people feel upset, excluded or scared, you are not only affecting them, but you are also showing the world what kind of person you are. There are better ways to gain respect, popularity, strength and social standings! Be a part of positive conversations, regardless of differences in opinion.

If you think you might have cyberbullied someone, you should consider apologising. You don’t need to like the person, but it is important to respect other people’s opinions and differences. If you would like to have a free, non-judgemental and confidential talk to an experienced counsellor, contact the Kids Helpline or give them a call on 1800 55 1800.

Isabel Greyling
School Chaplain
There has been an unusually large number of reported cases of head lice in the school. If we have any chance of controlling this, we need everybody to please be vigilant in checking their children’s hair and treating accordingly. Included is some information from Qld Health regarding this.

All parents should check their children and other family members for head lice regularly as early detection decreases treatment time and helps break the breeding cycle.

The most effective way to detect head lice is by using the hair conditioner and combing method. You will need white coloured hair conditioner, an ordinary comb, a fine tooth head lice comb and white tissue/kitchen towel.

- Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp and hair from roots to tips.
- Use an ordinary comb to detangle hair and evenly distribute the conditioner. Divide the hair into four sections.
- Comb hair from root to tips using a fine tooth head lice comb.
- After each stroke, wipe the comb onto a white tissue, checking the comb and tissue for head lice.
- Comb the whole head, checking for lice.
- Put all tissues in a plastic bag, tie the top and put the bag in a rubbish bin.

All members of the family/household should be checked once per week using this method as long as infestation remains within the household.

**Treatment**

There are two methods of treatment:

1. Non-insecticidal treatment using the conditioner and combing technique

This is the same as detection using conditioner and combing (see above) except continue combing with the head lice comb until all the conditioner is gone. The conditioner blocks the louse's breathing pores and stuns the louse. This, together with the slippery effect of the conditioner, makes it easy to mechanically remove the lice.

Repeat the conditioner and combing method every second day to remove the young nymphs as they hatch. Continue until no live lice are found for ten consecutive days.

This treatment method is equally as effective as insecticidal or other chemical treatments but generally requires longer treatment times. However, it may be preferred as a cheaper alternative to insecticidal or other chemical treatments.

2. Treatment with synthetic or natural insecticides or other chemicals

No chemical treatment kills all the eggs. A second treatment should be applied 7-10 days after the initial treatment to kill the nymphs that have hatched from the eggs remaining from the first treatment. Do not apply the treatment more than once per week as more frequent applications could lead to scalp problems and have little or no effect.

If lice are still found after three weeks of chemical applications, switch to the non-insecticidal method until no lice are found. Eggs are the most difficult stage to kill. The most effective way to remove eggs is to actually pull them off the hair using your fingernails.

**Treatment Outcomes**

It is essential to check the effectiveness of every treatment after a product has been on the hair for the recommended amount of time and before washing it out:

- Combs the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb, wiping the comb onto a white tissue after each sweep.
- Repeat until whole head is combed and little treatment formulation is visible on the hair.
- After five minutes examine the tissues and assess the lice as dead (no movement), inactive (louse is stationary but moving legs or antennae) or active (louse moving).
- If the product is effective, all lice should be dead.

**Prevention**

While there is no need to vacuum, wash or treat with insecticide any furniture, clothing, bedding (except pillowcases), toys, carpets or hats, the following actions can be taken to help prevent infestation/re-infestation:

- Avoid head to head contact with other persons.
- Keep long hair tied back or in plaits, especially at school.
- Do not share brushes, combs, or pillows.
- Wash combs and hair brushes after each use (60°C for 30 seconds).
- Pillow cases of persons known to be infested should be washed daily on hot cycle or put in the clothes dryer for 15 min.
- Treat all household members whose head lice have been detected.
- Keep hair short, particularly during an outbreak. It is easier to detect and treat head lice in short hair.

Notify your school so that others can be alerted to the problem and can check for head lice and arrange treatment if necessary.
AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarships
The TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship program is awarded to support Queensland secondary students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities within their school and community and academic excellence through their achievements in Year 12.

Successful recipients receive a scholarship of up to $10,000 to be used towards their tertiary studies. Recipients receive an annual payment of $2,000 for each successful year completed of an undergraduate degree course for up to five years in duration. Further, up to five High Commendation awards valued at $1,000 each and 20 Certificates of Merit may be awarded.

Guidelines and the nomination form are available electronically from the TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship website located at www.education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/scholarships/tjryan/index.html.

Grants for Aspiring Teachers
The Aspiring Teacher Grant provides financial support of $1,500 for up to 25 high-achieving Year 12 graduates commencing an initial teacher education program in Queensland in 2014. The funds are to assist with study-related expenses such as textbooks, a computer and stationery.

• Applications for these grants are competitively assessed on the following criteria:
  • Academic achievement during Year 12, including gaining an OP score of 1 to 5 in 2013;
  • Offer and commencement of study in an initial teacher education program in a Queensland Higher Education Institution in 2014;
  • Motivation for and commitment to study and teaching.

A Fact Sheet and Application Form are available on the Aspiring Teacher Grants website located at http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/aspiring-teacher-grants.html.

Further information for your schools is available from the Project Officer, Workforce Initiatives, by email at scholarships@dete.qld.gov.au.

Nominations for both 2014 programs opened during the week commencing Monday, 18 August 2013 with both programs closing on Friday, 9 December 2013. It is anticipated that Scholarships and Grants will be offered to successful recipients in February 2014.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Statements for outstanding fees have again been posted this week. Please make this an item of importance if you have outstanding fees, as failure to make payment will result in your child being ineligible to participate in all extra curricular activities, including senior formal and end of year fun days and activities.

They will also be unable to take home any items from Art, Home Ec or Manual Arts departments.

If you have any concerns or enquiries please contact Business Services Manager, Katherine Stewart on 46515310.
Barcaldine Bowls Club

Rock N Bowl
Corporate Challenge

The Barcaldine Bowls Club will be hosting a Corporate Challenge Triple Bowls Night on Saturday 9 November 2013. Therefore we are inviting you to nominate a team/teams of three to challenge other Government Departments in Barcaldine. There will be a trophy presented to the winning team on the night, as well as other place getters, and other prizes, given away during the night.

We also encourage your team to dress up, as there will be a prize for the best dressed team/s.

TEAM: 3 PLAYERS PER TEAM (FAMILY MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE ALSO)
WHEN: Saturday 09 November 2013
COST: $20 per person - 2 games of 8 ends each will be played.
Price includes (1 burger and drink of your choice – pot of gold; half nip spirit; softdrink)
$6.00 for burger for spectators (invite your workmates along to provide support)
TIME: 5:30 for 6:00pm start (SHARP)
FORMAT: Play first game of 8 ends, break for BBQ then commence second game of 8 ends;
We ask if you could please nominate your team/s no later than 07 November, so that the draw can be done prior to Saturday.
If you would like to nominate a team/s please contact Kerry Thompson on 0408 565 023.

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE THAT YOUR TEAM CREATE A WAR CRY TO DEMONSTRATE TEAM SPIRIT AND FUN!!!!
GOOD LUCK EVERYONE AND HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUN NIGHT