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PENNINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well Done To:

- Rudi Hart who was 4th in his heat and 6th in the semi-final at the State Athletics.
- Jenna Bailey and Chris Sweeney for their excellent roles as MC's at the Remembrance Service held at the hospital recently. Also to Jack Reed who read two poems at the service.
- Mr Arrua for organising last Friday's Soccer Carnival.
- The secondary SRC for the Melbourne Cup Day organisation.
- Ms Austin and Mrs Allman for the Peer Support afternoon.
- Mr Middlemiss for the rugby day.



Kindergarten Orientation:

It was great to have over 12 'little visitors' to our school on the 28th. We know they enjoyed the day and we look forward to them being part of our great school next year.

Year 12 Formal:

The Year 12 is to be held on Saturday 27th November at the Bowling Club. A reminder that the formal part of the evening is alcohol free and your observance of this regulation is appreciated.

School Certificate:

The 28 students involved in the School Certificate did their exams this week.

They also participated in the Computer Skills Assessment. Following this they went through a course entitled 'All my own work' which is required before they commence senior studies.

I thank all staff for their assistance in preparing students for these tests particularly those who do the 'extra' for your children in their own time.

While speaking of tests, the Higher School Certificate is over and students were happy overall with the papers.

School Magazine:

Thanks to Jen Austin who has the magazine to the printers already. She has spent many hours getting this ready and we will let you know when it is available for purchase.

Further Academic Success:

As reported previously, Barraba Central Schools growth is very pleasing. Year 9 NAPLAN results also

show that our growth in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy is above other schools in our group. In fact Reading, Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation growth was above state growth.

Testing undertaken for the National Partnerships in Literacy and Numeracy also show we are achieving success and students and staff are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Rotary Youth Exchange:

Expressions of interest for 2012 will be called for in early 2011. This is available for students between 15 and 18 who would be interested in experiencing an overseas culture and education.

Further information is available at school or at www.rotary9650.org.au/YEP.

Dubbo School of Distance Education:

The Preschool at Dubbo School of Distance Education has been in operation for 19 years. It offers individual child centred and play based programs via distance education.

If you know of any isolated families who might benefit from this program further information is available from them on (02) 5804 7000 or email: dubbo-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

2012 Selective High Schools:

If you will have a Year 7 student in 2012 who would like to apply to attend a Selective High School (eg: James Ruse, Farrer, Hurlstone) please see me for an application form as soon as possible. The paper and on-line applications close in the next couple of weeks.

Presentation Day:

As you would be aware, the School's Presentation Day will be held on Friday 10th December. If your child received a trophy that needs to be returned to the school, could it be sent in as soon as possible. Thank you.

Primary Leadership Team Speeches:

Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speeches on Friday 19th November. The speeches will commence at 2:15pm in the assembly hall. Please feel free to come along to listen and encourage the speakers.

Year 7, 2011 Orientation Morning:

The orientation morning is planned for Friday 3rd December. Further details will be sent out shortly, but the approximate times are from 9:30am to 11:00am in the secondary department.



Gary Turner
Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

NOVEMBER	VOLUNTEER
WEEK 6	
Mon 15 th Nov	Yvonne Pegus/Cheryl Spence
Fri 19 th Nov	Narelle Fisher/Jodie Elkin
WEEK 7	
Mon 22 nd Nov	Alison Ward/Dale White
Fri 26 th Nov	Tanya Langford
WEEK 8	
Mon 29 th Nov	Yvonne Pegus/Cheryl Spence
Fri 3 rd Dec	Jan Freestone/Geraldine Clark

Good for kids
good for life

Enjoying Physical Activity

Regular physical activity is recommended as part of a healthy lifestyle for everyone. On most days, children should try to do at least 1 hour of physical activity that makes them 'huff and puff'. Encourage activities that suit the individual and make them enjoyable and safe. Follow these tips:

Get moving: encourage physical activity as part of your daily routine. Walk, ride your bike or jog to school or to see friends. Limit time spent watching TV or playing computer and video games. Take ten minutes activity breaks. Use the stairs instead of escalators or lifts.

Work up a sweat: participate in aerobic activities such as running, jogging, dancing, swimming or bike riding. Try a new team sport such as netball, soccer, hockey, basketball, cricket, tennis or football. Try to do these 2-3 times per week.

Get fit with friends and family: Being active with friends or family can be more interesting and fun. Perhaps organise an outing that involves activities like cricket, Frisbee or swimming and pack a healthy lunch.

Encourage participation in physical activity at school: participate in physical education classes, school sports, sports carnivals and after school sporting activities.

Frozen vegies are just as good as fresh!

For more tips visit www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER	11-12	Year 10 Computer Assessment
	19	Primary Leadership Speeches 2:15pm
	23	ESSA Test
	27	Year 12 Formal
DECEMBER	2	Primary Christmas Sleepover
	3	Year 7, 2011 Orientation Morning
	6	School Certificate Results Available
	10	Presentation Day
	15	HSC Results Available
	17	Staff Development Day

3-4 Superstars Searching the Sea!

This past week the superstars have been learning about the Great Barrier Reef.

We learnt about how the coral reef is formed.

Did you know that coral is made by millions of tiny creatures called polyps?

Polyps are soft animals with sack like bodies that range from one mm to several cm.

Polyps feed on very tiny plants and animals called plankton. They kill their food with their stinging tentacles and they use their tentacles to drag it into its mouth.

Inside the Polyps stomach is algae which grow inside the lining of the stomach. The Polyp secretes limestone to create an outside skeleton that protects the soft polyp's body. The alga also secretes calcium which helps the polyp to build its outside skeleton.

Check out our Polyp creature models below.

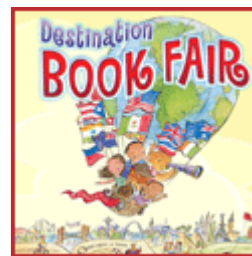
Year 3/4S



Macy and Isaac



Georgia



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the parents and staff who so generously supported our Christmas Book Fair last week. With the beautiful selection of donations as well as the extras selected from our

commission we have over \$600 worth of new books to add to our library for your children. The two book fairs we run each year raise well over \$1,400 for our school library so we certainly appreciate your ongoing support.

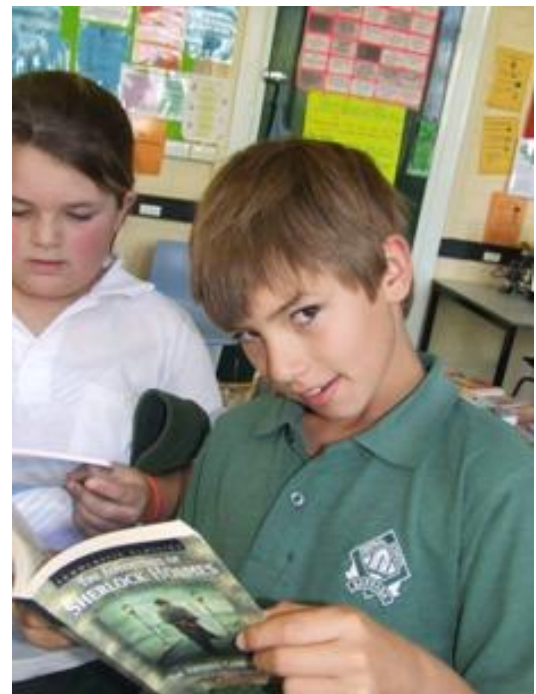
My thanks also to our Book Fair helpers - Pat Akers, Kelly Starr, Gabe Wilson and Tammy Russell.



Stephen and Dennis



Erin, Brie, Annabelle and Kattie



Ricky.... getting inspiration from Sherlock Holmes at the book fair.

Di Carter 😊



ChildFund
Australia

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd – 5/6K once again had a two day workshop with Kelly Royds & Raul Caceres from the Childfund Connect Team in Sydney.

These activities are to compliment the 5/6 library and SCIE units on global and social issues with Mrs Carter. The students received video replies to their questions from their Vietnamese village school that Kelly and Raul had visited. The students in return answered the questions of the Vietnamese students and recorded these on video.

A website has been created for the students to continue to communicate with each other across the world. There will be a link to this site and the Prime television interview on our Barraba Central School website for everyone to interact with and enjoy. A big thank you to Ms Wilkinson and Ms Russell for supervising for the two days.

Di Carter 😊

Reading Recovery

Currently Jared and Gabby from Year 1 are working every day with this very special program on their reading and writing. On Thursday, 4th Jared Frost attended a special lesson in Tamworth to support Mrs Carter in her ongoing professional development in Reading Recovery.



Happenings!



Kindergarten Assembly - K/1 enjoyed showing parents and students the new program they are working with called 'Jolly Phonics'

Pictured: Luke and Lane



Avi – off to guitar lessons, or maybe tennis...



Hayley and Chloe – also tennis pro's



Courtney and Charlotte enjoy a joke together

Saturday Cricket is up and running, but if we don't get more players, it won't continue. Saturday cricket caters for ages 5 to 16 (male and female). If you like playing cricket and would like to join in, it is not too late. Turn up at the rugby grounds at 9:00am on Saturday morning for a game – if you need a lift, contact me and it can be arranged.

Diana Wilton
6782 1491 or 0428 711 204





Cup Fever! Josh, Tyler, Rhys and Thomas



A top job done on those hats – Sam, Ryan, Liam and Brandon



Fascinating – Chloe, Hayley W, Cody and Hayley L



Olivia and Hannah



All dressed up and ready to race....5/6



The grounds were really beautiful for Cup Day
- Thanks Shiny!

Advice from the Assistant Principals' – Jennylyn King and Lin Irving

Encourage your children to develop their talking and listening skills by:

- ◆ Reading to and with your children as often as you can
- ◆ Talking to them about what you are both reading
- ◆ Encouraging your children to explain their ideas to you
- ◆ Remembering to listen and show your child that you are listening to them and not just hearing them
- ◆ Building on what your child is saying by asking them more questions that require them to give you an answer that is not just 'yes' or 'no'. Enjoy their company!

Barraba Football/Soccer Carnival

Thank you for every one who assisted on the day..... The day was most enjoyable. There was a great parent turnout and both parents and students went home with smiles;-) all over their faces.



Thanks to the teachers who worked hard getting the students to their games. Thanks also to all the volunteers at the Barraba Soccer club for giving their time to help run the event and to the local businesses who donated items. Barraba Central was very proud to host such an event. A big thanks to Bingara, Manilla, St Joseph's Barraba and Warialda schools for presenting our school with vigorous competition.



We are now looking ahead to plan for the next competition. Check the Barraba Central School website for more photo and video links.



Matt Arrua

From the Soccer Club:

From all reports this was a very positive and rewarding experience for all the students - injuries were very low - with first aid officer 'Wardy's' worst incident being that of a little person who had pulled out their tooth and dropped it - amazing what we can do in our idle time!

Cakes, slices, donuts (quick seller), cupcakes etc sold quickly with the cooler weather, along with tea and coffee - then sausages, bread, sauce and drinks were handed out to all students for lunch - which all happened just in the nick of time. The skies opened right on the end of the day, which was certainly a great way to finish off (the hooter had run out of gas!).

If your child enjoyed their experience on Friday, please don't hesitate to contact Heath White (President), as we encourage all children to get involved in sport. The 2011 soccer season will kick off at the beginning of Term 2 - which really isn't that far away. Please consider - our children love their soccer - especially playing as a team.

Oops, and finally - we just want to thank all our soccer parents for cooking/assisting and to all the parents and grandparents who attended to watch their young ones.

We had great comment about the day and how well it ran; two schools said they would like to do the same thing at their own schools.

The Barraba Soccer Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents in the Soccer Club for their assistance and support to make this day happen. A big thank you to Matt Arrua for coming on board and for all his hard work. To our referees for keeping the game going, Steve Ward for being the First Aid Officer, and to the staff and students of Barraba Central School for their part in making the day so much fun for everyone.

Heath and Dale White

Save the Date

CHRISTMAS SLEEPOVER



Week 8 – Thursday 2nd December
6:00pm for Kindergarten to Year 6

**Christmas sing-along
& stories in the garden**

**Christmas Cooking Competition
& supper for all**

8:00pm for Year 3 to Year 6

Art activities

X Factor competition

movies, games and sleepover

7:00am for Years 3-6
Shinny's Magical BBQ Breakfast

P&C News

The P&C will be holding a Christmas raffle this year. We would appreciate donations of fresh festive food like lollies, chips, biscuits, soft drink, kid's snack foods and canned goods.

We also have a small electric pizza oven and a scooter as 2nd and 3rd prizes. Donations can be left at the primary or secondary office. We look forward to your support.

P&C Committee



PEER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES – SECONDARY

Last Wednesday, the secondary students were fortunate to be participants in several peer support activities.

The boys from Years 7 to 12 participated in some footy drills, a footy game and a cricket game. The afternoon was organised with an emphasis on older students supporting and encouraging younger students, students reminding each other to behave appropriately and to have heaps of fun together.

Mr Shane Middlemiss donated his time over the afternoon to set up a circuit for the drills and also ran the footy game. Thanks to Shane for his support and encouragement. Thankyou also to Mr Chand, Mr Prinic, Mr Thomas and Mr Pankhurst for running the boys sport afternoon.

The girls from Years 7 to 12 participated in a workshop hosted by the 'Butterfly Foundation' titled 'Friends and Frenemies' which focused on resilience and being positive about yourself. Paula and Jenny talked about the importance of valuing your own self worth, and valuing others for their individuality.

The girls then participated in some super fun team building games that were quite silly and created lots and lots of laughs! Thank you so much to the mums, aunts and friends for joining the girls as role models and support for the afternoon. Thankyou also to Mrs Allman for helping run the girls peer support afternoon.

Ms Austin—Girls Advisor





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