UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12th August Eisteddford Barcaldine.
- 15-19th August Cert II in Rural Operations Emerald
- 27th August—Year 11 Work Experience in Brisbane
- 29th August—Year 10 Work Experience
- 30-31st August QCST
- 7th Sept—Winton Poetry Festival
- 9th Sept—X-Country
- 16th Sept—Barcy Olympics Day
- 16th Sept—End of Term 3

P&C Meetings

- 23rd August
P&C Meetings 3.30pm, in the Primary Staff Room
Dear Families

We are now half-way through term 3! Now is the time that assessment really starts to “ramp-up” for the students and it is important for students to manage their time appropriately and to meet all the deadlines with homework and assessment so that they have the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability.

I would also like to welcome Jolie Hannah, Guidance Officer to our school. Jolie will work Wednesday and Thursdays for this term. Further information about Jolie is contained within this newsletter.

At the start of this term we also trialled emailing home report cards. Your feedback about this process would be greatly appreciated. We would like to email Term 3 Interim Report Cards home on Thursday 15 September so that all families (who have email capability) receive reports prior to the end of term.

Fencing

Through the work of Morgan Gronold, the company Waratah, have offered to donate fencing wire to assist in fencing the school to prevent kangaroos from entering the grounds. Mr Gronold is also working to organise workers to erect the fence, which will begin by raising the height of the school fence along Myall and Boree Streets. I want to thank Morgan for his work.

NAPLAN Results

Students who completed NAPLAN this year will have their results mailed home this week. Overall our school did quite well, achieving on par with the nation. Year 3 students achieved extremely well and the improvement rates of our Year 5, 7 and 9 students well above that of the nation. This is demonstration of the good work of our students and their teachers.

NAPLAN Online Scaling

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) have selected Barcaldine Prep-12 State School to undertake a NAPLAN Online Scaling trial. Years 7 and 9 will be involved on 17th and 18th of August. This is a trial in preparation for the move to Online testing for NAPLAN. A Testing Officer from ACARA will be sent to the school to oversee this trial to ensure that schools in the Outback have the necessary infrastructure to undertake the testing and to ensure that the testing is in line with current practices. This test will not be reported upon and student’s names are not used in the trial. Please contact the school if you are a parent of a Year 7 and 9 student and wish more information.

Work Experience and Queensland Core Skills Test

Year 10 and 11 will undertake work experience in the week beginning 29 August (Week 8 of the term). Year 10 will have their work experience locally, whilst Year 11 will travel to Brisbane to undertake their experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses who support our students by allowing them into their workplaces for work experience.

Also in Week 8, on August 30 and 31 Year 12 students, looking to achieve an OP score, will sit the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST). Students have been working hard on their practice tests and I am sure will do their very best on this important test.

Til next time

In All Our Best

Grant Williams
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This week, Parent teacher interviews were held across the school. The interviews provided the opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss student progress. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend interviews this week and would like to discuss your child’s progress please make contact with the school on 46 515 333.

NAIDOC

In the first week of term, Prep-Year 6 students participated in NAIDOC activities. The activities were planned in partnership with the Central Western Aboriginal Corporation. Each year level focused on the theme Songlines: The Living Narrative of Our Nation. It was interesting to see the students engage with the staff from CWAC learning language from another culture and partaking in a story based on How the Birds Got Their Colours. Students produced very interesting art pieces that were representative of the story and were able to articulate the moral of the narrative. Thanks must go to Janeece, Bob, Wendy, Donna and Karen for giving the students of our school such a wonderful experience.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

As mentioned in the previous email, in 2017 there will be further implementation of the Australian Curriculum at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School in the areas of The Arts, Technologies and Languages. In the last newsletter, I gave information on Technologies. Below is information in relation to the Languages.

Through learning languages, students acquire:

• communication skills in the language being learnt
• an intercultural capability, and an understanding of the role of language and culture in communication
• a capability for reflection on language use and language learning.

The interrelationship of language, culture and learning provides the foundation for the Australian Curriculum: Languages.

In the languages learning area the focus is on both language and culture, as students learn to communicate meaningfully across linguistic and cultural systems, and different contexts. This process involves reflection and analysis, as students move between the new language being learnt and their own existing language(s).

The content of the Australian Curriculum: Languages is organised through two interrelated strands which realise the three aims. The two strands are:

• Communicating: using language for communicative purposes in interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning
• Understanding: analysing language and culture as a resource for interpreting and creating meaning.

The strands reflect three important aspects of language learning:

1) communication
2) analysis of aspects of language and culture
3) reflection that involve
   ⇒ reflection on the experience of communicating
   ⇒ reflection on comparative dimensions of the languages available in students’ repertoires (for example, the first language in relation to second language and self in relation to others).

At Barcaldine Prep-12 State School, the specific language taught is French. The language taught is based on teacher availability and regional directives.
NAPLAN SCALING-Year 7 and Year 9

Federal, State and Territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online from 2017, over a two-to-three year period. Comprehensive research and trialling is being conducted by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority to ensure all schools are ready to move to NAPLAN online.

Barcaldine Prep-12 State School has been informed that they will undertake mandated trialling of NAPLAN online for Year 7 and Year 9 on the 17th and 18th of August.

Year 7 and Year 9 will each complete two trial online tests that may include reading, numeracy, spelling, and grammar and punctuation questions. Students will complete the tests at school.

Parent information letters were sent home earlier this week.

NAPLAN STUDENT REPORTS 2016

How to read the report

- The front page of the student report provides some general information about the tests and an explanation of how to read the report.
- The second and third pages have diagrams that show your child’s results for each area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) on the common assessment scale. The common assessment scale has ten bands and is used to report results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. However, only the relevant six bands for each year level are shown on the student report.
- The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 per cent of students, the national average result and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories show the school average.
- The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of the skills students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.
Secondary Captains’ Report

It has been an exciting few weeks since our last report. On Wednesday the 3rd of August the year 11s joined the year 12’s in Longreach for a RACQ presentation about road safety and impaired driving. The course included a ‘live’ demonstration and a small presentation. It exposed us all to the real dangers that are present on our roads and hopefully inspired us all to become better drivers. On the Thursday the RACQ visited the primary school to inform them about bike safety.

The year 11’s hosted their last disco and have now handed the torch on to the grade 10’s. There was an amazing turn out at the disco for both Secondary and Primary students and all enjoyed themselves.

The Olympics started this week and Australia has already started to win some gold medals, hopefully our athletes competing at this year’s sunset and northwest trials for athletics will perform just as well and perform to the best of their ability’s.

Thanks

Tom Pumpa, Bronte Wills and Cloe Gribble.

Primary Captains’ Report

We had such a busy week this week with all of the events going on in the school. We are sure everyone is tired from the disco last Thursday with all the fun games and music the Year 11’s played.

We hope you learnt a lot about Road Safety when the RACQ came to talk to us. You should all now be aware of the dangers of not wearing your seatbelt and helmets and walking across the road.

We would like to wish all the best to the under 12 NW Touch Football Team who will be heading to Roma next week. The Central West Athletics Carnival is being held in Longreach next weekend and we would like to wish the students attending this event good luck also.

After School Sport is back on for Term Three, Monday is cricket and Thursday is soccer so go get involved and play some sport!

From all of us, we hope you have a great week!
On Wednesday of Week 2 our beginning instrumental students along with some more experienced tutors made their way to Longreach for a day full of music making with students from Longreach, Ilfracombe and Blackall. It was great to see our students mingling with other youngsters and learning together in a full band environment. With that full band came a full sound of students who were determined to get the four pieces right for the Concert that afternoon.

The band sounded better with each rehearsal and students even got to learn some choir songs and exercises. It was a great day and the students from Barcaldine displayed behaviour that was respectful, responsible and safe for the whole time. Congratulations on another successful Beginner Band Workshops.
Hi my name is Jolie Hannah and I would like to thank-you for your warm welcome to the area this term. Seeing as I grew up in St George, Barcaldine and Blackall already feel quite familiar. As you may already be aware, all Guidance Officers have been classroom teachers and have also had to complete studies in educational psychology and counselling. As such, prior to starting in this area I was teaching at Emerald SHS and also have a background working in Mental Health in South East QLD.

My role includes working in the school community with parents, other family members, students and school staff members. I will also be working closely with other agencies that may be involved in supporting students and their families.

I’m available for students to talk to if they are having problems either at home or at school. Sometimes it helps to talk to someone who is not a teacher or parent, with concerns including friendships, bullying, anger management, self-control, problem solving, goal setting, self-awareness and self-esteem, personal safety and protective behaviours and many more. Most of the things discussed by a student to the Guidance Officer are confidential, apart from instances when the student or someone else is in danger, which then must be disclosed as a matter of safety.

Parents, Guidance Officers are good people to talk to confidentially about any concerns you have with your child’s personal and academic learning. For personal counselling I’m able to arrange referrals to agencies that can support you and your family.

I am living in Barcaldine however work Monday, Tuesday and Friday at Blackall State School, with Wednesday and Thursday being my Barcaldine days. Please contact me via your school office.
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PJ PARTY!

Knights & Cavaliers
Term 3 has started off with a **BANG**!

We won a platter party for our class by having the highest attendance record in the primary school for Term 2. We were rewarded with a feast in our classroom which we enjoyed while we relaxed, danced and had a wonderful time.

In **SCIENCE** we have been learning about observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape. We have also been growing our very own alfalfa sprouts which have been put into a styrofoam box to grow along with other natural items such as leaves, flowers and grass and items that have been made such as unifix cubes and plastic lids. Each week we take photos and observe what changes have taken place and what has stayed the same.
Educational Programs

Last Wednesday, the Year 11/12 students travelled to Longreach to participate in an RACQ road safety program. The program aims to provide young people with strategies to make safe choices when they are the driver or passenger of a motor vehicle. As part of the program, the students viewed a docudrama depicting the scene of a road accident, complete with emergency services. They then reflected on the activities and decisions that lead to the accident. The program allowed students to reflect on their current road safety practices and provided practical advice on how to stay safe in the future.

In the Primary School, RACQ has a specially designed road mat that gives students the ability to learn correct road safety behaviours and practice crossing the road safely.
It has been an exciting few days for me recently as I attended the Home Economics Institute of Australia (HEIA) Queensland State Conference in Brisbane. I was subjected to the harsh torture of fine food, expert speakers and cooking demonstrations amongst the learnings and changes to the curriculum and assessment in both Home Economics and Hospitality.

HEIA (Q) opened the conference with Dr Helena Popovic with a presentation on Boost Your Brain. It was interesting to note that Dr Popovic believes that having a healthy mind is equally as important correlates with having a healthy body. She was able to get a 300+ HEC teachers, majority in high heels, up and running on the spot as fast as we could for 30 seconds. No one was even thinking about NOT doing it! Get moving – was another big message and while this has been told to us for years now it was interesting to hear that every 20-30 minutes we should be standing at least. Popovic believed that H.I.I.T, High Intense Interval Training, for ten minutes simulates the release of feel good endorphins which in turn would help us function better and produce better results.

My experiences were very memorable and educational both at the conference and other outings that I was able to attend. The Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students are currently learning about the differences in dining experiences ranging from Cafes to Fine Dining restaurants. The class has been looking into the different aspects, expectations and training for each of the four categories of dining including menus, atmosphere and wait staff training. We have had many discussions around Master Chef, My Kitchen Rules and Degustation.

According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia, “Degustation is a culinary term meaning a careful, appreciative tasting of various foods and focusing on the gustatory system, the senses, high culinary art and good company. Degustation is more likely to involve sampling small portions of all of a chef’s signature dishes in one sitting.”
This term the student council invite everyone to come along in their Olympic colours or as their favourite sportsperson to celebrate all things sporting. Gold coin donation please. Lots of fun Barcy Olympic games will be on offer in period 4 for all to enjoy.
## Student of the Week

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## Marthinus Wins Big at Mount Isa Eisteddfod of the Air

Our very own star Violin player, Marthinus Farrell has scooped up four major awards at the 2016 Mount Isa Eisteddfod of the Air. This Eisteddfod consists of students from all around the Central West who compete against each other in their chosen fields via skype or phone. Marthinus entered into three solo categories and received a place for each one:

**First place for the Classical section playing The Waltz.**

**Highly commended for the Baroque section playing rotesque.**

**Second place for the 20th Century category playing the Theme from Jupiter.**

With his dedication to practice and passion for playing the Violin, it is no wonder that Martinus did so well! He did such an impressive job that he was also awarded the Adjudicators Choice Award for overall best player. Congratulations on your terrific achievement, Marthinus! We are so proud of you.
Congratulations to our age champions who traveled to Alpha for the Central West Athletics Selections.

Community Notices

At The Movies

Fri 19th & Sun 21st August at 7pm
Star Trek Beyond

Sat 27th & Sun 28th August at 7pm
Jason Bourne

Fri 2nd & Sun 4th September, 7pm
Suicide Squad

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