UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8-13th March—Year 6 Camp
- 19th March—Investiture
- 2nd April—Newsletter and last day of Term 1
- 3rd April—Public holiday
- 19th April—Disney Disco
- 20th April—1st day of Term 2
- 27-30th April—Prep-Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 27th April—P&C Meeting

Farewell Frosty

Last Friday we farewelled a much loved member of the Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Family when our School’s Officer (Groundsman), Gordon Frost (Frosty) completed his last day of work. Frosty will be on leave until August 2015 at which time he has decided to retire from his position.

Frosty began work at the school in 2003 and in his 12 years he has done just about every job imaginable and become a ‘jack of all trades.’ From general yard maintenance and facility repairs, to driving the bus for swimming and excursions, to removing frogs from toilets, no job was too much for Frosty.

Frosty has endeared himself to students, staff and families and his presence in the school will be greatly missed. We thank Frosty for his hard work and dedication and wish him well in all his future endeavours.

Frosty we hope the fish are biting for you and that the little white ball finds the hole every time. We will miss you.

From the students:

I’ll miss how he is always funny and used to hide our handballs – Coburn
I’ll miss seeing his smiling face – Bailey
Frosty was always really good at getting things off the roof – Ty
I’ll miss how good he is at fixing things – Kadee
I’ll miss his kindness. Frosty always said hello and came to visit us in the Undercover area – Meg
Frosty was always there with a ladder when you needed him to get a ball off the roof – Tom
Frosty was always kind to all the kids - Hayley

P&C Meeting

- 16th March, 2015 at 3.30pm in Staff Room
Dear Families

Farewell to Frosty

Last week we farewelled our Schools Office of the last 12 years, Gordon Frost. Frosty, as he is known to us all, was a true asset to our community and we hope he enjoys his well-deserved leave and finds his retirement busy and fulfilling. In recognition of Frosty’s contribution to our school, our goat enclosure will now be known as Frosty’s Yards. All the best Frosty!

Student Leadership Investiture

On Thursday 19th March we will conduct our Student Leader Investiture. I always feel a sense of pride and certainty when I see young people step up to take on leadership roles and commit to making a difference, no matter how small, to their life and their community. Through the media, we are so often bombarded with negative images and writings about our youth, so it is important that we celebrate such events as the Investiture to demonstrate that such negative images are of a minority. Our young people, in the most, are responsible, moral, and hardworking and will do us all proud as they move into adulthood. The School Captains and Student Councillors to be inducted are fine examples of these young people. An example of the community spirit and sense of responsibility our young people have was demonstrated on Sunday 01 March when a large number of our students helped out with Clean-Up Australia Day, representing their school, scouts and guides or just being part of their family group giving back to our town, helping clean up unwanted rubbish.

Disco

On Thursday 19 March, our first disco of the year will occur. This event is a fundraiser for our Year 11 Work Experience excursion and has a Disney theme. Primary disco will be from 6-8pm and Secondary from 8-10pm in the Shire Hall.

Agricultural Studies

Over the next week I will be speaking with the Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students about the possibility of them combining their studies with a Certificate II in Rural Operations through a partnership with the Australian Agricultural College, Emerald and Barcaldine Prep-12 State School.

Students would combine their study of Agriculture at school with three, week long, sessions at the Emerald Agricultural College over an 18 month period (Year 11 and 12). The current Year 12 students would have the opportunity to attain competency in a number of modules within the course and would be able to continue post year 12 if they wished to attain the full certificate II.

A note regarding this opportunity will also be sent home with students in the next week.

Term 1 Reports

Finally, Term 1 Report Cards will be posted out to families on 02 April. Term 1 Report Cards are an interim report and contain no comments. Students, in most year levels are rated on an A-E scale for achievement and will have an effort and behaviour rating. Teachers will also request a Parent Interview on these reports. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will occur in Week 2 of Term 2, 27 April to 01 May. I encourage all parents/carers to meet with the teachers of their children. By working together, in partnership, parents/carers and teachers can ensure that students continue to improve and are successful.

Til next time

In All Our Best

Grant Williams
NAPLAN

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th May, Years 3, 5, 7, 9 will be participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. An information brochure will be sent home early in Term 2 with students who will be participating in this program. If your child is going to be absent or falls ill during the testing time please notify the school. A catch up day has been set aside on Friday 15th May for those students who may have been absent.

Below is the testing timetable:

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In Weeks 8 and 9 of this term Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will sit the 2014 NAPLAN tests to ensure students are aware of the feel of the testing conditions and type of questions they may be asked. This practice testing is to ensure the students are test wise and are not placed under any unnecessary duress- particularly our Year 3 students.

The practice tests will be marked and data collated to identify areas that may need to be addressed in Literacy and Numeracy.

If parents have any questions/concerns in relation to NAPLAN or their students sitting the NAPLAN testing in May please ensure you make contact the Principal.

Until next time
Kim Ogden
Dear Families

As we approach the end of the term, please be advised that all families and students in Years 7 – 12 will receive a Semester Assessment Calendar (this will be for the duration of six months). We are currently in the first phase of assessment; with class exams and assignments being done and submitted from Week 6 through to Week 9.

**Semester One Assessment Calendar:**

Students in Years 7 – 12 will be issued with their own personal copy and a copy of the Assessment Calendar will be mailed home, so that families are aware of what lies on the horizon with regard to assessment. Please have your child highlight their copy regarding their chosen subjects and also have them write their draft dates and submission dates into their School Diary. Where students know prior to the date that they will be absent for sitting an Exam or submitting an Assessment Task, they must meet with a member of administration (Mrs Ogden, Mr Williams or myself) to request an Extension – it would be appreciated if contact could be made via a phone call or a note advising of your child’s absence and validating the request.

There are times that a request for an extension will not be granted and all students are aware of the need to provide enough time to facilitate the request. It is a very rare occasion that a request for an extension will be issued after the date for submission or completion. A Medical Certificate is requested if your child is ill and all endeavours must be made to have the task delivered to school.

As previously mentioned – page 10 of the School Diary states the requirements for the assessment policy – we do not want students to be disadvantaged because they have not followed procedure. Should you require further explanation, please do not hesitate to make further contact with me.

**Year 11 Work Experience:**

Please be advised that some correspondence was sent home with the Year 11 students on Wednesday, 11 March 2015, explaining to families the cost of the camp to Brisbane ($300.00), dates, 2014 costs for comparison and fundraising ideas. Attached to this documentation is the Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School’s Refund Policy RE: monies paid.

It would be appreciated if careful note is made of the Refund Policy prior to returning the Consent to participate in the 2015 Work Experience to Brisbane, so that all families are aware of the obligation being undertaken. Where families are experiencing financial difficulty, please do not hesitate to make contact with Katherine Stewart, the Business Services Manager to arrange a Payment Plan (timely advice has been provided to all families and the trip does not take place until the first week of September, 2015).

It is a fantastic and valuable learning experience for the students and I am hopeful that the entire Year 11 student cohort is able to participate. Last year’s Work Experience to Brisbane was approximately $24 000.00 and funding came from REEAP, fundraising and the parent contribution – costs for 2015 should nearly be the same.

**Vaccinations:**

Just a reminder, that vaccinations will be administered by QHealth staff, to the year 8 and 10 students on Monday, 16 March 2015. Please let me know if your child is very nervous about this, so that arrangements can be made. I have been advised by the staff giving the vaccinations, that QHealth will be giving students a fruit drink and some fruit loaf – if you do not wish for your child to be afforded this opportunity, please make contact with me to discuss your request.

**Certificate II in Kitchen Operations:**

What a fantastic fortnight the students had commencing the 2015 school year for the above Certificate. There are 22 students who have enrolled and Mrs Tanya Hamilton (the Teacher for this Certificate) was very impressed with all of the students. Given the number of students undertaking the course, Mrs Hamilton will run two separate classes within the Certificate. There are also students who only have a small number of Units to complete and they will then be signed-off with Competency.

Mrs Hamilton and I have spoken about a Service Period based around a Dinner Party where the students will invite family members and organise the menu, manage and prepare all of the meals, whilst operating out of the ‘Red Truck’.
Last week, staff at school (for the price of $10.00) were prepared meals that were quite irresistible – ranging from chicken club sandwiches, chicken breast (stuffed with sun dried tomatoes, cream cheese and seasoning) served with fresh asparagus and the list could go on. These meals were assessed by the staff member and the feedback sheet forms part of the student’s folio of evidence. The Secondary students were offered milkshakes and iced coffee and chocolate drinks as part of the beverages unit (all for a cost of course). The monies collected as part of this exercise is set aside as part of the fundraising monies for the operation of the Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

A Certificate such as this, can cost up to $2 500.00 if it was to be completed through a TAFE or Private Provider. At this school, students are charged on a yearly basis, $250.00 (only one payment) and all food products that the students use are purchased from the these payments. The cost of the Certificate is reviewed each year; however, the students will come away with a completed Certificate for considerably less cost than doing it via another Provider.

Term Two dates have yet to be set or finalised, but once Mrs Hamilton determines the dates, I will advise families and students of the block dates.

I wish all of the students well for any up-coming assessment and encourage them to be the best student they can be ....

Until next time
Meegan Wills

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**Secondary Captains’ Report**

Hello Everyone,

Last weekend, 11 girls travelled to Hughenden for the North West Netball trials. Big congratulations for those girls who were selected to go through to NW. Fantastic team work was shown throughout the trials and all participants should be proud of their efforts.

The girls who took part in Netball would like to thank all teachers and parents who also attended, as drivers and supervisors. They would also like to in particular thanks Mrs Tavita and Miss Peut for the time they gave up to travel with the team and for all of the Netball coaching that was done at school.

This week, on Monday, the Student Council had their first meeting for the term. The students discussed a school disco and what they would like to improve around the school. A survey was handed around to all classes in regards to whether they think the school should have surround sound in the classrooms, beanbags, more picnic tables, or a shed over the bike racks.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter segment, the Year 11 class is well and truly into their fundraising for their Work Experience trip to Brisbane in September. They have organised our first 2015 disco, with a Disney theme! With this great theme, we hope that everyone will attend to help the Year 11s get to Brisbane.

We also hope that the Year 6 class is having a really good time on Camp at North Keppel. We all know that we had a great time when it was us – I am sure that there will be lots of photos in the following newsletter.

The senior students have been hard at work the last few weeks, as assessment due dates are upon us, and we are desperately trying to keep on top of our time management. For the OP eligible students, preparations for the Core Skills Test will start this week with our first attempt at the Writing Task – once we do it on Thursday, these will be mailed to an External marker in Brisbane, who will provide feedback to the school about our strengths and weaknesses and once we get this information then our preparation sessions will be tailored towards the feedback.

Hopefully, all of the other classes in the Secondary School are keeping on top of all of their assessment as well – remember to do a little bit every day and it is amazing how quickly the task gets finished.

We all hope to see you at the school disco next Thursday; be sure to go along and support the Year 11 students.

Until next time
Gibby and Kate

The 2015 Leadership Team
What’s been happening?
Hi Everyone
It has been a really exciting week in Chappy Room. We are having a Worm Off and a Dance Off at the end of Term. Everyone is learning how to do the worm and practising their dance moves in their groups.

Food for Though

Choices - are something we all have to deal with in almost every area of our lives – what to wear, what to eat etc., but we can often overlook the impact that some of our choices can make on our lives.

Wrong choices can often be enticing because they offer a quick way of getting things we want e.g. stealing from others or shoplifting and being mean just because someone else is doing it and you want to be cool. Some wrong choices can lead us to think we might be more popular if we go along with the crowd e.g. getting drunk with friends or sharing drugs that friends offer us.

Please remember that though some choices may seem very attractive, they can also be deadly. Going along with others and refusing to make wise choices can create in you an appetite that you will do anything to satisfy, as in the case of drug addiction or alcoholism.

When it comes to making choices in your life, take time to consider the long-term effects. Keep away from people who want to draw you into doing things that you know will harm you. True friends wouldn’t do that.

Good choices have positive long-term effects. They guard your health and happiness. Wrong choices have the opposite effect.

Message from Chappy.....

Upcoming Events
Bully No Way Day 20 March 2015

Thank You!
All the Year 7, 8 and 9 Students that are helping the younger children put their dance routines together. It is really amazing to see you all stepping up and mentoring the younger ones. Keep up the fantastic work.
SWPBS Lessons and Awards

All teachers at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School use SWPBS lessons to explicitly teach the school values:

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

The lessons reflect the **Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Expectations Matrix**. This matrix is on display in all classrooms. The weekly SWPBS lessons take place during Contact time and the topics are linked to the Expectations Matrix, i.e. being **Responsible, Respectful and Safe in all settings, classrooms, transitions around the school, tuckshop / eating areas, and all outside areas**.

Weekly lessons provide multiple opportunities for students to learn, understand and demonstrate their understanding of the school’s expectations.

For example, in a lesson on **Being Responsible**, students constructed and discussed Cause and Effect charts to show what could happen if they are prepared for class compared to what could happen if they are not prepared for class.

Whenever students display positive behaviour, they receive **Champ Stamps**. A **Happygram** may also be posted to the student’s home in further recognition. As a result of acknowledging students’ positive behaviours, the total number of incidents at school has decreased during Term 1 this year when compared with the data this time last year.

Rosemary Craven
(SWPBS Team Member)

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**WISE WORDS**

**INTERNET SAFETY RULES**

**Who’s chatting to your kids?**

The internet today contains many sites that are designed to encourage children and teenagers to communicate by messaging each other in real time. Many of these sites contain areas where children can post personal information about themselves including their name, age, location, photographs, and contact details. Please take some time to discuss these on-line safety tips with your children:

- Never give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school.
- Ensure your screen name does not reveal personal information about you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Only allow your friends to view your personal blog and profile.
- Never send your picture to someone you don’t know.
- Don’t accept invitations to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- Never arrange for face-2-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand predators ask personal questions and attempt to become friends quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person.

Teach children the 5 R’s:

**REALISE** – people you chat with may not be who they say they are.
**REFUSE** – requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.
**REVIEW** – your contacts. It’s not “kewl” to have contacts you don’t know.
**RESPOND** – quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program, tell your parents or a trusted friend.
**REPORT** – any suspicious or dangerous on-line contact to the police.

(Information provided by Queensland Police Service)
Welcome to Year 1

Welcome to our classroom, we have 23 excited and eager students who have completed a lot of work in the first six weeks of Term One.

For Term One we have been learning about Visual Art and the students have shown a great interest in it. So far we have looked at primary and secondary colours, used magazines to create effects on an image, learnt how to draw self-portraits, use buttons to add texture to pictures, how to draw cats and dogs using different shading techniques and we did some finger print art.

We have a talented group of students and they are very proud to show you their art work.

Miss Mitchell

Year 1 hard at work

Knoxie with a captive audience for his Show and Tell
Angie, Zoe, Tobi and Lucas showing their cats and dogs
Zach, Ryan, Ella, Harrison and Knoxie with their button artwork
Tobey, Zach, Alexis, Brock, Aiden, Lucas, Makayla, Tobi, Zoe, Angie and Blake creating their button art
Sam, Eddie and Mary with their fabulous button artpieces.
Zach, Ryan, Ella, Harrison and Knoxie with their button artwork
Kate and Sopie proudly showing their button masterpieces.
Angie, Zoe, Tobi and Lucas showing their cats and dogs
Communication between School and Home

Effective communication between school and home is important. Often school needs to make contact with parents regarding their child, changes to school routines and school events. One of the main ways in which school has tried improve communication with parents is through our text messaging system ID ATTEND. We are however, aware that this communication process is not always effective for all.

If you live in a rural area with poor mobile phone reception, could you please ensure that the school has up to date information about the best way to make contact with you. We ask that you complete the attached form and return to the school either by email or with your child. Please also find a student details update form attached with the newsletter. Any updated information needs to be in writing so that a copy can be kept by the office. Returning this form will ensure that all contact details are up to date.

Family Name: ________________________________

I do not have sufficient mobile phone reception, therefore the most effective method for contacting me is:

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Poultry Club News

Last week the Poultry Club was visited by Mr Daryl Andrew, a well-known (in poultry circles) breeder and judge. Mr Andrew spoke to the Year 9/10 Agricultural Studies students about Rhode Island Reds. We used the Australian Standards to assess our birds to decide which ones were good enough to exhibit. Fortunately we have had a bit of success in our first year of breeding and have kept 4 cockerels and 3 pullets to continue our line in 2015.

We are also looking to enhance the yellow colour of our birds’ legs by feeding them extra carotene in their diet. Pieces of capsicum including the seeds, grated carrot or sweet corn on the cob would be greatly appreciated. The above vegetable scraps can be dropped at Prep.

Mrs Paula Bashford  
Poultry Club Co-ordinator

Mr Andrew gave Austyne Stewart, Telea Kelly, Lily Gray and Emily Kelly some tips about how to spot a good langshan. The students are considering competing in a Junior Judging Competition at the Barcaldine Show in May.

P&C  
Wren Cup Catering

The Barcaldine Prep-12 State School P&C have been offered the catering at the Wren Cup on Saturday, 21st March. This is a wonderful opportunity for fundraising for our committee. We don’t have to organise and buy any food for the day; we only have to prepare and sell it. It would be wonderful to have as many volunteers as possible so that we all only have to do a couple of hours each. To make things easier, we have allocated each class a time slot. If your class time does not suit but you are willing to help, please put your name down for a time you are available.

Please find a table below where you can add your name to a time and return to Suzanne Phillips at sphil214@eq.edu.au. We are hoping for at least 6 people for each timeslot, with the lunch and dinner times overlapped to ensure we have enough volunteers.

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Local children need local foster carers!
From our major regional centres to the smallest outback towns, we need more people who can take a local child into their home and provide the care and protection all children deserve.
Having local carers means when a child comes into care they can keep going to their usual school, stay in touch with their friends, community and culture, and remain involved in sports teams and other activities.
Foster carers are people of all ages, from a diverse mix of backgrounds. They might be single, a couple, or a family with children of their own. What they all have in common is the ability to provide a secure, nurturing environment and the willingness to take on a challenging yet immensely rewarding role.
We’ll be with you all the way, with training, advice, and round the clock support.
To find out more about becoming a foster carer, contact the Anglicare CQ foster and kinship care team:
Emerald: 0437926462/(07) 49824062
FKCIntakeWestern@anglicarecq.org.au

ILFRACOMBE OUTBACK ADVENTURE CAMP
TUESDAY 7TH - SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2015
Four exciting days in the outback, including cool activities like swimming, survival skills, raft building, games, competitions indoor and outdoor night activities, wet games, movie night, Fancy Dress Dinner, Bush Dance. Bible discovery times, great food and fantastic creative fun. This year a new camp theme - “Commando’s”.

Price: $145 (inc. VAT)
Where: Ilfracombe Recreational Centre
Grades: 5 – 8 (inc. 8)
Director: Isabel Greyling
Email: ilfracombe@sucamps.org.au
Enquiries: Isabel 0448 615 441

REGISTER FOR THIS CAMP AT WWW.SUCAMPS.ORG.AU
Pastel registrations available from website.

SU OLD CAMPS ARE SUPPORTED BY

Limited Hours Child Care

Barcaldine Kindergarten Association’s Limited Hours Care program is Barcaldine’s only centre-based childcare facility. We are open now for 2015 enrolments.

Our highly qualified staff offer a tailored educational program structured to meet the individual needs of all children.

In conjunction with the Barcaldine Kindergarten staff, the UNC team provides a warm, nurturing, friendly, interactive and educational environment for all children. In a relaxed atmosphere, children have the opportunity to make lasting friendships with children of their own age.

State and St Joseph’s Primary School. Your child is offered a healthy afternoon tea and opportunity to engage in interactive learning experiences.

Operating Hours:
Monday 8:15am – 5:15pm
Tuesday 2:45pm–5:15pm
Wednesday 2:45pm–5:15pm
Thursday 2:45pm – 5:15pm
Friday 2:45pm–5:15pm

The fee is $5.50 per hour with a Child Care Benefit rebate available. For all queries and bookings please call Leanne Harper on 4031 1014.

Barcaldine 60 & Better Cent Sale
Saturday 11th April
Barcaldine Town Hall
Doors Open 12.30pm

Barcaldine P A & H Society 93rd Annual Show
Saturday 9th May 2015
Juvenile Sections in: Cooking, Photography and Art
Children’s entries welcome in all sections
Entries close 12 noon Friday May 8th
Free entry
Show Schedule due out April, available from local businesses and Tourist Information Centre

At The Movies
Fri 13th & Sun 15th March at 7pm
50 Shades of Grey
Fri 20th & Sun 22nd March at 7pm
Kingsman
Fri 27th & Sun 29th March at 7pm
American Sniper

For more information visit:
Barcaldine theatre.blogspot.com.au
‘Barcaldine Picture Theatre’ on Facebook