

News from your Library

Many an activity was held throughout the week with the most popular undoubtedly being the match the teacher with their favourite book competition. It was great to see so many entries and really kept everyone guessing. A few keen readers completed the Book Week Challenge and won a book prize for their efforts. These readers are the backbone of our library and we can barely keep the books up to them. Well done Gemma, Mia, Zahlie, Angel, Hannah, Gemma, Phoebe, Macey, Paige and Lara who spent time at home designing posters, creating ways to get Rapunzel down from her tower or Jack away from the giant, scoured the library to find the answers to a scavenger hunt and participated in the parade and the guess who competition. You are amazing. *Remember, Today a Reader, Tomorrow, a Leader!*

The books were all fabulous but for me this year the best part of Book Week was the anonymous message I received offering a quantity of pre loved costumes to any students who may not have one. An extremely generous offer for which I was gobsmacked and it restored my faith in humanity. Thank you! We did not have to take up the offer as it turned out as all students looked fabulous. An enormous thank you to the parents who organised, sewed, painted and created these fabulous costumes. Students were given a book mark to acknowledge their participation on the day.

Just to be different, we held the book character parade in the hall and used a catwalk so students could parade their amazing costumes. No one fell off and there was some serious cheering going on to show the audience's appreciation for the great job which had been done in creating those fantastic costumes. Thanks again creators. To top off the parade the staff acted their rendition of "The Day the Crayons Quit", all dressed in their little crayon costumes. Quite a funny reader's theatre if I do say so myself. The best part was that everyone was involved and happily participated.

Mrs King
Teacher/librarian



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What's Happening Book Week

WEEK 8

Naplan online

Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

Tuesday 5 September

Kinder Orientation Day
9.30 - 11am

Wednesday 6 September

T20 Cricket
in Manilla

Thursday 7 September

Years 9 & 10
'Dunkirk' movie
History Excursion
Forum Cinema Tamworth

Friday 8 September

1/L Assembly at 2.30pm

WEEK 9

Year 11 Exams all week

Tuesday 12 September

NRL Gala Day in Bingara
Years 3 - 6
10am - 2pm

Wednesday 13 September

P&C Meeting
5.30pm at Primary site

Friday 15 September

Freestyle Boulder Gym
in Tamworth

WEEK 10

Friday 22 September

K/1 S Assembly 2.30pm

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



A great addition to our school has been the recent acquisition of flashing 40 zone lights for the primary school in Edward Street. This area does get a reasonable amount of traffic and so this new 40 zone is a very worthwhile addition to helping to ensure the safety of our primary and infants students. The P&C actively pursued this matter in 2016 and finally their efforts have come to fruition.

This week contains a couple of very significant events. On Tuesday Kindergarten Orientation takes centre stage. This is a very exciting and important event for those involved and I'm sure it will mark the beginning of a very successful school experience.

Also on Tuesday the secondary school is being audited in VET (Vocational Education and Training). This entails an external examination of our delivery of Primary Industries, Construction and Hospitality. I have every confidence in our success in this audit. VET is an extremely important part of the secondary curriculum, offering a diverse and relevant snapshot as well as providing students with the chance of gaining a comprehensive range of competencies in their chosen subject.

This week is a very important week - SASS Week (School Administrative Support Staff). I cannot stress enough the role that SASS play in ensuring the success of our school. We tend to think of schools in terms of students and teachers but there is so much more to the running of a successful school. The office ladies not only handle administrative tasks with surety but are the friendly faces of the school for parent, visitor and student enquiries. Not only that the ladies attend to a multitude of grazes and bruises, especially in the infants and primary - it appears these are just part of the territory that comes with growing up. The compilation of this magazine is but yet another task that is handled so well. The overseeing of our administrative and financial commitments is expertly handled by our SAM (School Administration Manager). So thank you Janene, Gabe, Vickie, Janet, Aleta and Nicky.

SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) or Teacher aides are another of our greatly valued support staff assisting as they do with the education of our students. Again thank you Sarah, Karen, Rose, Chris, Hayley, Ruth, Tammy, Chloe and Louise. Such a report as this would not be complete

without a thank you to our long standing GA (General Assistant) 'Shinny' an institution at Barraba Central School.

So as you can see a school is a detailed community all working together to ensure the best of educational and life experiences for the students.

Until next time.....

Robert Johnston
Relieving Principal



SASS Staff



Janene Randall



Gabe Wilson



Vickie Sing



Janet Smith



Aleta Bluett



Nicky Kelly

SLSO Staff



Sarah Abra



Karen Hughson



Chris Jones



Rose Clayton



Ruth Maloney



Hayley Lott



Tammy Russell



Chloe Taylor



Louise Deacon



Peter Charnock
'Shinny'

SCHOOL NEWS

Ninja Achievement Afternoon Warriors



Kaila Gillogly



Jack Ward

Platinum Level:
Consistent outstanding achievement across all areas of the curriculum at Barraba Central School.



Level 5



Thomas McGregor



Hayden White

Level 5:
Outstanding achievement across all areas of the curriculum at Barraba Central School.



Snake Tales

What I learnt of Snake Tales.

Brown snakes eat mice.
Put your rubbish in the bin because it attracts snakes.
Don't pick up snakes because they will bite you.
The Red Belly Black Snakes keep the Brown Snakes away.
The long neck turtles have eyes on top of their head.

by Sam Currell
year 1



On 22nd August Australian Reptiles Display brought a sample of snakes and other reptiles to the school. Bob Withey gave an informative and occasionally humorous talk about snakes. This included their relative poisonous level, their ability to see and hear (their sight is very poor and they can't hear) and the importance of leaving them alone as the best strategy to avoid being bitten. At the end of the talk the students were able to pat the various reptiles and many handled the olive python. The students enjoyed this experience.

Mrs Cheryl Bell
Co-ordinator

The Father's Day stall was a great success once again with everyone having an opportunity to purchase a gift for that special person in their lives. A huge thank you to the SRC for organising raffles and wrapping gifts, to all the wonderful parents for donating gifts for us to sell and to Beck Groth and Karen Derrick for their support of the SRC in running the stall.

The lucky winners of the raffle were: 1st Gavin Groth - BCF voucher, 2nd Robert Sweeney - car wash kit, 3rd Luke Jennar - pedestal fan and 4th Korbus Schmidt - chocolates. Once again thank you to all who supported the raffle and the stall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Jennylyn King
Teacher/librarian



Rugby Presentation



The rugby season was celebrated at our recent presentation evening at the Barraba Rugby Club. The event was well attended and thanks are extended to Mrs Ebzery and the hospitality class for making the delicious slices and to Mr Greenwood and his kitchen crew Josh Austin, Avi Chand and Ryan Hall for manning the grill plate. The support from family, friends, the school and the Barraba Rugby Club were acknowledged on the night.

Individual awards were handed out to:

GIRLS

Best attacking player - Jessie Lott
Best defending player - Kaitlyn Bomford
Most consistent - Abbey Thomson
Most improved - Alethea Fawcett

BOYS

Best attacking player - Max Gudshus
Best Defensive player - Hamish Nicholson
Most consistent - Mackenzie Austin

GENERAL AWARDS

Barbarian's award - Tian Northey
Club player of the year - Clay Bonnici
Player of the finals - Maddi Lott
Coaches award - Zac McDouall
Most valuable player - Katie Fisher

A big effort by all concerned. Well done to everybody.

Mr Maloney
Rugby Coach

YEAR 7 ENGLISH SURVIVAL

This term year seven are working through a new unit based around the central issue of 'survival' in which they conduct an in depth study of the novel Hatchet by Gary Paulsen. Throughout the unit the students break up the issues of survival into three main categories of Physical, Emotional and Mental survival issues and are encouraged to make the links between the fictional world and their own. The unit also has a variety of hands on tasks designed to foster student engagement and interest in the issues discussed. These have included survival skills such as rope work, bush navigational skills and mountain rescue methods. The reflection on these practical tasks is closely linked to the curriculum via various reading and writing tasks with a focus on communication organisation.

Mr James Vilimaa
English Teacher

Pictured left: Riley Hunter dressed in mountain survival gear.



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 Gymnastics



Year 7 have started a new Physical Education unit, gymnastics. They are learning about using their core muscles for stability and control for many body movements. This week they have been focusing on partner and group balances in which team work is the main objective to work together to achieve outstanding results. Mini tramp exercises have also been explored and is a group favourite including rotations and front hand springs. Many students have shown a keen interest in this unit and have challenged themselves outside their comfort zone to achieve skill goals. Well done Year 7!

Mrs Marnie Crowley

On Wednesday 23 August a number of students helped renovate the school's pizza oven. Getting their hands dirty and learning some group work skills at the same time, the students planned, mixed and rendered the existing oven. It's now weather proof and will be used to help with catering for school functions.

Mr James Vilimaa
English Teacher



Pizza Oven



SCHOOL NEWS

CATTLE FOR SHOWING

Each year the region holds a show for all schools to attend. It is to get the students used to showing cattle before they enter a local or state show. The cattle are from Mr and Mrs White's property and will be raised on the school farm until November when they go to the show. It is a Hoof and Hook competition so the steers will be sent away after the show. Stage 5 Ag and Year 8 DAT Ag will be the main trainers of the cattle but any year student from both the primary and secondary may help and go to the show. The school is most thankful to Mrs White for the breaking of the steers and their basic training.

Ken Thomas
Agriculture Teacher



pictured above: Hayden White with 'Nugget', and Luke White with 'White Face'.

ZONE ATHLETICS

What a beautiful day of sunshine we had for the Tamworth Zone athletics carnival. Our team of athletes consisted of Hope Dawson, Andrea Riley, Dustin Hiscock, Max Currell, Will Russell, Jai Howarth, Gemma White, Jack Thomson, Jack Myers, Gemma Kerney, Brock Phillips, Kiah Newell and Katie Wood. For some athletes it was their first representative duty but for others, a well worn path.

We had a great start to the day with a win in the March Past. Unfortunately the trophy has gone missing so we came home without it but will chase it up. Most competitors beat their personal best performances with some placing in their heats and Gemma White came 2nd in the Jnr shot and was selected to go to the regional carnival.

Thanks to the students for attending training sessions and to the parents and grandparents who came along to support us on the day. Gemma White placed 4th in the Jr Shotput at the Regional Carnival.

Mrs King



Athletics



NORTH WEST SECONDARY ATHLETICS

Matt Thompson in action in the long jump at the recent North West Secondary Athletics Carnival. All students in the secondary gave a good account of themselves on the day and are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour.

Mr Jarrod Greenwood
Sports Co-ordinator

