

# BARRABULLETIN

TERM 1 WEEK 9 | MARCH 2024

Updates from Barraba Central School



# Across the Desk

from the Principal  
Patrick Sullivan



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe it? Easter has just passed us by and with only 8 days left of Term 1, the school year is flying by. As we approach the end of term, I want to reflect on some recent highlights and upcoming events at Barraba Central School.

Our dedicated staff recently participated in their second professional learning session on restorative practice. On Tuesday night they delved into how a restorative model works within a school setting. It was an engaging evening with activities such as affective statements, check-in circles, and even some emotional tennis games. This journey towards a restorative culture, focused on empathy and personal responsibility, will unfold over the next three years. As we progress, there will be information sessions for parents and you'll start to see changes in our school culture.

I want to remind everyone about the upcoming information evening for the New Zealand trip, scheduled for Wednesday 3 April at 6pm. It is crucial for all participants to attend and receive the latest updates, including discussions on fundraising efforts. Your involvement is vital in ensuring the success of this exciting venture.

A heartfelt thank you to the SRC's from both campuses for raising \$673 for the Ruby May Wish Day. This is a small contribution to a significant day in our community.

In infrastructure news, the hall renovations are nearing completion, with the hall expected to be ready for use this week. Work on D-block will commence on Friday 3 May and is anticipated to take four weeks. Following this renovation will begin on E-block, with all roofing projects scheduled for completion by the end of next term. I extend my gratitude to both staff and students for their patience during the disruption caused by these renovations. The school's refreshed appearance is a testament to the value of these upgrades.

As we approach the end of term, I want to extend my best wishes to all Year 11 and 12 students as they prepare for their Preliminary Exams in Week 11. This is a critical time in their academic journey, and I have every confidence in their abilities. May they excel in their exams and enjoy a well-deserved break over the holidays.



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A special thank you to Rugby New South Wales for sending Development Officers to work with our students from both Primary and Secondary campuses. The kids had a blast learning new skills and improving their techniques, including tackling.

On Thursday Luna and I eagerly anticipated the Easter Hat Parade despite our lack of interest in chocolate. We've witnessed some incredible creations taking shape in the classrooms and were very excited to see them in all their glory.

In closing, I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Warm regards,

*Patrick Sullivan*  
Principal





# PRIMARY PBL ASSEMBLY



K/1



2/3



4/5



5/6



# RUBY MAE DAY

## DAY

ON MONDAY 18 MARCH OUR STUDENTS DRESSED UP IN PURPLE AND ENJOYED A DAY FULL OF BALLOONS, FACE PAINT AND ALL THINGS PURPLE TO HELP CELEBRATE RUBY MAE DAY. OVER BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CAMPUSES A TOTAL OF \$673 WAS RAISED AND DONATED TO THE RUBY MAE WISH FOUNDATION.











# What are you reading?

**THIS WEEK MRS KING FILLS US IN ON WHAT SHE IS READING!**



**WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE BOOK YOU ARE READING NOW? - THE STABLEBOY OF AUSCHWITZ**

**WHAT IS IT ABOUT? - THE EXPERIENCES OF A YOUNG MAN, TURNED STABLE BOY FOR THE THIRD REICH, TANGLED UP IN WORLD WAR 2 ATROCITIES OF HITLER**

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE GENRE TO READ? - HISTORICAL FICTION**

**IF YOU COULD PICK ONE BOOK TO READ AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHAT WOULD IT BE? - THE DRAGON KEEPER BY CAROL WILKINSON**

**HOW MANY BOOKS HAVE YOU READ THIS YEAR SO FAR? - ABOUT 7**

**WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT READING? - IT TRANSPORTS YOU TO OTHER PLACES, BE IT NON- FICTION OR FICTION. YOU CAN LEARN SO MUCH OR LAUGH AND CRY.**





# HARMONY day

21 March 2024

THIS YEAR OUR STUDENTS CELEBRATED HARMONY DAY BY COOKING AND TASTING SOME DELICIOUS FOOD FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES WHICH THEY HAVE LEARNT ABOUT IN LIBRARY LESSONS.





# UPDATES FROM BCS



## ZONE TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Friday 22 March, six of our Primary students travelled to Tamworth to trial in the Zone touch football trials. The students had a great day, with Xavier, Mylee and Holli being named in the possible and probables side. Congratulations to Holli who was then selected in the Tamworth Zone team. Well done to all of you for your great effort.



## BIG VEGIE CRUNCH

The Primary students took part in The Big Vegie Crunch on Friday 22 March. Students got to taste a variety of fresh and cooked vegetables in sip and crunch as well as recess. Thanks to Ali for preparing such delicious, fresh



## EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Easter raffle, Hayden and Laylah who were announced at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28 March. Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets for the raffle. The next newsletter will contain more Easter Hat Parade snaps



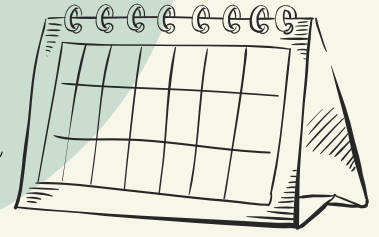
## SECONDARY ART EXCURSION

Our stage 5 art students travelled to Tamworth on Thursday 21 March to explore the Art Express exhibition at the Tamworth Regional Art Gallery. The students had a great time looking at the different art pieces on display and gaining insight into how they could achieve top marks in their studies.





# TERM 1 + 2 2024 CALENDAR



## WEEK 10

EASTER MONDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MONDAY 1.4.24

NEW ZEALAND EXCURSION INFORMATION NIGHT - SECONDARY - WEDNESDAY 3.4.24

RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL TRIALS - SECONDARY - THURSDAY 4.4.24

## WEEK 11

PRIMARY PBL ASSEMBLY - 9AM - MONDAY 8.4.24

PRELIMINARY EXAMS - YEAR 11 + 12 - TUESDAY - FRIDAY - 9.4.24 - 12.4.24

CROSS COUNTRY - PRIMARY - THURSDAY 11.4.24

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - FRIDAY 12.4.24

## TERM 2

### WEEK 1

REGIONAL LEAGUE TRIALS - PRIMARY - WEDNESDAY 1.5.24

### WEEK 2

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY - PRIMARY - FRIDAY 10.5.24

### WEEK 3

PRIMARY PBL ASSEMBLY - 9AM - MONDAY 13.5.24

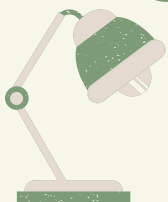
SCHOOLS CUP NETBALL - PRIMARY - WEDNESDAY 15.5.24

### WEEK 4

NETBALL PSSA GALA DAY + TRIALS - PRIMARY - FRIDAY 24.5.24

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