UPCOMING EVENTS

• 23rd-27th May—Monster Book Fair
• 26th May—Under 8s Day
• 17th June—Interhouse Athletics Carnival

On Friday April 22nd, the students of Barcaldine Prep-12 State School attended a special assembly in honour of ANZAC Day. It was attended by members of the local Returned Servicemen’s League and the local churches. The school band played and students represented local servicemen and women. Many students also attended the town commemorations on Monday. Some students attended both the Dawn Service and the March. Most students marched with their fellows, or as part of the band, while several marched with other community groups they belong to, such as Scouts and Girl Guides.
It has been a very busy time over the last few weeks. So many things happening, in school and in the town. I will make my section of this newsletter as brief as possible and I will let the photos that fill this edition do all the talking but here are the list of events that have occurred in our first couple of weeks:

**Friday 22 April:** Our school ANZAC parade paid a fitting tribute to the fallen soldiers and marking the 101\textsuperscript{st} anniversary of ANZAC. Our audio-visual display and band set the scene for a very moving ceremony. Thanks to Mrs Kylie Burton, Ms Jenna Peut and our Student Council for their work in organising this ceremony.

**Monday 25 April:** ANZAC Day – we had a large turnout of staff and students for the dawn service and significant proportion of our student population marched in the ANZAC march through the town. Once again our band demonstrated its versatility and high level of ability as a marching band. Special mention at this point should also go to Liz Pumpa who performed “The Last Post” and “The Rouse” flawlessly numerous times

**Friday 29 April:** One Government Information, Service and Career’s Roadshow. Our Secondary students visited the show grounds for an Expo of Government Agencies demonstrating the career opportunities within the Queensland Government.

**Friday 29 April – Monday 02 May:** Tree of Knowledge Festival and May Day Parade. Again our band shone bright as they marched through the streets and performed at various events through the weekend. Our student council produced a fitting Best of Barcy themed float for the May Day parade and of course a large number of our staff and students were involved with the Goat Races on the Saturday evening.

**Saturday 07 May** - Barcaldine Show. Many students and classes contributed works and entries towards the show displays. There was much art work and cookery on display, as well as our prized poultry. Also a number of our students entered the poultry show judging competition. I know a great time was had by all.

**May 10 - 12** saw NAPLAN testing occurring for students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students worked well and thanks to the efficient organisation of Mrs Kim Ogden, the testing went smoothly, with a minimum of fuss.

As you can see it has been a very busy time for our town and our students. I am pleased to say, however that our core business of learning has continued with students working hard to achieve great results and their goals.
Re-configuration of Classrooms
Starting next week, 16 May, construction of the reconfiguration of the Agricultural Science room on the Secondary Campus and the Primary Students with Special Needs room will commence. This will be approximately a 12 week project which will see some significant changes to the rooms to make them more usable for all students and specialist staff. NF Corbett Pty Ltd from Brisbane have the contract for the construction, but are required and will be using a significant number of local contractors to complete the work. Hopefully this project will not only provide better facilities for our students but also provide extra work and income for many businesses in town.

Winter Uniform
The cooler weather has begun so I would like to remind all that the winter uniform consists of the standard uniform plus:

- Black track-pants or black dress pants with a bottle green fleecy lined top in winter 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. Also blue or black denim jeans and leggings are not part of the school uniform.

Til next time
In All Our Best
Grant Williams
Dear Families,

As we reach, what is effectively, the middle of the second term it is timely to remind all students and their families of the requirements for the completion of assessment.

**Assessment:**
Extensions: Are to be requested prior to an extended absence e.g. representation at sport events, medical appointments that require travel, illness/accident and the like. Not all extensions will be granted, especially in cases that relate to failure to complete the required assessment task. Extensions are to be requested in a timely manner, with at least two days’ notice. Extensions will not be issued on the day of request because a student has failed to complete a task which may have been issued three – six weeks prior to the due date.

Please be advised that only a member of Administration (Mrs Ogden, Mr Williams or Mrs Wills) can issue an Extension. It is critical (in particular, for year 11 and 12 students) that the correct process is undertaken to ensure that work is submitted on time.

If you are a parent of a Year 7 and/or 8 student, it would be appreciated if you would take the time to review the information contained in your child’s School Diary of the requirements for submission of assessment. In recent weeks, we have had a number of concerns regarding the submission of tasks; non-submission of work is not an option at this school.

Also, I would like to remind families, that Semester Assessment Planners were issued to all students from Year 7 – 12. A parent copy was mailed home. Should you require another copy of this document, please do not hesitate to make contact with me, so that I am able to forward to you another copy.

Please be advised, that Semester Two Assessment Planners will be issued within the first three weeks of the new semester.

**Year 11 Fundraising and Work Experience:**
We are coming to the end for Year 11 fundraising for the Work Experience Trip to Brisbane at the end of August. You will have been advised that the up-coming School Disco/Social (themed – Cowboys & Indians) **has been postponed**. The school community will be advised of a new date for this event; however, it may take place early in Term Three – as the school calendar is quite busy over the next few weeks, with many students absent on school curriculum camps, sport and the like.

The School Disco/Social that was held in Term One was very well supported – thank you to all who attended, nights such as this are always great fun and it is also lovely to see the students having lots of fun.
Nearly all of the Year 11 students have been placed at prospective employers and telephone contact will occur in the not too distant future – families will be given plenty of notice with regard to what will be required for workplace visits and in the new term and there will be a parent evening to advise of plans to-date and an opportunity to discuss any concerns there may be.

Due to the large number of the student cohort, four staff members will be in attendance for the Brisbane trip this year – they are: Mrs Kim Ogden, Ms Trish Walsh, Mr Mitchell Bourne and Mr Mark Campbell. Paperwork and Consent Forms will be forthcoming, so that bookings can be made.

**Athletics Carnival:**
Some students in the secondary school have already commenced participating in numerous sporting events, for example, high jump and the triple jump and they are to be congratulated for their efforts. I hope these additional points will assist them being announced as an Age Champion at our Athletics Carnival.

The 2016 Athletics Carnival will be Friday, 17 June (which is week 10) – the House Captains and Vice-House Captains will be meeting with Mr Kelly this week to start planning for the upcoming event. All families are welcome to come along on the day and share in some wonderful achievements.

As winter approaches, I would like to remind all students to ensure that they are wearing the correct winter uniform – it really is lovely to see everyone dressed appropriately for the season. In our recent sojourn to the Show Grounds for the Government Roadshow, feedback from some of the senior students spoke to me about how good our students looked in their correct uniform (especially the black shoes).

Change takes time, but the take-up in correct footwear has been wonderful and it would be great to see all of our students in the correct winter uniform .... as I say to our students, excellence is to be strived for and expected, mediocrity can be attained with very little effort.

Until next time,

Meegan Wills
Deputy Principal
This has been an extremely busy week for all Year 3, 5, 7, 9 students and teachers. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy has now been completed much to the relief of all involved. Results of the testing will be available in late September.

Well done to all involved in this process and thank you to the Errol Turner and our wonderful school leaders for preparing breakfast for the students participating in the testing.

**SEMESTER REPORTING**

Students will receive a Semester report card in the final week of Term 2. The reports will be mailed out to families. The report will encompass student ratings based on both Term One and Term Two.

Parent/Teacher interviews will undertake a similar format to last year and will be conducted early in Term 3 for all Prep-Year 12 students. Information on dates and ways to book appointments will be sent home with report cards.

**AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGIES PROGRAM**

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of using age appropriate pedagogies in the early years of schooling to support all children to be actively engaged, creative and successful learners. The Age Appropriate Pedagogies program supports schools to refocus ways of teaching and learning that respond to children’s developmental and learning capabilities.

Katrina Egerton and I attended a professional development program earlier in Term 2 in relation to this program and its implementation in Prep.

Barcaldine Prep-12 State School is one of 115 schools across the state participating in the program in 2016. The program involves us writing an Action Research plan to implement in Prep throughout 2016 and beyond. The research plan enables us to incorporate the characteristics of age appropriate pedagogies and teacher approaches within the classroom into our day to day teaching and learning to enhance the learning outcomes for our Prep students.

Regards,

Kim Ogden
Secondary Captains’ Report

Dear Families,

We hope that all of the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have done their very best for NAPLAN this week – the School Captains and some Student Council representatives have been at school early over this week to help Errol cook all of the sausages for the sausage sizzle for the students sitting the NAPLAN Test. We hope that the students have enjoyed their quick protein snack and we have all enjoyed being involved in your NAPLAN journey. We just kept reminding all of the students to do their best (that is all one asks), but most importantly, to remember it is only three test sessions out of a whole year of their schooling. Thanks must also go to Errol for cooking all of those sausages over the three days – boy, we all know why there has never been a perfume invented with a sausage aroma, but ….. that perfume would last all day!!

The Senior Science camp is on next week (subjects involved are Physics, Biology and Chemistry) and we will be departing for Rockhampton/Yeppoon on Monday morning, after the arrival of the Aramac bus and we will return home on Friday afternoon for the afternoon departure of the Aramac bus. We are really looking for to this trip; we are not sure about Mr He, Miss Horn and Mrs Currie (our bus driver) having the same sentiments, however we know from past student talk; this is always a really great excursion. The Senior Science Camp happens every two years, as the senior students are required to complete 20 hours of field studies over the course of their senior studies. We hope to share with you some great photos on our return to school.

Just a reminder to all students to strive to do their best with all their school work, whether it be actual class participation, completion of homework, completion of assessment tasks and completion of exams – we are often reminded on assembly about excellence and we all need to try and push ourselves so that we can all realise our dreams; whatever they may be.

Good luck for the rest of the Term everyone and we leave you with this thought ..

Intelligence and character; that is the value of true education (Martin Luther King Jnr)

Regards
Cloe, Tom and Bronte

Primary Captains’ Report

It is good to see that all have settled into your school routine after three hectic weeks: ANZAC Day, May Day the Barcaldine Show have all taken place in this time.

It was wonderful to see so many students attend the ANZAC Day March and march either with the school or other organisations you belong to.

Thank you to the band and all those who helped out with the float for the May Day weekend. It was a great weekend all round and it was great to see so many students participating.

The artworks at the show were very creative and it was fantastic that so many students put entries into the various sections in the pavilion. Congratulations to the students in the Poultry Club you took part in the Junior Judging competition in the Poultry section.

Well done to Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who completed their NAPLAN exams this week. We hope you all put in 100% effort over the three days.

Always remember to be responsible, respectful and safe.

Riley, Angus, Mia and Lily.
In Year 4 we have been working in groups to investigate pushing and pulling force in a number of exciting games. We have learned about contact and non-contact forces. The games were Ping-Pong Soccer, Keep It Up and Whack It Out. In each game, students had only 60 seconds to investigate and identify the different forces. Some of the games have been very difficult. Whack It Out was difficult we had to remove a paper plate so the ping-pong ball would fall into a cup of water. The Keep It Up game was very tricky; keeping two feathers floating for 60 seconds was impossible (five seconds was the record). The Earth’s pulling force was too strong for the Year 4 ‘scientists’. We discovered that non-contact pushing and pulling forces were used in the Ping-Pong Soccer game. We have also learnt how to write science reports. We had to predict the outcome of each investigation before we played each game, and then we discussed the results using scientific language. We are looking forward to creating our own games showing the forces that rule the world.

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Abbad Rahmani, Asha Lowe, Ben Dickson and Chloe Egerton (A.K.A the ABC Crew).

Ella and Hayley playing Ping-Pong Soccer.

Amy, Bayley, Ava and Declan playing Keep It Up.
Shahwar, Lockie and Leilani playing Whack It Out.

Lockie lands the ball in the cup first go.

Justin and April testing Earth’s pulling force with feathers.

Mitchell and Kendra test gravity’s effect on paper and cardboard.

Max and Austyne investigating the pulling forces of the Earth.
As the sun rose on Monday 2nd May, a Barcaldine Regional Council truck pulled into the Barcaldine State School carpark. Mrs Burton, Miss Peut and various members of the student council went to work, transforming the truck into a parade float showcasing ‘The Best of Barcy’.

The float then made its way from the school to the beginning of the parade route, where it was joined by students and the school band. Students came dressed as firemen, footballers, dancers and even farmers, just to name a few.

Soon they were off, going down Willow St, along Oak St and across the railway tracks to the showgrounds. Miss Backer and the band played loudly all the way. A fantastic time was had by all.

Thanks to those students who supported the May Day Float, your costumes and energy bought out float to life. Special thanks to our school mascot ‘Duck’ the goat.
Cakes, Muffins, Slices and Biscuits!!

Barcaldine Show Cooking 2016

This year the Home Economics and Hospitality students of the secondary school decided to challenge each other by entering their baking delights in the 2016 Barcaldine Show Society’s cooking competition. After a whole day of cooking, we were proud to present 28 plates to the Pavilion Stewards to be entered in Section 10 – Juvenile Cooking. The students showed off their talents by cooking an array of baked goods including chocolate chip muffins, raspberry coconut slice, jam drop biscuits and decorated patty cakes, just to name a few.

While all students worked well in the kitchen and showcased their culinary skills there can only be a handful of winners. Prizes on the day were awarded to:

First Prize – Pikelets – Harmony Alexander (Year 11)
First Prize – Decorated Patty Cakes – Hannah Daly (Year 11)
First Prize – Muffins – Telisha Watson (Year 8)
Second Prize – Decorated Patty Cakes – Corey Churchill (Year 12)
Second Prize – Jam Drops – Emily Rolfe (Year 12)
Second Prize – Iced Slice – Chloe Richardson (Year 8)
Third Prize – Iced Slice – Shakira Chandler (Year 8)
Third Prize – Muffins – Doris Aplin (Year 9)
Third Prize – Decorated Patty Cakes – Georgina Emmins (Year 12)

Congratulations to the above recipients of awards and prizes, and to everyone who contributed to the Juvenile Cooking section of the show. In a small community it is important for everyone to support such events when they can and the Women’s Show Auxiliary were very thankful for our contributions.

Well done to everyone.

In All Our Best,
Mrs Brooke Miller
Home Economics/ Hospitality Teacher

Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School
Year 11 Work Experience Fundraiser - Mothers’ Day Raffle
DRAWN – Friday, 06 May 2016

The Year 11 students held an Mothers’ Day raffle fundraiser for their Work Experience excursion to Brisbane in Term Three, 2016.

We would like to congratulate the PRIZE WINNERS below:

1st Prize WINNER - ELLIOT WILLS
2nd Prize WINNER – ESME TURNER

Thank-you to all those who supported our fundraiser. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

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Community Notices

POSTPONED!

Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School
School Disc
Themes: Cowboys & Indians

Please be advised, this School Disc has been postponed due to a booking at the Barcaldine Room Hall.

Students will be advised of a new date for this social event.

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At The Movies

Fri 13th & Sun 15th May, 7pm
Sat 14th May, 10am
Kung Fu Panda 3

Fri 20th April & Sun 22nd May, 7pm
Sat 21st May, 10am
The Jungle Book

Fri 27th & Sun 29th May, 7pm
Captain America

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

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UNDER 8S DAY

FANCY – DRESS MONSTER PARTY
THURSDAY 26TH MAY 9AM-11AM
BARCALDINE STATE SCHOOL

EVENTS INCLUDE:
• BALL Toss
• EYE & SPOON RACES
• PLAYDOUGH
• SNOW CONES

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Scholastic Book Fair

Mark it in your calendars!
The first book fair of this school year!

To encourage reading, the school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday the 23rd May through to Friday the 27th of May 2016 at the Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Library. We will be open from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Purchases can be made using Eftpos or cash. Lots of great value books are available!