Dear Parents,

What a busy time we have had since the last newsletter with sports trials and all the May Day festivities! Well done to the many students who participated and to the teachers and parents who supported them. I was very proud to accept many positive comments about the conduct and behaviour of our students.

Congratulations to all the students recognised at Merit Morning tea – it is always pleasing to see the students who are invited every term, and I am very pleased when I see young people who have worked hard to improve their work effort and do all their best to be invited for the first time.

Last week our curriculum coach visited and assisted us to continue to develop good feedback skills to support teachers to improve student outcomes. Mrs French also attended training in Townsville to assist us to support children with disabilities and very challenging behaviours. Mr Greyling has attended Queensland Studies Authority training for Graphics and this will help our students to reach high standards in this subject.

The Senior Schooling Advisor from Regional Office, Mrs Rae, visited and assisted us with our discussions for the application for senior school Youth Access and Transition funds for semester 2. This may be the last time this funding is available and it was important for cluster principals to determine what programs will best support at risk young people in the central west. Currently we invest heavily in the hospitality trailer and training and it is very pleasing so hear that it is very heavily booked this year.

Our Early Phase teachers have had professional development in applying PM benchmarking and the children in these grades will be assessed to determine their reading levels and needs. New staff also participated in Code of Conduct and Student Protection training and we will hold another session for other staff who are new to our school.

I have spent a lot of time on Principal selection panels and I thank the administration team for all their work while I was out of contact. We also had a final meeting of the 125th Anniversary committee to finalise the financial and merchandise situation and to review the positives and feedback on the program. Please feel welcome to ask any of the committee for feedback.

Well done to the Council, Central West Aboriginal Corporation and community for the lovely launch of Frazer Way – what a wonderful example of community working together for our young people. Well done also to the May Day organisers and congratulations to all those who participated and won prizes. Thank you to Miss Wahlin and all the students who participated on the float.

This week Mrs Ogden, Mrs Bashford and I have attended the second of 4 Explicit Instruction Professional Development days, this time in Rockhampton. We certainly learnt a lot and it is always very instructive to visit other schools and classrooms. In term 3 the presenter and other principals will be visiting Barcaldine to work with our teachers and observe them teaching in classrooms.

Mrs Stewart, Mrs Luckhurst and Mr Salmon have attended training to ensure they are qualified to manage any asbestos related issues in our school. We have also had a visit from Mrs Dickson, our Better Behaviour Better Learning Coach and from the Senior Guidance Officer, Principal Education Advisor Student Services and Principal Advisor Education Services and we appreciate the assistance they give us to plan specifically for individual students.

I have also attended the Negotiation Table and I thank the Education Working Party for their proactive support of the school, students and families. Thank you to Mrs Pumpa and Mr Gray who accompanied the students to CW Touch trials today and I hope we hear good news for them.

Mr Bourne is at sport in Cairns and thank you to Mr Girodat who has replaced him for this time. We also welcome Miss Liesegang who will be working with Mr Bourne until the end of the month.

This week we are also working on a consistent bookwork policy across our school – research is clear that organised, neat and well presented bookwork and handwriting assists student success through assisting the brain to be organised and structured in the approach to learning. As this is completed we will be communicating the expectations to students and parents.

Good luck to all who are competing in the local show and best wishes to all students participating in NAPLAN next week. Please ensure your children have plenty of rest, are at school on time and have breakfast. The P&C is providing a breakfast at school on the days of the test for the students who will be taking the test, to ensure they are all well prepared for those days. They simply ask that you donate a gold coin to support the initiative.

Best regards

R. Rayner
Dear Families

As we reach the half way mark for the term, I wish all students the best for the future planning and management for their upcoming assessment tasks. The assessment that has been submitted for the past four months and the remaining weeks will be the basis for the Semester reporting.

**MERIT MORNING TEA:**
Thank you to all of the invited guests who attended the Meritorious Morning Tea that was held last week. It was the first one held for the year and we had approximately 60 people in attendance. We had the Certificate II hospitality students assisting in the organisation, cooking, presentation and management of the whole day – my sincerest appreciation and thanks are extended to James, Emily, Joslyn, Gibbi, Elisa, Lauren and Sophie who all performed most admirably and produced wonderful food and service.

The Meritorious Morning Tea is always a wonderful opportunity to share in the positive acclaim of your child’s successes and I look forward to sharing many more experiences such as this.

**WINTER UNIFORM:**
The cooler weather has certainly hit with a vengeance. Secondary students have been reminded about what is required regarding the winter uniform. It would be appreciated if all students could ensure that the correct uniform is worn in the cooler weather – black (dark – not jeans) tracksuit pants or slacks, bottle green or black jumper (flannelette or checks are not permitted).

Your attention to this matter is appreciated; should you require further clarification of the requirements for the school uniform, please review the Student Diary (years 7 – 12).

**ABSENCES:**
In the previous issue of the School Newsletter, some snippets regarding absences from school were shared. This is a reminder that all students are required to be at school. Post-age is considered to be 17 years of age, therefore under Education Queensland legislation, students are required to be in attendance at school until they have turned 16 years of age and completed year 10 and have met one of the following conditions:

- are employed for 25 hours per week
- have attained a completed Certificate III (from TAFE or a private Registered Training Organisation) or
- are enrolled in full-time learning (such as attendance at TAFE, AACC in Longreach or other learning institutions)

Where students have a poor attendance record and are trending towards truancy, then legislation permits the Principal to initiate conditions that fall under the Truancy Act. Please ensure that you child is attending school, so that a cycle does not develop, where catching-up becomes increasingly difficult and stress becomes over-whelming.

**YEAR 11 FUNDRAISING:**
I would like to take this opportunity to share with you all, the excellent fundraising the Year 11 students are doing. With all of their efforts, fundraising will be completed sooner than we all think.

We have a commitment in that latter part of the year and this will be honoured with the Barcaldine Pony Club – but the last two months has seen fundraising at the Pony Club Gymkhana, Easter raffle, ‘manning’ the gate at the recent Rev Fest .... sincerest thanks to Mr Brony Moxham for organising this and donating the money to the year 11 students, selling drinks and chocolates at the Rev Fest, assisting at the breakfast at the recent Charity Motorcycle ride through Barcaldine and Mothers’ Day raffle. A marvellous group of students working together to reach a common goal .... I know the planned activities in Brisbane will be worth all of their hard work.

**SET PLANNING:**
The year 10 students are well-and-truly working their way through their SET Plans. They were issued with the 2016 QTAC course selection – this will be the courses on offer at Universities in 2016 (the year the current year 10 students will commence University after exiting year 12) ... yes, planning that far ahead; hard to believe really. The initial SET process starts students thinking about career pathways, strengths they have as an individual, subjects they like and dislike (assists in subject selection for year 11) and review of results pathways, strengths they have as an individual, subjects they like and dislike (assist in subject selection for year 11) and review of results to-date. Please ask your child to look at their SET Plan – they can access this on the OneSchool site and an invitation is extended to all parents to contact me if I am able to assist in the explanation of this document or assist in any discussions that you may wish to take place.

This is a very busy time in the school calendar and all students are encouraged to work to the very best of their capabilities and ability – hard work produces many wonderful benefits – many students, just need to work a fraction harder to see movement to the next standard of achievement ...as Seal says on ‘The Voice’ .... “BE GREAT!!!!”

Until next time
Meegan Wills
**Head of Department’s News**

**NAPLAN-14th, 15th, 16th May**

Next week the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be held across Australia. Below is a reminder of the program for the week. If your child will be absent for any of the testing please contact the school as soon as possible. A catch up morning will be held on Friday morning to give those students who were absent an opportunity to participate in the testing program.

Below is the testing timetable:

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All testing will be conducted from 9.00am-11.20am (approx.). Results of the testing will be available to schools and parents in late September.

**NAPLAN BREAKFAST:**

Families of students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been advised by correspondence that the P&C Committee will be providing breakfast for them over the course of the three days. Breakfast will take the form of a sausage sizzle (protein food for thinking brains), selection of fruit and some water (self-service by the students from Daddy Cools).

**Organisation Details are:**

- Breakfast for the three mornings of the NAPLAN Test (this is not compulsory and is only an offer should you wish for your child to take part in the opportunity)
- Breakfast will be served from 8.30am (time for the school buses to arrive at school). Students need to be well organised to have breakfast completed so that they are ready to commence testing at 9.00am
- Students will meet at the front of their classes and the year 9s will meet in the front of their Roll Class
- Breakfast will be delivered to the classes, with fruit platters and Daddy Cools already set up at the classrooms

P&C would appreciate a gold coin donation and this will be collected by the class teacher

Only those students who are sitting for the NAPLAN test are invited to participate in this wonderful opportunity

We very much appreciate the active role the P&C Committee takes in the students of our school and I hope this offer is well received, so that future opportunities such as this are again offered on a yearly basis.

**Early Phase Classroom Access:**

Early Phase classrooms – Years 1-3 will be open from 8.20am each morning.

Regards,

Kim Ogden
BARCaldine remembers our fallen Heroes

Residents turned out in their droves for Barcaldine’s Anzac Day Parade. The streets were lined with people trying to catch a glimpse of a massive marching contingent including a strong showing from over 200 proud and passionate Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus students. They were joined by several other local entities and marched with Barcaldine’s own returned service men and women to give the parade a real community feel.

Another highlight of the parade was a stirring rendition of the Last Post from Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus student Elizabeth. The parade followed an elegant Dawn Service which was attended by about 250 people including nearly 30 Bar-

Barcaldine Show School Art Display

All are invited to come and view the fabulous school artworks the students have created this year. Students from many year levels have worked hard to produce a variety of different art forms. A wonderful exhibit; not to be missed!!

School Leaders Off to a Great Start

With one term finished and nearly half of term two over we would like to congratulate our School leaders on the great work they have done so far. With several official duties already completed they are displaying the high leadership qualities for which they were elected. Good luck with the rest of the school year.

Barcaldine State School Prep-12 Campus School leaders for 2013:
School Captains - Lachlan and Emily
School Vice Captains - Emma and Jayden
Primary Captains - Cooper and Olivia
Primary Vice Captains - Abigail and Liz

Barcaldine State School's Biggest Morning Tea

We’re doing it again this year on the 23rd of May to raise money for the Cancer Council who undertake and fund cancer research, prevent and control cancer and provide information and support to cancer sufferers.

Following tradition, families will be asked to bring a plate to share and a gold coin donation.

There will be some fantastic raffle prizes drawn on the day so please start buying tickets to go in the draw for your chance to win! Tickets can be purchased from the school office, Primary Student Council Representatives (Clint and Sophie) or Mrs Rafter in the year 6/7 room.
Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus
125th Anniversary - Memorabilia

The following list of memorabilia is available for purchase at the Barcaldine State School P-12 Campus Office:

Coffee Mugs - $10.00
Tea Towels - $6.50
Drink Cooler - $5.00
Key Rings - $6.00

Pens - $2.50
Calico Shopping Bags - $5.00
Pencil and Ruler Set - $3.00
Bag of Souvenirs - $35.00

Book 1
A Century of School Daze - $15.00
(Book from the 100 Year Anniversary)

Book 2
Next 25 Years - $6.00

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Hi Everyone,

What a wonderful weekend everybody had at the May Day festivities! It was great to see everyone out and about having fun with their families! It was also fantastic to see the amount of students that participated in the May Day Parade in their beautiful costumes and outfits.

Today many students have travelled to Longreach for the Central West Touch Trials. We wish the participants the best of luck!

We hope everyone has another safe and fantastic weekend at the Barcaldine Annual Show! Be sure to pop into the old pavilion to see the school displays!

Guess what? It is NAPLAN time again, so just a reminder to keep quiet around the school grounds while testing is happening.

Until next time, Olivia, Cooper, Abi and Liz

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**Student of the Week**

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**Secondary School Captains Report**

**Busy, busy, busy...**

Hello Everyone,

It’s that time of the year again. We are all drowning in assessment again and feeling the pressure of our work loads. So, keep your heads down and push through with exceptional work. Here’s a little quote that relates to you:

*It is hard to convince a high school student that he/she will encounter a lot of problems more difficult than those of algebra and geometry.*

- Edgar W. Howe

The wide world is out there though, you are yet to face it. Keep your head in the game and squirm through those tough times. What you learn in school is going to help you open the big doors to the wide world, put the effort in and you will succeed.

Wow! What an exciting weekend has past. May Day Parade, goat races, horse races, street party, football and lastly the Rev Fest. This action packed weekend brought joy to the faces of many and also many prizes. Congratulations to the school that received an award from there float with many well-dressed hero’s, little and big. Also the other recipients of awards are to be congratulated.

Hope everyone enjoys the town show coming up this weekend!

Until next time,

Emily and Lochie (:
WINTON POETRY

WOW! What a mighty effort at Winton Poetry for such a small team! In the lower Primary section Jandri and Kayleigh made their debut on Tuesday 26 March. Although Jandri missed out on a prize (through no fault of his own; he didn’t know he had to say the author’s name) he so impressed the judges with his enthusiastic delivery of his poem, ending with “falling on his bottom”, that he received several books as a special prize, as well as his Very highly Commended certificate! Kayleigh also did very well, receiving a “Highly Commended” for her effort. Thanks to our Chappy, Mrs Greyling, for taking the students. The upper Primary and Secondary performances were on Wednesday 27 March. Liz gained a Very Highly Commended against some stiff competition in the Year 7 section. Unfortunately this year the program has been changed and there is no longer a Secondary Clover Nolan Award. Also, the whole Secondary competes as one group. This didn’t stop Barcy though, with Dana taking out First place overall, and Tom taking out Second place overall. Dana’s performance of a very sad poem was so poignant that the next performer had to compose herself before she could go on! (Dana has promised a happy poem for next year.) Traditionally the group awards are taken out by the large groups, but this year our little group of three (Dana, Tom and first timer Alana) came Second against much larger groups. Anyone who has seen group poetry performed would understand just how difficult this is to achieve. Well done all! Something to break the 6 hour journey was the sight of an engineless car being towed around Australia by two camels! Our thanks to Marika Bronkhorst and Mrs Pumpa for taking the older students. Perhaps next year we could swell the number of individual and group performers.

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

The Year 10 Geography students went on a field trip to the Botanical walk area south of Barcaldine on Tuesday 16 April. They left the school at 11.30 a.m. and travelled in Mrs Pumpa’s FBI surveillance van.

They conducted intensive field research in the Botanical walk and adjoining pastoral lease, mapping where the different species were found.

They will use this information coupled with research to help determine the biome health. Apart from the flies and the heat and discomfort, they had a really great time, learning that there are some things that you just can’t Google!
The Shockwave Arts Festival – Tell it, yell it! 2013, will be held in Blackall from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May. Young People from across the Central West will be performing at the Shockwave Festival both on the main stage, in the acoustic tent and the dance space. The combined Shockwave Glee Club will include singers from a number of towns joining together on stage to perform their songs. There will also be solo and duo performances from young people from across the Central West in the lead up to our headline acts that are the results of our Creative Pathways Workshops with Melinda Wells. The dance space will be inside the hall this year and it will come alive in the lead up to the disco. Workshops with Circa at Shockwave may also turn into a performance if people are keen and want to showcase their talent. There will also be a variety of fun workshops such as the “Cupcake-inator”, Leather stitching, Stop Motion Animation and many more! For more info you can friend Shockwave on Facebook, follow us on twitter or check out the Human Ventures website by googling ‘shockwave’. The Shockwave Festival – you don’t want to miss this.

For more information visit: barcaldinetheatre.blogspot.com.au or check information board at the movie theatre.

**At The Movies**

**Barcaldine Movie Theatre**

New digital screenings

Friday 10th, and Sunday 12th May at 7pm and a special screening on Sunday at 10am

The Croods (Rated PG 98min)

Thank you for your continued support.

Admission - $8.00

Under 4 years - free

For more information visit: barcaldinetheatre.blogspot.com.au

**2013 HARRY REDFORD CATTLE DRIVE EVENTS**

**Saturday 4th May** - Desert Rats Welcome Party
Desert Recreation Club - Lake Dunn
Time: 6:00pm
Dinner & bar available (charges apply)

**Thursday 9th May** - Pelican Creek Dinner
Pelican Creek
Time: 6:30pm
Please book for dinner and bus transport

**Saturday 11th May** - Aramac Street Party
Location: Aramac Main Street
Time: 3:00pm
Novelty games, DJ, bucking bull, food stall and bar

**Saturday 25th May** - Aramac Races and Quickshears
Aramac Race Course and Memorial Park
Time: First race - 1:00pm, Quickshears from 5:30pm
Food and bar available, meat raffles plus much more!

Please contact the Barcaldine Regional Council Office for dinner bookings and transport on 07 4027 8984. Dinner - $15 adults, $10 children.