UPCOMING EVENTS

• 19th June—School Athletics Carnival
• 25th June—Semester Reports mailed home
• 26th June—Last day of Term 2
• 13th July—First day of Term 3
• 3rd-7th August—Parent/Teacher/Student meetings
• 17-19th August—Music Eisteddfod in Blackwater

UNDER 8’S DAY

P&C Meeting
• 20th July, 2015 at 3.30pm in Staff Room
Dear Families

The end of term is fast approaching and it is full steam ahead. The annual athletics carnival is on Friday 19 June; this will be a great release of energy and a fun day for both students and staff after the effort all have put into the academic pursuits.

**Report Cards and Parent Interviews**

Semester 1 report cards will be posted on the last day of term, 26 June. Following the report cards there will be Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in week four next term. This year we will again be conducting the Learning Pathway planning (LPP) interviews for the entire school. The interviews, Prep to Year 12, will be with the roll group teacher only.

These interviews will focus on how your child is progressing across all areas, what they can do to improve, what their goals are and what is the best learning path for them to achieve their goals. More information regarding this will be mailed home in the first week of next term.

**School Opinion Survey**

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

All families will receive an information sheet with logon codes with their eldest child’s report card to be able to participate in the survey. The results of the survey help the school gauge how our community see us and also helps us formulate our areas of focus for development. A link on the front page of the school’s website (towards the bottom on the right hand side) provides parents/families with easy access to the survey.

On Wednesday 17 June, Mrs Meegan Wills and I attended a dinner in Longreach, with the Director General of Education, Mr Jim Watterson. Mr Watterson was visiting the Central West on a fact finding mission on education in Outback Queensland. Mrs Wills and I were keen to let the Director General know of the great things that are happening in Barcaldine, but also the “extras” that will assist us in ensuring that our students, your children, have access to the best quality education and resources.

Finally, I know there are a number of families that will be leaving our district in the coming holidays. I would like to wish them all the best for the future. It is always sad when families move on, and I know they will be missed. I also know, however, that those leaving will hold their experiences of Barcaldine close to their heart and I hope that as a school we have served you well.

Til next time

In All Our Best

Grant Williams
MERIT MORNING TEA
Dear Families

As this is the last Newsletter for the Term, I would like to congratulate many of our students for their diligent and hard work. I am hoping that many families will be proud of their child’s achievements on receipt of the Semester One Report – which will be mailed home to you in the last week of this Term.

Where families are not happy about the Semester Report that has arrived at home, please ensure that contact is made with your child’s Teacher/s regarding how future progress can be achieved. Education at a school level is about the school and the family working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child (whist families and teachers can plan and prepare for success; ultimately it needs to be the individual student that undertakes the hard work – to achieve ultimate success). I wish all students across the school the best for a good Semester Report.

**Year 11 Work Experience Information:**

Please be advised that all of the paperwork has been issued to the Year 11 students. It would be appreciated if the green and yellow form and the Medical Details form please be returned to me for organisation and collation.

Families of Year 11 students will be advised of a date for a Parent/Carer evening that will be held in Term Three – this is an opportunity for families and students to see our accommodation, discuss the planned program and to discuss any queries that may be of concern.

Just a reminder for the students – the paperwork is returned to Mrs Wills and the $350.00 is paid to the Front Office where it will be receipted. Please see details on the information sheet which was issued to the students of the timeline for payment.

There are still some minor details to be planned (just waiting for the NRL draw to be finalised regarding playing dates and times), however the bus and accommodation have been booked.

Thank you to those students who have returned their Preference Forms. In making contact with some Employers in Brisbane, they have not accepted a Work Experience student and we have then moved onto the student’s second or third preference. All discussions have been taking place between the student and Tricia Walsh at the Front Office.

I am pleased to say, that all of the fund raising has been finalised, however the Year 11 students still have the opportunity to do some more fundraising in Term Three (the Year 10 students commence their fundraising in Term Four).

**North West – Regional Representatives:**

There have been a number of secondary school students involved with North West Sport representation and it is always lovely to showcase their success.

We have had students representing the Central West for Touch and Netball – congratulations are extended to Taylah Wheeler (Touch), Maddison Blucher (Touch), Isabella Williams (Netball), Dean Cliffe (Touch), Elisa Winter (Netball), Emily Bashford (Netball), Chelsea Walton (Netball), Jacinta Biddulph (Netball), Hayley Cridge (Netball) and Jesse Marshall (Touch).

It is never easy to combine school work, representative sport and work commitments; however for many of these students, the end results have been successful. Congratulations to you all.
Timetable and Subject Changes for Semester Two:
Please be advised that many students have requested subject changes for the new term. Subject changes for Year 9 – 11 students will be open until Friday, of Week Two of the new Term. After this date, all students are to remain in their subjects.

Year 8 students will swap their Elective Subjects; those being:
- Home Economics and Industrial Technology and Design
- Art and Music
- French will become Economics and Business

If your child did Home Economics for Semester One, then they will undertake Industrial Technology and Design in Semester Two and visa-versa. Please check with your child, that they have the correct stationary for their new subjects.

I hope that the winter break is an enjoyable time with your children and I will see you all for the commencement of the new Semester …………. go Mitchell (it could be our year!)

Regards to you and yours
Meegan Wills

Head of Department

REMINDER-REPORT CARDS
Semester One reports will be mailed at the end of the last week of Term Two.

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.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FOCUS
In recent times, Barcaldine Prep-12 State School has had a focus on improving our students Literacy skills. This has involved upskilling our teachers, and providing support in the classrooms to assist students with their Literacy skills. This will remain a focus in our school with staff continuing to implement the strategies that have been introduced with students.

As part of the school AIP (Annual Implementation Plan), we have identified that Numeracy will be our next area of improvement focus. Semester Two will see the implementation of a Numeracy Improvement Action Plan. This plan includes Professional Development for teachers, review of school programs and Parent Information Evenings.

More detail will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Until next time
Kim Ogden

North-West Regional Representatives
Absent: Emily Bashford and Hayley Cridge
Blast from the Past DISCO!!!
Secondary Captains’ Report

Term Two has definitely been jammed packed, with it now being the end of week nine and assessment time nearly over; it seems that students do not look so tired (especially the senior students).

This term, the Year 12 and 11 students have had the wonderful experience of being involved in the TIP program with the Year 8 and 7 students. Not only has this TIP program helped the Year 8 and 7 students become more comfortable and settled in the secondary school but it also helps these students to form bonds and respect for not only the older students, but other peers along the way. I am sure that the Year 12 and 11 students will continue to be mentors for all of the students as the year progresses.

This week, we have the annual Athletics Carnival on Friday, where both Leichhardt and Mitchell go head-to-head, battling it out on the track and field. Best of luck to all participants and we hope that a fantastic house spirit is displayed on the day. May the best house win.

For now heads down and do the best you can on all assessment and other tasks. Remember … you only get out, what you put in. Don’t forget our School Motto – In All Our Best; be the best student that you can be and do the very best that you can.

Have a great holiday and be sure to be safe on the roads if you are going away on holidays.

Gibby and Kate

Primary Captains’ Report

It is hard to believe that next week is the last week of term. Everyone has been extremely busy completing assessment and showing how much they have learnt this term. All the teachers have been busy writing report cards and we hope that you all get the results you deserve.

Last week, we helped out at Under 8’s Day. All the children from Kindy-Year 3 participated in lots of activities; karaoke, disco, face painting, blow painting and collage to name a few.

We are looking forward to sports carnival this week. We hope that you all participate in the events and try your hardest for your team.

Enjoy your holidays and see you next term,

Kayleigh and Olivia
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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**Community Notices**

**BARCALDINE LIMITED HOURS CARE**

**JUNE/JULY VACATION**

- Monday 29th June 2015 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
- Tuesday 30th June 2015 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
- Monday 6th July 2015 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
- Tuesday 7th July 2015 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm

Come and join us for some fun these school holidays.

All children aged 15 months to 12 years are welcome to attend.
Cost: $5.50 per hour per child
Phone Barcaldine Kindergarten on 07 4651 1614

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**At The Movies**

Fri 19th & Sun 21st June at 7pm
**Mad Max: Fury Road**
Fri 26th & Sun 28th June at 7pm
**A Royal Night Out**
Fri 3rd & Sun 5th at 7pm
**San Andreas**

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