The Primary Cross Country was run last Friday 9 May in superb weather. The incredible fitness of our students resulted in keen competition and great sportsmanship. The day ran ever so smoothly from go to woe. A huge thanks to Mr Carter and Miss Huckle for helping to set up the course and dismantle it. Dale White, Jodie Elkin, Lucy Hart and Libby Thompson did a superb job organizing runners on the tricky check points. (Next year we may need the odd fluro vest as some runners just kept running, despite being directed and jumped in front of. I guess the runners were delirious!) The secondary students who helped were very supportive of the runners and more than happy to lend a hand with every task thrown their way. We look forward to their assistance again at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Finally, a big thank you to the teachers for training the students and to the parents for cheering their children along. 23 students will represent us at the Zone Carnival on Monday 19 May in Barraba. By Jennyllyn King.
Principal’s Report

Last week I had the pleasure of attending both Primary and Secondary assemblies. It is great to see students receiving their awards and it is fantastic to see the number of parents attending. Feedback on the assemblies is always welcome and appreciated.

This week we hold the Cross Country event which will see over 300 competitors participate against other schools across the region. We wish our students well, and thank Mrs King for her organisation and the P & C for catering for the event.

Half yearly exams are fast approaching for our Year 7 – 11 students. An exam timetable appears later in the newsletter. Please ensure that you are prepared – remember it is never too late to study and get your best results.

A reminder that uniform orders will need to be returned this next week. Please ensure that you have got your winter uniforms as the weather is begin to turn cold.

Other events this week include the Book Fair at the Primary School Hall and the CHS Rugby Under 16’s in Inverell. We wish students well in Inverell and hope the Book Fair is a great success.

Finally, a reminder that there are still outstanding subject fees and school contributions. Please make an effort to ensure these fees and contributions are paid. All monies directly support your child’s education.

MAY IS.... “Family Reading Month”

So celebrate with: A Book Fair, Free Sausage Sizzle and a family read in. Come along to the School Primary Hall and enjoy the celebrations on Wednesday 21 May from 4.30 - 7pm. Bring the whole family! Why not snuggle up and share a favourite family story, with us? That’s right, your whole family reading on stage, just like you do at home!

Families wishing to read please contact Mrs King on 67821266.

NB: Please contact the school office on 67821266 if you would like to come to the Book Fair and Sausage Sizzle, for catering purposes.

BCS Newsletter proudly supported by:
Active After School has recommenced!

Barraba Central School would like to thank families for their continued support of the Active After Schools Program. It has recommenced for Term 2 and is being held Monday and Thursday afternoons at the Primary Campus from 3:20 - 4:30. This term is focusing on the winter sports soccer and netball! Contact the office for a permission note.

KO Touch

Barraba Central Open Girls Touch team played in the second round of the NSW CHS Knockout competition against Moree last week. The team was missing quite a number of the original players but the new girls stepped in and played incredibly. Although defeated, the girls displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship and should be commended on their efforts. Zoe Darlington debuted with a double and Jess Austin, Katie Sweeney and Abbey Mallise spearheaded the team with their expertise and leadership. Well done and best of luck next year girls! Best of luck to the Open Boys Touch team who play in the third round of the competition on Tuesday 20 May.

Secondary Cross Country

Results for Secondary Cross Country

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Parent Tips

Primary and High school

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at a glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

Find it by typing this link into your web browser: www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Friday Night Football

1st round of the LBK (Lyons, Barnett & Kennedy) Friday Night Rugby Union. Barraba Under 16’s have amalgamated with Quirindi & had a convincing victory with a bonus point over Peel High School 27-7.

Ryan Hall scored 2 great tries. Jack Reed & Lochie Groth were standouts for the Barraba boys. By Rob Carter.
Students are to ensure they attend the exams that are applicable to each of the subjects they study.

If they miss an exam they will need to have a medical certificate and fill out a misadventure form.

Misreading the exam timetable is not a valid excuse for missing an exam. It is the student’s responsibility to know when their exams are on.

New England Mutual’s friendly staff visited the school on Thursday 15 May for the first School Banking visit. During the visit staff helped students who had signed up to School Banking with their deposits. 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!

Groovin’ with the Grannies
The grannies teach our kids skills including sewing, sewing on buttons, knitting, painting & craft. It is a wonderful way to bridge the generation gap and enjoy the company of our oldies and to take our youth into the community. Year 6 go each year in Term 2 and love the company of the oldies - they sit and chat and learn new skills. Written by Lin Irving.

Trip down memory lane
David and Larry Keegan were on a nostalgic trip to trace their mothers life. Their mother Miss Eva Wade came here on her first teaching appointment 89 years ago in 1925. By Lin Irving.