Raft building, snorkelling, fish dissections, hiking, plankton trawling and fishing. These were just some of the fun activities Year 6 had the opportunity to experience while on camp last week. It began with a bus ride early Sunday morning to Roslyn Bay, where we caught a ferry to North Keppel Island. When we arrived at camp we chose our cabins and set up our rooms.

For the first few days of camp it was pouring down rain but that didn’t stop us from looking at alternative energy sources, snorkelling, outrigging and tree planting. Once the rain settled, we went on an intertidal walk where we discovered lots of sea animals and plants. We also went on a massive hike up in the mountain of Bald Hill to the highest point on the Island where we came across the most beautiful view of Great Keppel and North Keppel.

We also participated in some low ropes courses and other team building activities: building our own rafts and launching them. We did lots of night activities like playing the very challenging spoon game, we had a camp fire where we cooked damper and we also walked to Maize Bay where we saw lots of ghost crabs.

We also got to go plankton trawling where we caught the plankton in nets and then looked at them through microscopes. We also found out that they help produce 70% of our oxygen! So they are super important. The staff at North Keppel really looked after us and we had a blast.
Student Safety
There are a number of situations that have arisen lately, where student safety has been or could be compromised. Students and parents are reminded that there is a pedestrian crossing in front of the school and that the use of the crossing is the way that everyone should cross the road, particularly before and after school when there is a large volume of traffic about.

Secondly, the main driveway entrance to the school should not be used as a pedestrian access to the school. Also this is an access for vehicles on “official” business to the school. A number of parents have been driving in during break times to drop off lunches etc. Any contact with students through the school day is required to be through the school office. It is not appropriate for students to “meet” cars parked in the school driveway or in the front of the school to collect lunches or other items. Although we live in a safe community, all contact with students during school time must be through the school’s main office.

QUEENSLAND HOTELS ASSOCIATION Donation
Recently Serg Pelizzari from the Union Hotel visited the school to present us with a cheque for $10 000 which will go towards a sports and equipment shed. The donation is part of $80 000 donated and distributed by the Queensland Hotels Association to help drought impacted communities. Barcaldine Prep-12 State School would like to sincerely thank Queensland Hotels Association and Serg and Neroli Pelizzari for their work and kind donation.
2016 Next Step survey
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2016.

Further information on Next Step is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

Term 1 Reports
Term 1 Report Cards will be posted out to families on 24 March. 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. Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Pathway Planning interviews will occur in Week 2 of Term 2, 18 April to 21 April. Learning Pathway Planning interviews are with your child’s class teacher in Primary and Roll Group teacher in Secondary. Information regarding these interviews and booking will be contained with the reports.

Til next time,
In All Our Best
Grant Williams

CENTRAL WEST SPORTS

PLEASE NOTE:
The Central West Touch Football Trials, due to be held Friday 18th March, have been postponed. The new date is yet to be confirmed.
Dear Families,

A short term will be finalised in another week and the students will be on holidays for two weeks – I hope that all families enjoy this time with your children, as we ready ourselves for a longer Term Two (11 weeks).

**100% Attendance and Meritorious Morning Tea:**
As we do each term, we celebrated our meritorious students and introduced the 100% Attendance Award. Our Meritorious and 100% Attendance students were invited to morning tea that was held on Thursday, 17 March 2016.

![Students with 100% attendance in Term One.](image)

It is always a pleasure to share morning teas with families and the meritorious students have their immediate family invited and the 100% Attendance students are invited to share in the recognition for their efforts to attend school every day.

**Year 11 Work Experience:**
The Year 11 students are well-on-the-way to meeting their target for fundraising to assist them journey to Brisbane for their week’s Work Experience from 27 August – 04 September, 2016. This is always an exciting time for the senior students and hard work is rewarded with a wonderful week in Brisbane. Letters were sent home to all families with the last of the fundraising information and many thanks to those families who have acted on the various requests. Just a reminder; the set cost for the parent/
carer contribution is $350.00 (this is excluding spending money). Further notification will be sent home
and a parent evening will be arranged (closer to the departure time) for the sharing of information.
Some students have returned their Work Experience paperwork, so contact with employers is well
underway.

**Senior Phase of learning: Years 10 – 12**

Key words:

**Credits** – 20 credits are required for senior certification

**Learning Account** – Managed by the QCAA (like a bank account; the 20 credits are held in this Account)

**LUI Number** – Learning Unique Identifier

**QCAA** – Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority

**QCE** – Queensland Certificate of Education

**QCIA** – Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

**SET P** – Senior Education Training Plan

Over the past three weeks, I have been meeting with the senior students to establish their 2016 Set
Plans and have already started to track the year 11 students. There have been numerous conversations
with students, regarding the banking of 20 credits into the year 12 students Learning Accounts – at this
stage we are well on the way to meeting the QCAA requirements for this.

I met with the Year 10 students this week and we opened our Learning Accounts (ask him/her at home
to show you what their Learning Account looks like – through a Search Engine, put in QCAA and the
students will be able to take you to the Student Learning Account area (your child will have a wallet
card with their Password and LUI number on it, to access this information).

Credits for passing subjects (C or better) and 50%, 75% or 100% Competency for any recognised and
registered with QCAA Certificates, is banked into this Account.

At the LPP interviews in week tow of Term Two, families of Year 10 -12 students may also meet with me
to discuss the senior phase of learning and I can also discuss your child’s SET Plan. Your child can access
his/her SET Plan via the OneSchool functionality.

I hope all students and families have an enjoyable break and I look forward to working with you and
your child in the new term.

Regards for now,
Meegan Wills
Head of Department

NAPLAN REMINDER
In Weeks 8 and 9 of Term One, Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will sit the 2015 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 with cohorts of students.

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

INTERIM REPORTS-REMINDER
Interim reports will posted home to parents. These reports are to inform parents of their child’s progress across subject areas up to the end of Term 1. The Interim Report is based on limited assessment and classroom observations. Ratings only are used on Interim Reports.

Learning Pathway Planning interviews will take place week 2 Term 2, 18 April-22 April. Information regarding the interviews and making an appointment will be included with the report.

Enjoy the break,
Kim Ogden

Primary Captains’ Report

The end of the term is just around the corner. We should all be working hard on our assessment. We wish everyone success with their tasks.

North Keppel Island lived up to its reputation with another amazing Year 6 camp. Highlights include snorkelling, the hike to Bald Hill, which had breathtaking views; just about everything was spectacular. The team building brought us all closer together.

Grade 11 organised a wonderful hippie themed disco. I think a few parents were minus some clothes judging by the great costumes.

Please be responsible and pick up any rubbish around our school. Thank-you to those who helped on Clean Up Australia Day.

Have a great Easter break.
See you next term,
Lily, Riley, Mia & Angus
Dear All,

As the end of Term One is coming approaching, all the students are working hard to get their assessment in on time.

As Easter is just around the corner, the Year 11 class has put together an Easter Raffle, to help raise funds for their Work Experience trip to Brisbane, the tickets are $2 each and are being sold by the Year 11 class – if you would like some raffle tickets, please let a staff member know, so that some tickets can be kept aside for you.

The North West Netball trials were held in Mt Isa last weekend, we would like to congratulate Ashlee Cridge, Katie Rafter and Jacinta Biddulph for being picked for the State Trials in Cairns for the under 19 Girls, and Tamica Rabnott for being picked as a Shadow Player. We would also like to congratulate Britney Hannay and Liz Pumpa for being picked for the under 15 State Trials in Cairns along with Sophie Turner as a Shadow Player.

The Hospitality Truck has made its first visit for 2016, taking on new Certificate II Students from the Year 10 class (there are now 24 enrolments in this Certificate) and the students efforts have been a big help over the last few weeks; catering for the Opening of the new Child Care centre, which took place last Tuesday and also catering for the Investiture with took place in Week 5 where the students were awarded with badges and a certificate for their leadership roles at school. The School Captains were presented with their badges and shirts which were donated by the P&C. Tom, Bronte and I, would like to thank the P&C for buying the shirts, as we wear them with pride.

We all hope that you have a lovely holiday and we look forward to working with all of the school community again in Term Two.

Cheers,

Tom, Bronte and Cloe J
This term in History, the Year 2 class has been investigating the question ‘How have changes in technology shaped our daily lives?’ Students have looked at the evolution of household, transport and communication technologies, as well as how toys have changed. Students have used sources, like photos and objects, to compare and contrast technologies of yesteryear with those we use today. Some students have even brought in ‘olden day’ paraphernalia to create the Grade 2 Historical Museum in the classroom.

Knoxie: Mobile phones are better than the old phones because you can call 000 if you get hurt and you can text your friends. You can play games on phones too.

Nicola: Old irons were very heavy. You had to put it on top of the wood stove to heat it up. Modern irons run on electricity.
Barcaldine State School P-12
The Chappy Room

Chappy Room

I wish everyone a fantastic holiday make sure you have a rest and revitalise yourselves for the new term.

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Hopefully I will be seeing some of you at our Easter Camp at Lara.

Food for Thought

Complaining and Arguing

Earlier in the year I heard a speaker talking about the year ahead. The audience were challenged to consider giving up two things in their lives that may be having a negative effect on them.

This made me think of a couple of things that almost all of us are guilty of doing - complaining and arguing. If you think that this doesn’t apply to you, try to get through just one whole day without saying something negative either to someone or about someone. You’ll be amazed at how hard that is.

If someone or something is upsetting you, make the decision to not keep talking about the issue - without fuel the fires of anger will subside.

Why not give it a try and give up – complaining and arguing.

A message from Chappy.......
Sunday March 13th, 5:30am, a number of teachers and students from Barcaldine Prep-12 State School were up and preparing for a gruelling 12 hour triathlon in aid of local charity. The atmosphere was exciting, the sun was rising and everyone was keen to start. They were off... the battle to push their bodies begun. The morning was beautiful but it didn’t take long for the day to heat up. The swim was the ultimate relief on aching muscles and burnt skin. It was a long day but everyone met and passed their own goals, the team support was wonderful. At 6pm the day was finished bodies had been cramping, exhaustion was everywhere. Everyone’s distances were counted and the results were given. Altogether the participants cycled, ran and swam approximately 380km, the distance from Barcaldine to Blackwater. This is truly amazing when you think about it.

If you would still like to donate the money can be given to any of the participants or dropped off at the Town Pool to Brett or Paula. The money raised is donated to the Jenny Lockie Foundation.
Lara Outback Adventure Adventure Camp

Come and join us for a weekend of fun and adventure. There will be Kayaking and Yabby Catching, Night Walks and Games, Campfires and Marshmallows, Damper Twisters and Singing, Hot Spa and Cool Pool.
Camp is for Students from Year 4- Year 6.

For any queries please contact:
Isabel Greyling: 0448 615 441 or
Lynda Andrew-Schofield:
04071 640 991

To Register go to
www.sucamps.org.au
Find Outback Adventure Camp and Register, you will need your Medicare card, contact details and a credit card.
DATE: 1 April Drop off at 11.00am
3 April Pick Up at 12.00pm
Sunday morning we will be having a combined church service parents and carers are welcome to join us at 9.30am for the service and morning tea afterwards.

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BARCALDINE PREP-12 STATE SCHOOL
MONSTER BOOK FAIR
23 MAY - 26 MAY
SCHOOL LIBRARY
Celebrate ‘The Best of Barcy’! - This year the Student Council’s theme for our May Day float is ‘The Best of Barcy’. Come along to show off the best Barcaldine has to offer. You might want to commemorate the traditional owners of the region, shearsers and grazing industries, one of the many sporting, cultural or community organisations.

Whether you are a ‘Sandgonna’, ballet dancer or roustabout join the fun Monday 2nd May.
Community Notices

Barcaldine & District Athletics Club

Come and Try
and Sign on Day

Sunday 20 March 2016
9:00am at
Barcaldine State School Oval

Free Sausage Sizzle

For more information contact
Beccy Dean on 0458 400 893

BARCALDINE 60 & BETTER PROGRAM

CENT SALE
SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2016

Barcaldine Town Hall

Doors open 12:30 pm
Games start 1:30 pm

ADMISSION $ 5.00
(includes afternoon tea)
Great Prizes
Lucky Door
Special Draws
Raffle

Cent Sale Tickets can be bought prior to the sale at
60 & Better office
Cent Sale tickets $1.00 / sheet

Everyone Welcome!

Barcaldine P A & H Society 94th Annual Show

Saturday, 7th May 2015
Photography entries close: 12pm Wednesday 4th May
All other entries close: 12pm Friday 6th May
Entry free
Show Schedule out now, available from local businesses.

Jericho Drive-In
19 March 2016
GATES OPEN 6.00pm
MOVIES START 7.30pm

ADULTS............$15.00
PENSIONERS.............$10.00
STUDENTS.........$ 8.00
(YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12)
Alvin & the Chipmunks:
The Road Chip. (PG)
Joy (M)

BARBEQUE ON SALE FROM
6.30pm
Burgers $ 6.00
Sausage on bread $ 2.50
Soft Drinks $ 2.00
Water $ 2.00
Tea/Coffee/Milo $ 1.00
Chips $ 2.50
Chocolates $ 0.50

NEXT DRIVE-IN 16 APRIL 2016
Daddy’s Home and The Big Short

At The Movies

Fri 18th & Sun 20th March at 7pm
Zoolander 2

Fri 25th & Sun 27th March at 7pm
Easter Weekend—No Movies

Fri 1st & Sun 3rd April at 7pm
Spotlight

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