

TERM 4 WEEK 6 | NOVEMBER 2021



# BARRABULLETIN

Updates from Barraba Central School

# RAINFALL

# SCIENCE

*with Mr Sweatman*

# Across the Desk

from the Relieving Principal  
Kirsty Ebzery



Year 12 HSC Exams commenced this week on Tuesday 9 November. With English being the first exam. Our 6 HSC students were eager to complete their first exam although some were a little nervous. Jack consumed 2 cans of 'mother' stating he needed it as an energy boost. From all the staff; we ask you to continue to believe in yourself, take on your challenges, dig deep within yourself to conquer fears, as self-belief and hard work will always earn you success. We know you have prepared well despite the obstacles, and we wish you all the best with your exams over the next 4 weeks. Remember if you don't sacrifice for what you want - what you want becomes the sacrifice. Stay committed, stay focused and please continue to seek support and assistance from secondary staff during the examination period.



## Year 12 2021

Year's 3-9 students participated in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment last week. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning. The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

In week 7 students from years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be completing the school readiness test (SRT) in preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2022. SRT is an opportunity for schools to set up and run simulated tests to become familiar with the online assessment platform and reflect on areas that may need to be addressed ahead of moving online. SRT is not an assessment of student ability. Student test attempts will not be marked, and results will not be available. If you have any questions about SRT, please contact your Mrs Middlemiss for primary students and Mrs Bell for Secondary students.

## Continued

Early starters transition Program has commenced on Friday 29 October 2021 and will run every Friday till week 9 – 3 November from 9am to 2:50pm. The aim of the program is to help children adjust to new surroundings and to become familiar with big school routines. New Kindergarten students will receive a complimentary school shirt and hat at time of enrolment at BCS.

Year 6 to 7 transition has allowed students the opportunity to attend an afternoon session every Wednesday from week 4-8. Students attend a one-hour session each week from 2pm-3pm, experiencing different taster lessons in a variety of subject areas with secondary teachers. Year 6 will join Secondary students for sport each Friday afternoon, starting from week 7. If you would like to further discuss your child's transition to high school, please contact the school.

Peter Whitten (Rusted Tin - Contemporary Aboriginal Artist) and Owen Craigie (Ex NRL Player, Grand Final winner from Newcastle Knights) visited BCS on Friday 5 November 2021 to meet with secondary students to discuss a plan for the mural on the secondary and primary sites. The morning was spent delivering a talk about mental health, wellbeing, health, fitness, Aboriginal culture and playing the didgeridoo. Secondary students celebrated the event with a BBQ lunch. This was a wonderful opportunity for all students to be immersed in aboriginal culture, art, and education. Indigenous murals are wonderful ways to visibly celebrate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) culture in our school. Having a mural in our school provides an opportunity for students to be exposed on a daily basis to ATSI art styles; it can also be a great platform on which to introduce our students to both past and contemporary indigenous art. In a broader sense, it can help create a learning environment which champions cultural pride, it can help to deepen awareness and appreciation of indigenous culture. Peter and Owen will return to BCS on Thursday and Friday of week 6 to work with students to start the mural and participate in fitness workshops.

The Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be held on Friday 10 December 2021, at the Playhouse in Barraba. Invitations will be sent via post and email, once all the organisation has been completed, this will likely be completed by week 7.

'Struggles are necessary. They are nature's way of allowing you to expand, develop, progress, and become stronger. The one thing nature will not tolerate is idleness! If you don't like the circumstances of your life change them!.' – a quote by Napoleon Hill Foundation.

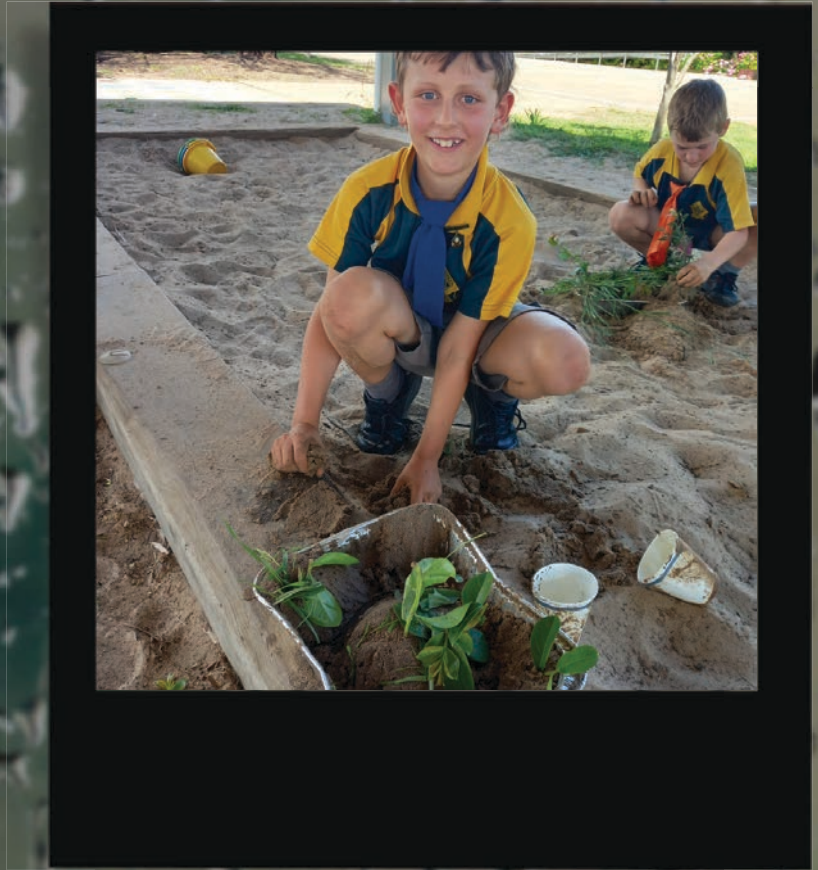
Kirsty Ebzery  
Relieving Principal

# Year 1/2 Science

For their Science lesson in Week 5, Year 1/2 observed how water moves through a landscape, running off and pooling to form natural features. They created their own landscape and used paper cups perforated in the base to model 'rainfall'.

Mr Sweatman



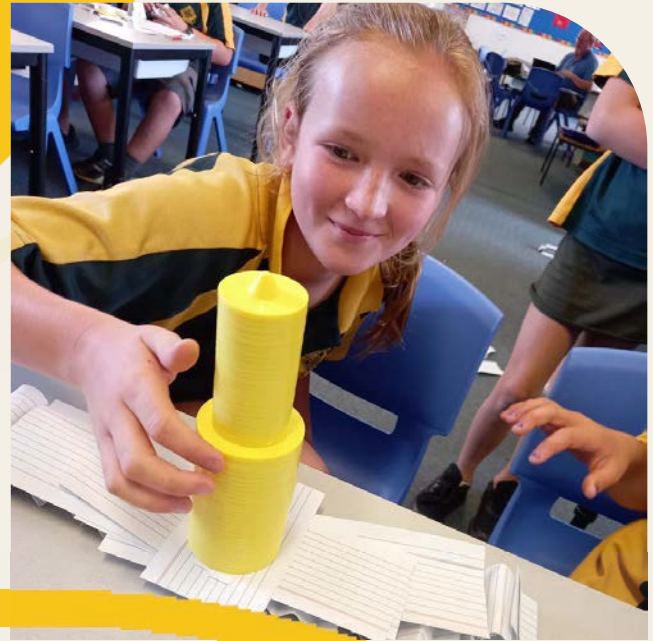
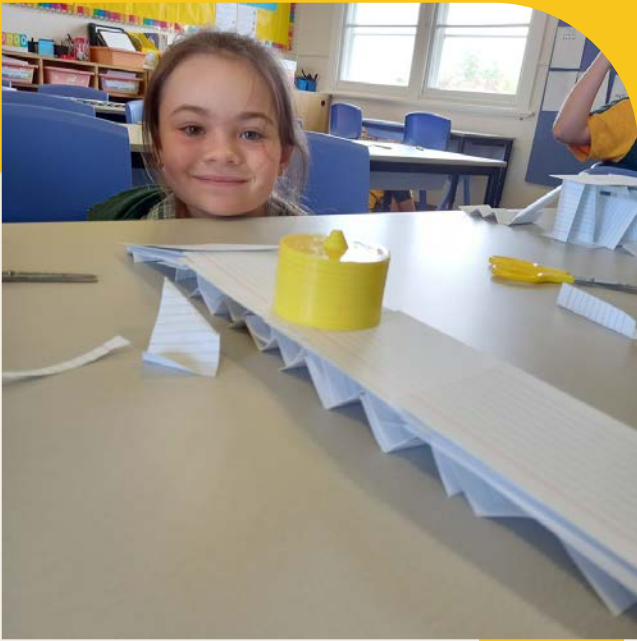


Year 1/2 Science

Rainfall



# Year 3 STEM CHALLENGE



In the Year 3 STEM lesson, students were given an open-ended challenge to make weight bearing bridge or structure using a maximum of 25 index cards and scissors in 25 minutes. They quickly discovered some strong shapes that lead them to success. But what a variety!!

Mr Sweatman

# theBigOC foundation

Mental  
Health  
Awareness  
is  
Everyone's  
Business



Pictured L-R: Owen Craigie (Former NRL Player), Will Stead, Finn Allan, Kirtsty Ebzery (Relieving Principal), Hope Dawson and Peter Witten (Aboriginal Artist).











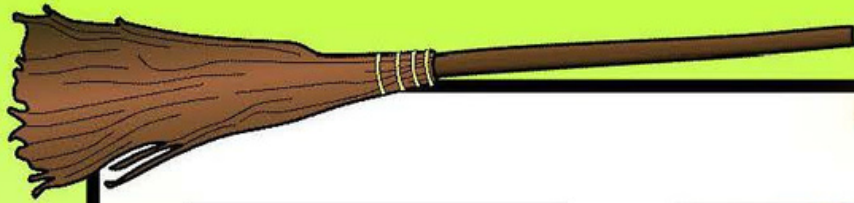
# THE CIRCUS

Early Starters Week 5  
Mrs Sweeney's clever  
little clowns!



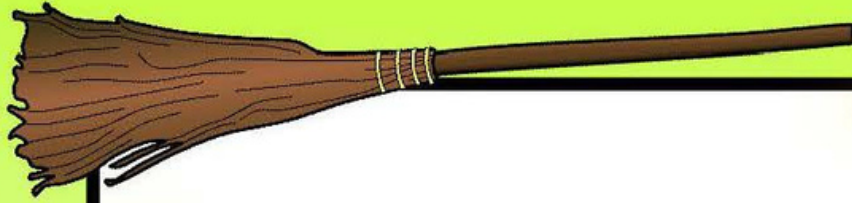
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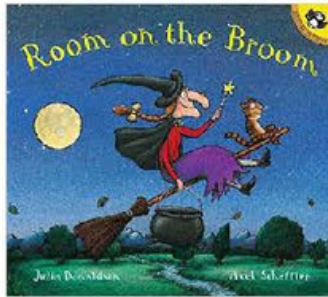


K/1 have been exploring rhyme and procedural writing using the text Wombat Stew. Students thoroughly enjoyed making wombat stew substituting a few ingredients like chocolate for big blobs of billabong mud, sour worms and smarties for bugs and slugs, hundreds, and thousands for colourful emu feathers etc...





## K/1S Exploring Rhyme with ROOM ON THE BROOM



Students loved listening to the witch on the broom and composing some magic spells that rhyme.

They also enjoyed making bubbling cauldrons for their rhyming spells.

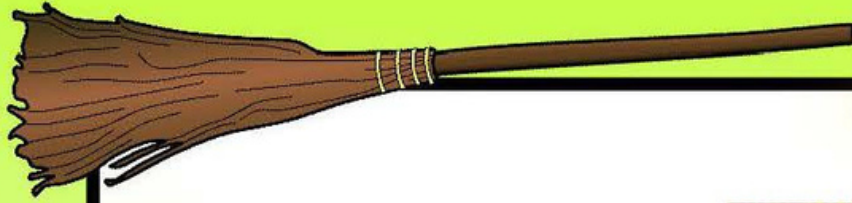
Whirling and twirling, Put your wand in a box. Say this magic spell, To turn into a...

Whirling and twirling,  
And a tap of my hat. Say this magic spell,  
To turn into a...

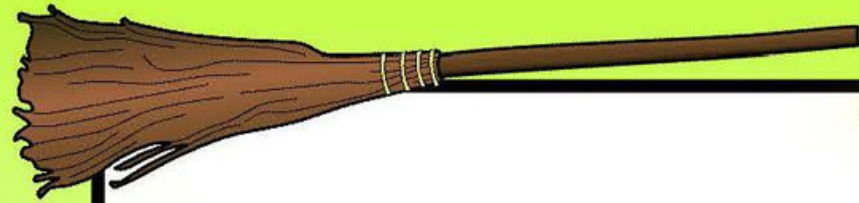
Whirling and twirling,

Like you're mixing a cake. Say this magic spell, To turn into a...









# K/1S Haunted House Art Lesson



# Week 5 Class Barra Awards

Year 3  
Grace Hierzer  
Laura Russell  
Travis Hiscock

Year 4/5  
Samuel Crowley  
Caydence Brighton  
Phoebe Wallace

Kinder/Year 1  
Xavier Kalemusic  
Edward Brewer  
Sophie Mawson

Year 1/2  
Charlie Denyer  
Grace Phillips  
Xzavier Marsh  
Noah Lowe

Year 5/6  
Jasmine Coombes  
Macey Cabot  
Leah Kelly  
Joe Riley  
Eleanor Ross  
Riley Phillips



# U14'S REGIONAL RUGBY

*Written by Mr Davis*

The 2021 Rugby season has officially come to an end, following our presentation evening on Monday 1st November 2021. Thank you to everyone who attended to help make it a special event for the players and acknowledge their hard work and dedication to the team this season.

It has been a privilege for myself, Mr Maloney and Mr Melville to coach the boys and watch them come together as team unit and play with grit and heart against some strong competition. This season helped lay a strong foundation for future years, as well as building a club culture aligned with the Barraba Rams.

On the night the following players received awards. Best forwards went to Jack Coombes and Brock Phillips for their strong ball carrying and work at the set piece. The award for the Best Back was presented to Dustin Hiscock for his effective running lines and ball chasing in attack. The Sportsmanship award was picked up by Logan Northey for all around integrity and club spirit on and off the field. The Coaches' Award, whilst being a tough decision, was presented to Jack Myers for consistently strong performances in all games and in particular his fearlessness in contact. Michael Walker, who has made some enormous contributions with his tackling and ball carrying, received the Player's Player award as voted by his teammates.

A big thank you must go to some special people for helping our season run. Firstly, Jenny and Shayne Middlemiss for their hard work and organisation this season. Thanks also to our volunteer parent bus drivers Troy Thomson, Matt Walker and Fermin Allan for sacrificing time to help out with the away trips. Thanks to Kym Uhr for running the canteen and to Simon Koopman for helping out and supporting the boys. Lastly thank you to all parents for making sure the boys could get to training and for your support. It was fantastic to see staff from Barraba Central School cheering from the sidelines. Ben Freeman's coaching has been enormously valuable, from scrum and lineout sessions to simply an extra man holding a pad, his contribution has been immeasurable.

Well done to each and every one of the players for wearing the Barraba Rams jersey with pride and leaving a legacy with this year's team. Congratulations on a strong season and we look forward to building on this next year.

Mr Davis

RUGBY



*Mrs Sweeney's Early Starters 2021  
Arrgh! Me little treasures!*







A LITTLE TWISTED BARRABA

# KIDS CRAFT CLASSES

**10** SUNCATCHER  
ORNAMENTS  
NOV  
PAINT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS SUNCATCHERS  
3:15 - 5PM

**17** CHRISTMAS  
CRACKERS  
NOV  
MAKE 8 CHRISTMAS CRACKERS  
\*Feel free to send your own  
small gifts for inside  
3:15 - 5PM

**24** CHRISTMAS  
CARDS  
NOV  
CREATE A MINIMUM OF 5  
CHRISTMAS CARDS  
3:15 - 5PM

**01** DIAMOND ART  
ORNAMENTS  
DEC  
CREATE 5 SPARKLE GEM ART ORNAMENTS  
3:15 - 5PM

**08** CUPCAKE  
DECORATING  
DEC  
DECORATE AND TAKE HOME 4 CHRISTMAS  
THEMED CUPCAKES  
▶ 3:15 - 5PM

Designed for ages 8 and up  
All supplies included  
Classes may get messy  
Additional kits avail for purchase  
Adult classes coming soon!

Bookings highly recommended

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# Calendar Week 7



15 November

- Secondary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)
- Primary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)



16 November

- School Councillor on site



17 November

- Opportunity Hub
- Centacare
- Secondary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)



18 November



19 November

- Primary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)
- Kindergarten Transition

Year 12 Exams

# Calendar Week 8



22 November

- Secondary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)
- Primary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)



23 November

- School Councillor on site



24 November

- Opportunity Hub
- Centacare
- Secondary PBL Assembly
- Primary Intensive Swimming
- Secondary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)



25 November

- Primary Intensive Swimming



26 November

- Primary Canteen  
[Full Menu](#)
- Kindergarten Transition
- Primary Intensive Swimming

Year 12 Exams

# Calendar Week 9



29 November

- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Canteen  
Full Menu



30 November

- School Councillor on site



1 December

- Opportunity Hub
- Centacare
- Primary PBL Assembly
- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Intensive Swimming



2 December

- Primary Intensive Swimming



3 December

- Primary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Year 12 Exams finish
- Kindergarten Transition
- Primary Intensive Swimming

Year 12 Exams

# Calendar Week 10



6 December

- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Canteen  
Full Menu



7 December

- School Councillor on site
- Primary Intensive Swimming



8 December

- Opportunity Hub
- Centacare
- Secondary PBL Assembly
- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Intensive Swimming



9 December

- Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- Primary Intensive Swimming



10 December

- Primary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Intensive Swimming
- Year 12 Farewell Dinner
- Year 6 Fun Day





## Calendar Week 11



### 13 December

- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu
- Primary Canteen  
Full Menu

### 14 December

- School Councillor on site
- K-6 Slim Fun Day

### 15 December

- Opportunity Hub
- Centacare
- Primary PBL Assembly
- Secondary Canteen  
Full Menu

### 16 December

*Students last day*

### 17 December

- Staff Development Day

Christmas Holidays

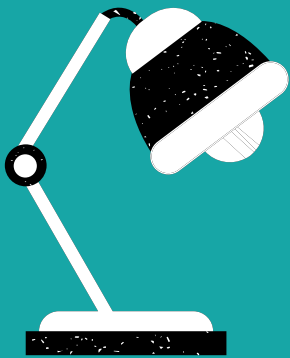
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