MONSTER BOOK FAIR

From 23rd until 27th May, Barcaldine Prep-12 State School held a Book Fair in Lower Primary. This year the theme was ‘Monsters’.

The room was spectacularly decorated with an assortment of monster pictures and crafts. Book Fair was well supported by students, parents and staff with many books being so popular they sold out.

Thanks to Mrs Jane Wren, Ms Tricia Walsh and Mrs Joanne Mann for all the hard work and time they put in to make our Monster Book Fair so successful.
Dear Families

We are now into the business end of Term 2, with end of semester assessment well under way. It is timely to remember that it is expected that all students complete all assessment to the best of their ability in the required time-frames. Students cannot achieve great results without completing all set work. A reminder that students who do not complete their required assessment, without due reason, will not be able to progress until the assessment is complete.

Deadly Sports

On Wednesday, 18\textsuperscript{th} May Barcaldine Prep-12 State School hosted a Deadly Sports Day for students in Years 4 to 8. The day provided students with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of sports through short intense skill clinics and friendly competitions led by some of Queensland's elite sporting athletes and personalities. Our sports were Rugby League, Cricket, Basketball, Volleyball and Traditional Indigenous Games.

Class groups rotated around the 5 different sport clinics across the day, learning key drills, skills and game tactics. During meal breaks the Deadly Ambassadors shared their stories to demonstrate the valuable role sport has played in their lives, while inspiring students to strive for their dreams!

The Ambassadors who attended Barcaldine were:

Rugby League: Michael De Vere (Ex-Broncos player)

Basketball: Andre Moore (Ex-Brisbane Bullets Player)

Cricket: Nev Paulsen

Volleyball: Selena Scoble (Australian Volleyball Team at Sydney Olympics)

Traditional Indigenous Games: Brian Hegarty
Students had a great day, learnt some valuable skills and we would like to thank the Deadly Sports Ambassadors for their time and the opportunity they afforded our students on the day.

**Merit Morning Tea**

Thursday, 9th June will be our second Merit Morning Tea for the year. Students from each of the secondary year levels have been nominated by their teachers for demonstrating the school’s values of Respectful, Responsible and Safe as well as secondary students who have achieved 100% Attendance for the term. Year 11/12 Hospitality will be catering for the event. I am sure it will be a wonderful event once again. It is great that we can acknowledge the excellent work of our students.

**One Punch Can Kill**

The Mathew Stanley foundation has been given funding to take their “Walk Away Chill Out - One Punch Can Kill” campaign to all Year 12 students in Queensland.

The slogan ‘One Punch Can Kill’ is a reminder of the shocking reality that simple acts of violence can have tragic consequences. The consequences of assault do not stop at injury or death.

- Assault can steal your future and your actions could result in negative impacts on your family; your employment; overseas travel, the guilt of taking another person’s life and could possibly result in a criminal record.
- Victims of assault do not always walk away with just a bruise. Permanent disability, ongoing care by family and friends, the loss of employment or future prospects and the inability to travel overseas can all be results.

Paul Stanley, father of Matthew Stanley who was killed through a ‘One Punch’ will be in Barcaldine on 18 July presenting to our Year 12 students the “Walk Away Chill Out - One Punch Can Kill” message.

**Redevelopment of Facilities**

The redevelopment of two rooms, one in primary and one in secondary is now well underway. The redevelopment will give us two speciality facilities that will also be useable classroom space for all students if needed. The redevelopment is expected to take 12 weeks.

Finally, I will be on Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of the term. During my absence Mrs Meegan Wills will be Acting Principal.

In All Our Best

Grant Williams
Dear Families,

Up-coming Changes for Senior Syllabus and Assessment:

Last week, I was fortunate to be invited to attend a teleconference regarding the introduction of the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems.

As you may have heard over recent months, Queensland will move to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), which will necessitate changes to the current operations of senior schooling and the Overall Position (OP) system that is currently used.

Our current Year 9 students will be the first group of senior students who will be eligible for tertiary entrance, under the new scheme (2019). Schools across this state will be commencing planning for the roll-out of these new changes and draft syllabus are available for feedback from teachers.

What will be different about the new system? The new system will include:

- A model that uses both school-based assessment and common external assessment
- Processes that strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment
- A move away from the OP rank to an ATAR

There will be changes to the current assessment practices and the 100% school-based assessment, which has operated in Queensland for over 40 years, will no longer exist after the changes. What will take its place will be that subject results will be based on a student’s achievement in three school-based assessment tasks and one external assessment piece for each subject studied (these will be marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority - QCAA).

In the new system, external assessment results will contribute 25% towards a student’s result in most subjects. In mathematics and science subjects, it will generally contribute 50%.

Our current Year 10 students will be the last student cohort to undertake the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test; which is the current system that is managed by the QCAA.

Preparations that are being made for the new systems are: The QCAA is developing new senior assessment processes through:

- Redeveloping senior syllabuses reflective of a new assessment model and 21st century
- Trialling external assessments with about 20 000 students at more than 250 schools
- Trialling processes for improving the quality of comparability of school-based assessment.
There are currently 35 syllabuses in Group 1 for review by teachers across the state and others will roll out in Groups 2 and 3.

I will continue to keep the school community informed of changes as they come to hand and in the future, not before Term Three of 2017, a parent information session will be held for the community of Barcaldine.

Should you wish to further research these changes, please access QCAA via a preferred search engine and click on Changes to Senior; there is a Fact Sheet;

Revitalising senior assessment and tertiary entrance — a guide for parents and carers (PDF, 234.1 KB)

- **Athletics Carnival:**

The 2016 Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 17th June 2016 (week 10) and organisation is underway for House war cry practice and the organisation of posters for both of the houses – Leichhardt and Mitchell. I will look forward to seeing all of the wonderful costumes depicting the House themes and of course, the wonderful team/house spirit that a day such as this generates at school.

This day will be designated as a RED day for the purchase of foods from the all-day canteen and families and students will be able to purchase a variety of drinks, hot and cold foods and confectionary. Should you wish to volunteer to assist in the canteen for this great day, please do not hesitate to make contact with me to discuss arrangements.

Good luck to all of the students across the school for the remaining weeks of school; remember to give your best efforts and try to challenge yourself to rise to any occasion that is presented to you.

All the best with upcoming assessment and remember, a little every day helps to allay any stress and anxiety – but, be organised and know what is expected of you … best wishes for the remainder of Term.

Until next time,

Meegan Wills
Deputy Principal
REMINDER-REPORT CARDS
Teachers are currently working on completing end of Semester report cards. Student reports for Semester 1, 2016 will be mailed home to parents on the final day of Semester One. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week Two of Term 3, 18th -21st July for the Primary sector and on Thursday 21st July 3.30pm-7.30pm for the Secondary sector. Information on how to book interview times and availability of teachers will be sent home to parents in Week 1 of Term 3.

NAPLAN RESULTS
Student reports are due to begin arriving in schools in the last week of Term 3. As soon as all reports have been checked they will be distributed to parents.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM UPDATE
The Australian Curriculum is designed to develop successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. It is presented as a progression of learning from Foundation - Year 10 that makes clear to teachers, parents, students and others in the wider community what is to be taught, and the quality of learning expected of young people as they progress through school.

The Australian Curriculum also includes three current cross-curriculum priorities that are to be developed, where relevant, through the learning areas. These are: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Asia and Australia’s Engagement with Asia, and Sustainability. The priorities are not separate subjects in themselves; they are addressed through learning area content, where appropriate, and identified by icons. A set of organising ideas that reflect the essential knowledge, understanding and skills has been developed for each cross-curriculum priority.

In 2012, the phasing in of the Australian Curriculum began with the implementation of Mathematics, English and Science. The implementation process has continued with the introduction of Humanities (History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship) and Health and Physical Education. 2017 will see the final phase of introduction of subjects into Barcaldine Prep-12 State School with The Arts, Technologies and Languages being finalised.

I would like to share with you in coming newsletters some information on each of these subjects beginning with The Arts.
The Arts

In the Australian Curriculum, the Arts is a learning area that draws together related but distinct art forms. The Australian Curriculum: The Arts Foundation to Year 10 comprises five subjects:

- Dance
- Drama
- Media Arts
- Music
- Visual Arts

Each subject focuses on its own practices, terminology and unique ways of looking at the world.

In **Dance**, students use the body to communicate and express meaning through purposeful movement. Dance practice integrates choreography, performance, and appreciation of and responses to dance and dance making.

In **Drama**, students explore and depict real and fictional worlds through use of body language, gesture and space to make meaning as performers and audience. They create, rehearse, perform and respond to drama.

In **Media Arts**, students use communications technologies to creatively explore, make and interpret stories about people, ideas and the world around them. They engage their senses, imagination and intellect through media artworks that respond to diverse cultural, social and organisational influences on communications practices today.

In **Music**, students listen to, compose and perform music from a diverse range of styles, traditions and contexts. They create, shape and share sounds in time and space and critically analyse music. Music practice is aurally based and focuses on acquiring and using knowledge, understanding and skills about music and musicians.

In **Visual Arts**, students experience and explore the concepts of artists, artworks, world and audience. Students learn visual arts practices, including the fields of art, craft and design. Students develop practical skills and critical thinking which inform their work as artists and audience.

At Barcaldine Prep-12 State School, students will study the five Arts subjects from Prep to the end of primary school. From the first year of secondary school (Year 7 or 8) students will have the opportunity to experience one or more Arts subjects in depth. In Years 9 and 10, students will be able to specialise in one or more Arts subjects.
Hello Everybody,

We are nearly there; three weeks to go and then holidays. As most of you will know, we have had a few busy weeks here at Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School with students away on Senior Science Camp, at State Netball and Touch championships, as well as more students away next week at the AACC in Emerald for their course for Certificate II in Rural Operations.

In addition to all this, the pressure is definitely beginning to build with the onset of exams and assignments and marking to be completed by the teachers ready for semester reporting. We know how you all feel, trust us; but just a little further to go and then two weeks of HOLIDAYS. We wish you all the best during this time and feel free to ask any of us questions if you need help.

Planning for the Sports Carnival is well underway with Mr Kelly and House Captains and House Vice-Captains. It would be great to see you all there (even all of the parents and extended families) supporting the colours of your respective team. This year Leichhardt’s theme is ‘Leichhardt Land-Sharks’, as for Mitchell, their theme this year is ‘Mitchell Monsters’. Mr Kelly and the Captains and have big plans for this year’s carnival and we hope it goes off without a hitch. We look forward to seeing you all there, dressed up and ready to challenge one another and to give your best efforts.

Just remember – Leichhardt House is blue and Mitchell House is yellow – come along and support your team dressed in your house colours and matching theme.

As it is beginning to cool down, we would just like to remind you all to make sure you are wearing your proper winter school uniform. Mr Williams has been discussing it with us all for a while and it would be great to have everyone really try to come to school in the proper school uniform – we do look great when we visit other schools, because we are always the best dressed and in uniform.

News has been floating around of a second school trip to Vietnam. This week, it was posed to students who take one or more of the following subjects:
- Senior Modern History;
- Performing Arts;
- Visual Arts; and
- Home Economics
For those students interested, please see Mr Campbell, Mrs Burton or Mrs Hill. The trip is a truly fantastic learning experience for any student and it is definitely an opportunity not to be missed. This trip will be for the 2017 school year.

Congratulations to those students who received Meritorious Student of the Month (for the months of April and May). We would also like to congratulate those who received 100% Attendance for this Term. It is great to see how involved you all are in our school.

The term is nearly over everyone; hang in there...

Regards,
Cloe, Tom and Bronte
The Senior Science team have just returned from Yeppoon where they conducted a three-day field study in the mangroves. The Biology students focused on different adaptations and successional relationships between plant-life in the area, while the Chemistry students investigated the different variables that affect dissolved oxygen levels. The group also visited the Capricorn Caves, where the Physics students were amazed by the acoustics, while the Biology students got to see the dynamics of an alternative ecosystem.

Overall it was a great week, and students were able collect and analyse some quality data. Thanks to all who attended- it was a great week! Also, many thanks to Mrs Currie for driving us all on the bus.
The Year 5 class is currently working studiously on assessment items for Term Two! This term in Science we have been learning about the Solar System and Earth’s place in space. For part of their Science assessment, students have worked in small groups to create models of the Solar System with scaled distances from the sun.

Media has been the focus of ‘The Arts’ this term. Students have viewed examples of advertisements, music videos, news reports and animations. They have learnt and identified their essential features, including the skills and techniques used to make them. The students are now creating a media clip of choice for their assessment task.

In Health, the Year Fives have been learning about healthy choices, habits and preventative health strategies. For their assessment they are researching more information on this subject and reflecting on implications for their own and others’ lives.

The genre the students have been learning to write in English this term is persuasive texts. They have been exposed to and practised using the language features and structure of a persuasive text and are very excited to be ultimately writing a persuasive text for a (private) ‘class blog’ as assessment.

Everyone has been very interested in learning all about Australian Democracy and how it influences our lives. It has been very interesting learning about the voting process and how it compares to what is done at school, and what will be expected of us as school leaders next year.
This term the highlight though was definitely Deadly Sports. Everyone had a fantastic day, however I do think there was too much enjoyment using the ‘wana’ during the Indigenous sports games.
On Wednesday, 18th May Barcaldine Prep–12 State School held a Deadly Sports Day. The Year 4-8 students participated and were joined by the Year 4–6 students from St Joseph’s.

Each year level was given a native Australian animal as its team name. There were Emus, Magpies, Wallabies, Echidnas and Kookaburras in abundance.

The students learnt the skills of an assortment of sports: rugby league, basketball, cricket, volleyball and traditional Indigenous games.

It was a splendid day and students learnt not only the skills of the sports, but the importance of trying hard to attain their goals.
On Thursday 26th May Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Early Phase, in collaboration with St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School and the Barcaldine Early Childhood Centre held Under 8s Day activities. This year celebrates 60 years since the inception of Under 8s Day.

This year, in conjunction with our school Book Fair, we had a fancy-dress monster party. Children and adults alike dressed up. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed boy and girls in each age group.

Children participated in egg and spoon and three-legged races, did monster-making crafts, built puzzles, read books and completed obstacle course among other things.

Due to the warm weather on the day snow cones were available thanks to St Joseph’s. They were the highlight of the morning.

A fantastic day was had by all. Thanks to all those who helped.
Miss Backer, Miss Estell, Miss Mitchell and Mrs Bashford in their best monster attire.

Costume parade

Monster painting.

Fun with playdough.

The challenges of the obstacle course.

Making stick monsters with Miss Mitchell and Miss Estell.

Completed stick monsters.

Best Dressed Girl – Year 2
Welcome to Week 8. The last few weeks have been great with all the activities. We had a blast at the Deadly Sports. Thanks to the Deadly Ambassadors who came out and taught us some new skills. We also had Book Fair and Under 8s Day which were huge successes.

Well done to all the students who participated at the North West Touch Football Trial and those who succeed in getting picked.

The Athletics Carnival is on Friday, 17th June (Week 10) so make sure you are practising all the events and war cries.

We hope you are putting 100% effort into all of your assessment tasks and trying your hardest in all class subjects.

After School Sports this term are tennis on Mondays and netball on Thursdays. Thanks to all the students who attend. It is great to see so many people being active. Come along and try a new sport.

As usual remember to be responsible, respectful and safe and keep a smile on your face.

Mia, Lily, Riley and Angus

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Community Notices

Barcaldine Little Athletics
Sunday 5th June
8.30am

SAVE THE DATE

July 23rd
QRL Country Week Game

Souths Logan
vs
Norths Devils

RFDS Ladies Day

At The Movies

Fri 3rd & Sun 5th June, 7pm
Eddie the Eagle

Fri 10th & Sun 12th June, 7pm
Sat 11th June, 10am
Angry Birds

Fri 17th & Sun 19th June, 7pm
X-Men: Apocalypse

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