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Term 4 Week 2

October 2018



Calendar

October

Kinder Early Starters
Fridays from week 1
to week 8

Tuesday 30 October

Year 11 Leadership Speeches
11.30am secondary campus - all
welcome

November

Friday 30 November to Friday 14 December

Primary Intensive Swimming

December

Tuesday 11 December

Presentation Day

Books4Outback is a non-profit group of volunteers who personally deliver donated books to schools, pre-schools and libraries in outback NSW towns.

They are a Newcastle based group of volunteers who receive and sort books that have been donated by kind people. They then load the boxes of books into their vehicles and take them out to present them to kids in isolated Outback Schools and Communities. Some of the people out there have never even owned a book so it can be a very heart-warming experience to witness the genuine appreciation on the faces of some of these hard up Australians, particularly the Indigenous kids.

Ross Lane and Rodger Parkes visited Barraba Central School in Term 3 with a very generous donations of books for our classrooms and library. A big thank you to Ross, Rodger and everyone at Books4Outback for their generous donation.

Pictured above back row L-R: Ross Lane and Rodger Parkes. Middle row L-R: Jack Coombes, Hannah Walker and Paige Phillips. Front row: Brody Todd, Jasmine Coombes and Thomas Gadd.

Across the DESK

from the Deputy

Mr Sullivan is on long service leave for several weeks and in his absence I'll be only too happy to do this column and hopefully keep you informed.

Firstly on behalf of the school and the school community I'd like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for their upcoming Higher School Certificate. So go get them Matt Thompson, Amy Sawyer, Zac McDouall, Ben Drew, Victoria Abra and Janie Patton.

A big thank you to our leadership team - Matt Thompson, Amy Saywer and Zac McDouall - the job you did is really appreciated.

Year 6-7 Transition will take place this term. The program will take place on the following Fridays:

- Friday 30 November
- Friday 7 December
- Friday 14 December

Each Friday the students will have a full day in the secondary with part of the activites including sport, which is held at the secondary from 1-3pm every Friday afternoon. For those coming up to the secondary from St Joseph's and our primary, we look forward to your participation in our Transition Program.

CAPTAINS will be elected during this term. Secondary Year 11's will be making their speeches next Tuesday 30 October before the rest of the secondary students at 11.30am. With our Year 12 heavily involved with the Higher School Certificate it is necessary that our new captains and leadership team be elected and operative as soon as possible.

Year 5 speeches will be held in week 6 and the primary captains will be announced on our Annual Presentation Day in week 9 Tuesday 11 Decmber 2018.

I read an interesting article during the holidays of a study that showed young Australians born in the age of Facebook have lost the ability to read the emotions on people's faces, leading to a lack of friendships and a decline in their mental health. The findings were presented at the Australian Psychological Congress and it was felt that the device demographic (those under 21) had not known a world without social media and as a result this has had a negative effect.

Reduced face-to-face contact is a contributor to Australians feeling inadequate about their social skills and they become afraid to be detached from their screens.

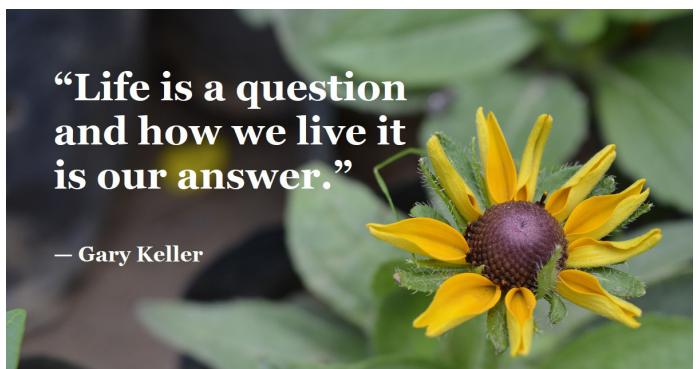
The study found loneliness was found to be the main reason all age groups spent long periods of time on Facebook.

I guess now is the time to cultivate personal face-to-face friendships and not rely on a large, at times mythical, 'friendships' group cultivated in the world of devices.

Another survey of 20,000 students in Britain found that 1 in 5 students - some as young as 11 - are creating social media accounts that are keeping secrets from adults. The survey also found that there is a rapid growth in 'fake Insta' accounts - a reference to photo sharing site Instagram.

When Britain or USA sneezes we catch cold, so doubtless this applies also to Australia and as a result we should be aware of possible implications for us.

Thought for the Day....



Until next time.....

Robert Johnston
Relieving Principal

Platinum Level

Congratulations Platinum Level students Ali Coombes, Samantha Tonkin-Rose and Lilly Groth.



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

Level 5

Congratulations Level 5 student Curtis Rixon.



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

Level 4

Congratulations Level 4 students Rory Chapman and Michael Russell.

Level 4: Consistently working hard; having pride in the school and following the School Rules.

The P&C Committee would like to thank the ladies who helped with catering for the Ladies Golf Day held on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October 2018.

It was a very successful weekend and the committee appreciate all your help.

Beck Groth
P&C President

Thank you



A Crunch&Sip School

Year 8 Food Production

Year 8 were pleasantly surprised to see how well their vegetable growing and aquaponic projects were looking after the warmer weather and welcome rain over the holidays. We are even picking peas at the moment with broad beans, lettuce, rocket and potatoes to follow shortly. The cucumbers, beetroot, zucchinis and tomatoes are starting to happen and we will shortly drain one of the fish tanks and harvest fish. So a busy term ahead for Year 8.

Mr Maloney
Aquaponics Teacher



Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 29 October** and **Friday 9 November 2018**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science and technology.

Since students complete *VALID Science & Technology 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2019. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Donovan

Executive Director, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation
Department of Education

From 2019 students, schools and operators will be directed to digital versions of brochures. These are available online through the links provided below.

- Rural and regional school travel:
https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/assets/documents/OPAL022_2-Rural%20and%20Regional-Digital-WCAG.pdf

The school student transport site for forms and information regarding the scheme can be found at
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FOR YOUR FRIDGE

Primary Canteen Volunteer Roster Term 4, 2018

Week 2	Monday 22 October DALE WHITE	Friday 26 October HELEN RIXON & KAREN DERRICK
Week 3	Monday 29 October SUE PEREK	Friday 2 November TO BE ADVERTISED
Week 4	Monday 5 November KELLY PHILLIPS	Friday 9 November JACQUI CROWLEY
Week 5	Monday 12 November MEAGHAN COGHLAN	Friday 16 November BEC RUSSELL
Week 6	Monday 19 November TRACEY FITZGERALD	Friday 23 November MEAGHAN COGHLAN & ALLISON GADD
Week 7	Monday 26 November SUE PEREK	Friday 30 November HELEN RIXON & KAREN DERRICK
Week 8	Monday 3 December KELLY PHILLIPS	Friday 7 December JACQUI CROWLEY
Week 9	Monday 10 December NICKIE CABOT	Friday 14 December BEC RUSSELL
Week 10	Monday 17 December DALE WHITE	NO SCHOOL

THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY MEAL DEAL

Helpers Needed If you would like to help out in the primary canteen please contact the Canteen Manager

Jacinta Corin 0431986813

Achievement Rewards Day



HALLOWEEN DISCO



Primary Students' Halloween Disco

Grab a costume and come along.....If you dare!



Friday 2nd November 5:30 to 7pm



Barraba Central School High School Hall (West Street)



\$2 entry



Canteen will be operating with a \$5 Hot Dog & Drink Meal Deal as well as other Halloween goodies, chips and drinks available.

Guessing competition at the door.

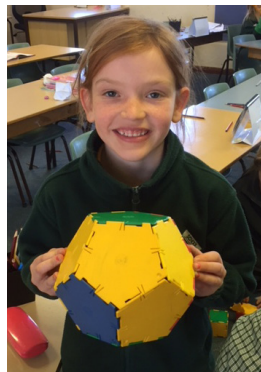
Helpers Wanted! Please contact Helen Rixon 0412 843 644

**LEARN
3D
SHAPES**



During our time learning about the attributes of 3 dimensional shapes we had some time to 'play'. These are the shapes that some of the students were able to make. If our supply was endless they would still be making shapes today!

Mrs Ormiston
2/3 Teacher



Reminder for all Primary students

Students will need to wear shorts/skorts and joggers for all PE lessons (every Tuesday) as they will be doing Gymnastics. Students will also need to bring their water bottles.

Marnie Crowley
PE Teacher



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