UPCOMING EVENTS

• 2nd April—Last day of Term 1
• 3rd April—Public holiday
• 20th April—1st day of Term 2
• 27-30th April—Prep-Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
• 27th April—P&C Meeting
• 30th April—Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
• 6th May—CW U12 years Touch
• 8th May—Newsletter
• 13th May—Year 8 Immunisations
• 12-14th May—NAPLAN
• 18th May—P&C Meeting

P&C Meeting
• 27th April, 2015 at 3.30pm in Staff Room

SCHOOL INVESTITURE

2015 School Captains
(L-R) Jesse Marshall, Kate Newton, Elisa Winter, Gabrielle Rooney, Olivia Rafts, Kayleigh Greyling, Colby Balderson and Lexis Knox.

School Council Representatives:
Front: Harrison Gray, Kayleigh Greyling, Indiana Adams, Tracy Baily, Kai Hansen, Kasey Marshall
Back: Elisa Winter, Georgina Emmins, Emily Rolfe, Tegan Van Dyk, Dana Bronkhorst, Kate Newton and Gabrielle Rooney

2015 Sports Captains:
Front: Georgina Emmins, Max Coveney, Bianca Lumby, Harrison Gray, Lexis Knox
Dear Families,

2015 ANZAC Troop Train Re-Enactment - Winton to Brisbane 19th to 25th April 2015

On Tuesday 21 April, as part of the 2015 Centenary of ANZAC commemorations, the ANZAC Troop Train Re-enactment will be in Barcaldine. The Troop Train is recreating the original journey from Winton to Brisbane. The train is a steam train with nine authentic refurbished carriages and departs Winton, at 10am on Monday 20 April with overnight stops at Longreach, Emerald, Rockhampton and Maryborough before arriving at Central Station in Brisbane on the afternoon of Friday 24 April.

A carriage on the train will be provided so that school children and accompanying teachers can travel free of charge from their hometown to the next stop. A complimentary bus will return the children and teachers to their home town.

Student leaders from Barcaldine Prep-12 State School have been invited to travel on the train. They will leave Barcaldine at approximately 9:45am on Tuesday 21 April and travel to Alpha, where they will be provided with lunch before being bused back to Barcaldine, arriving back at school by 3pm.

ANZAC Day Parade and March

To commemorate ANZAC day there will also be a full school parade on Friday 24 April at 10:30am in the school Dance Hall.

Students are also encouraged to participate in the town ANZAC Day march on 25 April. A note regarding this will be sent home at the start of Term 2.

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be posted home on 02 April. These are Interim Reports where students are given an A to E (or equivalent) rating for achievement, effort, behaviour and homework. The ratings given are based on assessment undertaken so far as well as classroom observations. Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Week 2 of the term (27 April – 30 April) and bookings can be made online. Please see the information sheet contained in this newsletter and also included in the mail out with your child’s report. I encourage all parents to make appointments with their child’s teacher. A child achieves best, when there is a working partnership between the school and home.

NAPLAN

Term 2 also is the term that NAPLAN testing occurs for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students have already sat practice NAPLAN tests and their results have been analysed, as this data can give us valuable information about areas and concepts that students have done well in or that they need more support with.

The actual NAPLAN test is in week 4 of Term 2. I have had some enquiries from parents concerned about their children getting anxious because of the NAPLAN testing. If you have any concerns about your child participating in the test I encourage you to speak with myself, Mrs Kim Ogden or Mrs Meegan Wills, so that we can address and hopefully alleviate your concerns.

P & C

The AGM for the P&C was held on Monday 30 March at 3:30pm. Unfortunately, it was poorly attended and a number of executive positions failed to be filled, once they were called vacant. The following is the current state of the P&C Executive:

President: Vacant
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Katherine Stewart
Treasurer: Sue Walton.

Our P&C has been a very productive committee over the last 12 months and there were a large number of parent volunteers at the Wren Cup who were able to assist in the running of the canteen and we are very grateful for your contribution.

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday 27 April at 3:30pm. We would really like to be able to fill the positions of President and Vice President at the next meeting.
Staff Changes
The end of Term 1 sees our Head of Special Education Services (HOSES), Mrs Jane Wren, begin her maternity leave. In Jane’s absence Mrs Sheryn Williams will act as HOSES and Mrs Nicole Landers will join the Inclusive Education team. Mrs Angela Rafter will return to Barcaldine Prep-12 State School staff to teach Year 2 with Mrs Sherelle Shields. We wish Jane all the best for the birth of her third child and welcome back Angela.

Winter Uniform
Now that Term 1 is complete we are moving, hopefully into cooler weather. A reminder that the winter uniform consists of the standard uniform plus:
- Black trackpants with a bottle green fleecy lined top or black sports jacket.
Northwest, Central West or other sporting team jackets and tracksuits are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn at school as part of the everyday wear.

Safe Holiday
Lastly I would like to thank you all for your support and involvement in the school through Term 1. I hope all students and their families have a safe, relaxing Easter and holiday break and I look forward to us continuing to work together next term.
Til next time
In All Our Best
Grant Williams

NAPLAN REMINDER
As mentioned in previous Newsletters, on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th 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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Head of Department

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Dear Families

As we say good-bye to Term One, I would like to reflect on the last ten weeks.

We saw the introduction of Year 7 to Secondary School and simultaneously had a new intake of Year 8 students. It has taken some time for all of the Year 7 – 12 students to ‘mesh’ as there is a wide range of ages and our Year 7 class is quite large within itself.

It is interesting to note, that whilst Education Queensland spent a considerable time with initiating Secondary staff and schools into the commencement of a younger aged cohort into the Secondary School; it is actually the Year 9 – 12 students whom have also taken some time to adjust to the new year level.

At the beginning of 2016, we will be back to ‘normal’ with the one dra of a year level entering Secondary school and we, as a State are at long last, aligning with the Southern States regarding age completion of students.

The Certificate II Kitchen Operations students had there first two week block of training with the External Provider and they thoroughly loved it. We have 22 students enrolled in this Certificate and some of these students will complete their Certificate part-way through this year. This Certificate has proven to be a very valuable learning opportunity and the completion, allows for credits to be banked into students’ Learning Accounts.

Expressions of Interest have been issued to the Year 11 and 12 students to undertake a Certificate II Rural Operations course that will be run through Emerald TAFE and our school. The up-take of this opportunity was quite small; however the invitation is still open for the Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students to submit their Expression of Interest.

The Year 11 students are well on the way to fundraising for their Work Experience Trip to Brisbane in the latter part of the school year – they are all to be congratulated for the fantastic efforts with regard to fundraising.

Some examples of their fundraising are: catering for the 2014 School Swimming Carnival, assistance at the Variety Bash in 2014, cleaning-up and serving for the Graduation for Saint Joseph’s School and the Cancer Ball, catering for the Under The Stars Evening at the end of last year; and for this year - organisation of the school disco and a number of raffles. The Easter raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 02 April 2015 and all winners will be contacted – here is hoping you may be one of the lucky winners.

Next term will see some changes to the timetable with movement of teachers from some classes and some major changes to room allocations. The changes for the room allocations will allow for B2/B3 to be used as a double teaching space for the Year 7 class, so that we are able to provide more space for group work and for the 27 students in this class.

Changing rooms will also necessitate a change for some year levels, the location of their school bags – this allows students bags to be situated near the rooms they most often use. Secondary students will be advised of these changes on their return to school on Monday, 20 April 2015.

Early second term will see Parent / Teacher interviews; please make an on-line booking for your child’s teachers and Interim Reports will be mailed home in time for the commencement of the school holidays.

The Interim Report is a progress report based on efforts to date. It is not a formal Semester Report (this will be mailed to you at the completion of Term Two) and it is from the Semester Report that Year 11 and 12 students have their results banked as part of their Learning Account – just a reminder that an A, B or C will be banked as one credit for each subject passed.

I hope that all families enjoy the following two weeks with your children on school holidays; and for those families including travel in the holiday time …. please ensure that you return safely to the school community.

Until next time

Meegan Wills
Primary Captains’ Report

Wow it is the last week of Term One. This term has gone so fast.
In week seven, the Year six class went on camp to North Keppel Island which was a very memorable experience. In week eight the Year 11’s held a Disney disco to raise money for their Work Experience in Brisbane. Everyone has been doing lots of assessments and working hard in class and teachers are very busy doing report cards. We hope everyone achieves their goals.
We have seen lots of responsible, respectful and safe behaviour; congratulations to those who have received Champ Stamp awards for this. We are all excited for the holidays.
We hope everyone has a safe break and look forward to seeing everyone when we return on the 20th of April.
Don’t forget, that the first week back of school we will be participating in Anzac day celebrations.
Olivia Raftos and Kayleigh Greyling

Student of the Week

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Secondary Captains’ Report

Hello All!
We’re sure everyone is super excited for end of term and Easter holidays! It’s been a very busy last few weeks for assessment, and we hope everyone is staying on top of it.
The Year 11 fundraiser, a Disney-themed disco was a massive hit! The Year 11 class should be very proud of themselves for pulling off their first disco and it’s just one step closer towards their trip to Brisbane at the end of the year.
The North West Touch participants were very unlucky last week, with the trials in Mount Isa being postponed to a later date. Whenever the time does come, we know that all competitors will try their hardest and have a great time.
We wish everyone happy and safe holidays, and we’ll see you all fresh and ready to bring in term two!
Kate and Gibby
What's been happening?

Hi Everyone

Week 7 was our busiest Breakfast Club ever; we served 160 plates of pancakes and that’s not counting those that had seconds and thirds.

A big Thank You to Jandi, Jack, Macey, Phoebe, Chloe and Dylan for stopping up and helping. You showed great leadership and role modelling skills.

Breakfast club is a great place to have a chat and a laugh with friends while helping the younger children with their breakfast.

If you notice that someone seems unhappy, don’t just walk away. Why not take a few minutes to talk to them and offer your support. If they need more help than you can give, why not accompany them to talk to someone.

Looking out for others is something that we should all be doing. Please play your part in making our school a truly caring community.

A message from Chappy........

Upcoming Events

Bully No Way Day 20 March 2015

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 20 March 2015

NationalBullyingDay.gov.au

Food for Thought

One of the things that all of us benefit from is encouragement. When you are feeling tired or are anxious about a situation in your life, a few well thought out words from a friend or family member can give you that emotional lift that helps you pick yourself up and keep going.

However, it is very easy to get so involved in your own needs and wants that you don’t even notice when someone other than yourself is struggling. In a school community as large as our own, there are many opportunities for you to get alongside someone who may not be having the best of days.

Thank You!

All the Year 7, 8 and 9 Students that are helping the younger children put together their dance routines. It is really wonderful to see you all stepping up and mentoring the younger ones. Keep up the fantastic work.
Preps Learn about Oral Health
On Wednesday 25th of March the Prep students were visited by Central and North West Medicare Local representatives Lyndell Brown and Cassandra Whatley for an information session on oral health. The students listened to a story on the importance of brushing their teeth correctly and then had a go on the ‘big dentures’ to perfect their brushing technique. Lyndell spoke about the importance of 2s – brushing our teeth **twice** a day for **2** minutes and visiting the dentist **twice** a year. We then got to eat some foods that help to keep our teeth healthy. The Prep students loved making animal shapes out of their healthy foods.

Hospitality Excursion!
The Senior Hospitality class embarked on a journey to **Roses ’N’ Things** as a part of their Coffee Shop unit of work. They learned much about serving, presenting and creating foods and beverages for coffee shops. The favourite meal of the day was the Beef Burger. Fun had by all.

Rainy Day Photos
Just a few photos from around our school to prove it really did rain this week. Judging by the excitement on the students’ faces it looks like they haven’t seen rain for a very long time. We measured 67.2 mm at 9am in town. Hopefully, our families on properties received some good rainfall too.

Below: Crocodile Creek in flood

Lyndell showing Ava how to brush her teeth correctly.

Kayde’s empty plate showed he enjoyed his healthy food.

Bianca made a snail from her food.

The new lake near the Prep building
WELCOME TO SEUSS VILLE!

HOME OF THE SPECTACULAR YEAR 2 CLASS

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because I like making Dr Seuss things.
- Jimmy Barwick

My favourite thing about this term has been Music because we look at the instruments.
- Ebbonnie Banker

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because it is fun colouring in.
- Libby Michaels

My favourite thing about this term has been Science because we have done lots of Science experiments and my favourite one is the jelly cups because they are delicious.
- Lincoln Kempson

My favourite thing about this term has been Active Afternoon Sport because it is fun to do.
- Earl Sorch

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because I made ‘Toy in Socks’ and ‘Cat in the Hat’ hats.
- Sarah Ling

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because we made ‘Fox in Socks’ and rhyming word hats.
- Ruby Cullen
My favourite thing about this term has been Science because we got to make stuff like jelly cups, lava lamps and volcanoes. - Jesse Turner

My favourite thing about this term has been making ‘Thing 1’, ‘Fox in Socks’ and ‘Cat in the Hat’ hats. - Riley Grainger

My favourite thing about this term has been the Music because I learnt to play ‘We Will Rock You’ on the drums. - Charlie Weid

My favourite thing about this term has been doing assessment because it is fun. - Danni-Elle Engege

My favourite thing about this term has been learning about Dr. Seuss. - Olivia Arriehold

My favourite thing about this term has been swimming because it is fun. - Jayden Coverey

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because we made t-shirt shops bag ‘Fox in Socks’ and Dr. Seuss things. - Tom Boorden

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because you can colour in Dr. Seuss things. - Alexander Miller

My favourite thing about this term has been Art because I love doing Dr. Seuss things. - Hannah Grunweld

My favourite thing about this term has been swimming because I get to put my head under the water and stay for a long time. - Benjamin Bettens

My favourite thing about this term has been the Dr Seuss pictures because it was the best thing ever and I liked the ‘Fox in Socks’ - Max Phillips
Disney Disco

Primary
Secondary
Year 6 Camp
North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre

On Sunday the 8th of March, fifteen year six student embarked on an environmental adventure to North Keppel Island, along with Mrs Egerton, Ms Tricia and Mr Josh. The day started dark and early, leaving Barcaldine at 5:30am. After a long bus trip and a boat ride on the Gundoo Spirit, we arrived at our destination.

With the help of the NKIEEC staff; Roger, Bill and Lee, we had the BEST CAMP EVER!!!! We participate in LOTS of hikes during the day and night, visiting Maizie Bay lookout, the wind turbine, through the mangroves and along the beach front.

We accomplished many activities by working together as a team to reach our goals. By being active learners we were able to get a large balance beam to stay level for two minutes, get our teams from one side of the spider’s web to the other, complete a ropes course, and build and sail a raft. We also made new friends with the Pacific Discovery Adventure Team and played cricket every afternoon.

We showed great leadership skills when working together to prepare and clean up at meal times, keeping our cabins clean and ensuring that all members of our class felt comfortable when participating in activities. These activities included; snorkelling, fish dissection, outrigging, steal the spoon and plankton trawling.

We were lucky to have the chance to see the CQ Rescue helicopter complete some drills and we got to see inside the vehicle and ask some questions to the team about their job. Channel 9 News where there as well and Bianca and Denzell were interviewed and we all appeared on the news.

Many of us experienced lots of ‘firsts’ – first boat ride, first snorkel, first camp fire; it was amazing to share this with each other. We would like to thank our parents for giving us this opportunity, the staff at NKIEEC for providing us with amazing activities and the staff at school that organised and made all the camp arrangements.

Year 6
This Term in English, the Prep students have been working on a unit called “Once Upon A Time.” We have been reading lots of Fairy Tales, identifying characters we like and dislike, sequencing the events in stories and making personal connections to what we read. The Prep students also were assessed on their very first oral presentation.

On Wednesday the 1st of April, we invited all the Prep parents to our classroom to watch us perform our oral presentations. As you can see by the photos, there were some very cute Fairy Tale characters in Prep.
Netball

On a hot Friday and Saturday in March, girls from St Joseph’s and Barcaldine Prep-12 State School did us proud. They had been training during after school sport for a number of weeks leading up to the Netball Development Cup and Central West (CW) Trials in Blackall. Each girl demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the court. Everyone played their best and gave their all, despite the heat. Lily Gray and Abby Mann were given the opportunity to play in Possibles and Probables during CW selections with special congratulations going to Lily, who was selected as a Shadow in the Under 12 CW Netball team.

Our shooters Ella Counsell, Hannah Dean, Caitlyn Plumb and Abby Mann all showed finesse in the goal circle, while Centre Court players, Emily Hurst, Emma Chandler, Telea Kelly and Lily Gray flew from one end to the other. Goal Defenders Mia Dickson, Phoebe Dean, Keeley Kopp and Ellie Williams leapt for the rebounds and kept the other teams from scoring. All the girls interchanged between positions and showed great team spirit in each game.

It was a pleasure to take them away and support them in representing our community. They have done us proud.

Jane Dickson
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

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 10th & Sun 12th April at 7pm
The Theory of Everything
Fri 17th & Sun 19th at 7pm
Insurgent

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

Now Showing at Jericho Drive-In
18 April 2015
Gate open 6.00 pm
Movies start 7.30 pm
Adults $15.00
Pensioners $10.00
Students $8.00
(year 1 to year 12)

Kingsman: The Secret Service (MA15+)

Penguins of Madagascar (G)
Barbeque on sale from 6.30 pm

Burger’s $6.00
Sausage on Bread $2.50
Soft Drinks $2.00
Water $2.00
Tea/Coffee/Milo $1.00
Popcorn $3.00
Chips $2.50
Chocolate’s $0.50

Next Drive-In 16 May 2015