Term 2 Week 3 Monday 12 May 2014

Last week we held our Cross country and by all accounts the day went really well. A huge thank you to all our volunteers, students and teachers who made the day a great success.

Also last week our School Captains visited Parliament house as part of the annual leadership program. I had feedback on what great ambassadors they were for the school and Barraba Community. Both students made proud representatives of our school and are commended on the behaviour and attitude they showed. Well done Morgan Phillips and Caitlin Frost for displaying fantastic leadership and collaboration skills.

I would have no doubt that Morgan & Caitlin also make you and your school community proud of the way they show leadership and collaboration with others. I’m sure that they too have made the most of the networking opportunity they had to get to know their fellow leaders.

Thank you to the many parents who have paid their school contributions and elective subject fees. Parents need to remember that unless elective subject fees are paid students will not be allowed to consume or take home any products made at school. School contributions are relatively cheap ($25) and elective subject contributions are small fees which parents can pay off at $1 a week. If you are experiencing difficulties in paying elective subject contributions please contact the school. All inquiries will be kept strictly confidential.

Our new school banking starts this week. New England Mutual’s friendly staff will be visiting the primary school site on Thursday 15 May from 9.00am-9.30am for the first School Banking visit. During the visit, staff will help students who have signed up to School Banking with their deposits and are also able to answer any questions you may have.

The School Banking Program equips students with the fundamental tools and knowledge to initiate and nurture good saving and budgeting habits from an early age. If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program please visit New England Mutual before the end of Term 2 for their waived membership fee!

The new Uniform Order sheet is attached to this Newsletter for your convenience.

I look forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting tomorrow at the Primary site at 6pm.

Adam Forrester
Principal

Message from Your P & C

The Horse Sports Day held in April was a very successful day raising around $900. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort for the day. Special thanks to all Sponsors; Rotary for cooking the barbeque and Sonia Simpson for her organisation.

The Zone Cross Country is being held next Monday 19 May and once again volunteers are needed to help make this a successful day. If you can’t come and help on the day but you do love to bake - donations of slices or biscuits can be dropped off at the Sportsground or at the school on the day. Whatever way you can help whether in time or baked goodies could you please contact the School or Rhonda Phillips to let us know.

P & C meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 May in the Primary Staffroom and all are welcome. If you have any questions, concerns or comments but cannot make it to a meeting please feel free to contact any of the committee members or drop us a letter care of either School office and we will discuss it at the meeting. Bring your children along as free supervision will be provided while you are at the meeting.

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3/4C Wallabadah Excursion

On Wednesday 2 April 2014, 3/4C went on a very interesting excursion to ‘The First and Second Fleet Memorial Gardens’ in Wallabadah. We were very lucky to have Donna Forrester, Amanda Dwyer, Joe Hicks and Chris Jeffery helping with Ms Russell and I. The Liverpool Plains Shire Council provided us with a wonderful guide named Helen and after lunch she gave us a quiz and a real life treasure hunt! We discovered lots of fascinating facts, found many of our names and learnt how tough it must have been in the early days. Did you know that the youngest convict was only 8 years old? We certainly recommend you call in for a visit one day! A special thanks to Mr Forrester for subsidising our excursion and making it all possible. Diane Carter.
Barraba Men’s Shed receives praise in the Country Living Magazine

The following article appeared in the Country Living Magazine April/May 2014 Issue:

Barraba is a small New England town just one hour north of Tamworth, but the Men’s Shed there punches above its weight. It was only opened in August 2013 but is a vibrant and entrepreneurial shed with 36 members. The men attend the Shed three mornings a week and then expand their operations to the main street of Barraba to sell their wares. They have gutted a derelict shopfront and now use it as a retail outlet to sell their craft items. All profits from the shop are redirected to the local hospital.

The Barraba Shed also reaches out to the community for younger boys to see what goes on in the Shed, in order to get the young boys of the area (Werris Creek, Bingara, Narrabri, Inverell, Tamworth and Quirindi) to share stories and skills. Phil is also organising visiting health specialists to come and chat to the men about mental and physical health issues.

In line with this, the members plan to get together in 2014 with other Sheds in the area (Werris Creek, Bingara, Narrabri, Inverell, Tamworth and Quirindi) to share stories and skills. Phil is also organising visiting health specialists to come and chat to the men about mental and physical health issues.

The Barraba Shed reaches out during school terms to Year Six students to help the boys construct mobile chook pens. In 2013 the Shed reached out to the community for older boys to see what goes on in the Shed, in order to get the older boys of the area (Werris Creek, Bingara, Narrabri, Inverell, Tamworth and Quirindi) to share stories and skills. Phil is also organising visiting health specialists to come and chat to the men about mental and physical health issues.

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The president of the Barraba Shed, Phil Berry, appreciates the role the Shed plays in the community but also realises it’s importance to the men themselves. “It gives the men a sense of belonging, as well as to feel isolated, as well as acquire new skills.”

This year the men are going to help the boys construct mobile chook pens. The Barraba Shed also reaches out to the community for younger boys to see what goes on in the Shed, in order to get the younger boys of the area (Werris Creek, Bingara, Narrabri, Inverell, Tamworth and Quirindi) to share stories and skills. Phil is also organising visiting health specialists to come and chat to the men about mental and physical health issues.

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