Important Dates in Week 10
Monday 15 September to Friday 19 September 2014

Monday 15 September
Secondary Study Centre 3.00-4.15pm
Active After Schools 3.20-4.30pm

Wednesday 17 September
K-1 visit the Ambulance Station

Thursday 18 September
Chatswood High School Senior Concert Band 10.30am at RSL Hall
Active After Schools 3.20-4.30pm

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PRIMARY CANTEEN ROSTER 2014
TERM 3 WEEK 10

Monday 15 September
Bec Russell &
Nicole Trotter

Wednesday 17 September
Dale White &
Tracey Thomson

Friday 19 September
Donna Forrester &
Sarah Wilson

PRIMARY CANTEEN
is now Open with full menu

MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY,
& FRIDAY

1/2 Superstar’s Fabulous Fables Assembly
Principal’s Report

It is the final week of term 3 and we have received some exciting news that a Deputy Principal will be appointed for 2015 due to our increasing student numbers. More information in next term’s newsletter.

Last Friday we held the second Kindergarten Orientation Day. It was obvious that all the new students had a fantastic time. Remember next term pre-school students will attend Friday each week in term 4 to prepare for kindergarten in 2015.

Last Friday we held our Year 1/2 assembly which was fantastic with our new sound system. I believe that everyone learnt a moral or two from Year 1/2 who gave us a valuable entertaining lesson using the fable stories. Well done Mrs Sweeney and the Year 1/2 class.

Also last Friday our Year 11 students addressed the secondary students on why they should be inducted as School Captain in 2015. Four girls and two boys spoke very well on why they should be School Captain. All voting is done electronically and if students have not voted yet they have until Thursday night to vote.

This Tuesday we have our secondary rewards day for all students who have achieved Bronze Level. Well done. I hope these students enjoy bowling and the movie in Tamworth.

This week we have been offered a great opportunity for all students and the community of Barraba. This Thursday 18 September in the Barraba RSL Hall at 10.30am, The Chatswood High School Music Department is performing for the people of Barraba. Chatswood High School are bringing their Senior Concert Band to the North West Region and joining with the Gwydir Concert Band which includes students from Warialda High School, Warialda Public School and Bingara Central School. The Chatswood High School Music Department is led by renown music educator, Gavin Staines. We hope you can attend.

Finally I hope everyone has a restful, safe and enjoyable holiday and remember that school starts back after the October long weekend - Tuesday 7 October. Until next term!

Adam Forrester
Principal

School Vaccination Clinics continue into Term 4

Wednesday 22 October 2014

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2014.

Any Year 7 student will be caught up for HPV only in 2015. Any Year 9 boy who has not received all 3 doses of HPV can attend their local doctor to receive any missed doses. Additionally – any year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses (and who have not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school. Don’t forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination. Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx

Measles Catch-up Campaign

You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx

Due to high measles coverage rates in the Hunter New England Local Health District not all schools will be participating in this school catch-up campaign. However if your child’s school is not participating in the measles program and your child needs vaccination, you can take your child to their doctor to receive free MMR vaccine (you may be charged for the consultation).

To check if your child has received two doses of MMR:

Look in your child’s Blue Book for a record of two doses of ‘MMR vaccine’ or ‘Priorix vaccine’ OR Check with your child’s doctor.
Jungle Jive
**Booked Out In Barraba**

Last Wednesday afternoon a record breaking crowd played at the park, drawn by the presence of the Barraba Bulldogs and incredible illustrator Kim Gamble! What an amazing event the local literacy group ‘Books Birth and Beyond’ held. Around 50 families enjoyed balls skills with the Bull Dogs, scooting on the skate ramps and a sumptuous sausage sizzle, cooked by the Lions Club. Everyone was having such a terrific time, parents and children alike. Time to chat, time to spend with your children and time for good old fashion fun!

Unfortunately author of the ‘Tashi’ series, Anna Feinberg was unwell and unable to come but we were fortunate to have wonderful book reading done by Mrs Bridget Summerell while Illustrator Kim Gamble drew the scene from ‘Tashi’ as she read. What a talent! The crowd were enthralled by his ability then he generously donated the drawing to lucky door prize winner Alex Hawkins from Year 2. Hailie Spence and her family were the other lucky door prize winners, winning family tickets to a live performance of ‘Pete The Sheep’ by Jackie French, to be held at the Capitol theatre.

The following day all students in Barraba walked into the streets of Barraba enjoying literacy activities organised by Books Birth and Beyond. The Pre school to Year 2 students wandered between amazing activities at the Pre School with Kim Gamble reading the beloved ‘POG’ story, St Joseph’s school where they sang and heard more stories and finally to listen to ‘Tough Lester’ read by the Captain Coach of the Barraba Bull Dogs. Adam Russell, Shaun Spence, Neville Phillips and Tim Coombes then set to giving the children opportunities to pass, kick and score tries with the footy.

Primary students were entertained by our local accountant, David Kelly reading Banjo Paterson’s ‘The Man From Snowy River’ while Adam Kelly showed the children how to ride a bronc and crack a whip. Mandy Cabot read Lyn Lee’s ‘POG’ a picture book which Kim Gamble had illustrated then the students made wardrobes with monsters hiding in them. Finally the Mall was the place to be seen with Darcy Duggan reading Jackie French’s book, ‘Pete The Sheep’ with awesome illustrations by Bruce Whatley. All the students left with amazing hair dos including coloured spray, gel and bunches made from loom bands.

The students had a fabulous time and were exhausted after their street wander but were much wiser after the repertoire of book activities they had experienced. They were treated to an icy pole by the BBBB committee then went back to school for a well earned rest.

It was wonderful to be told by community member running the activities, that our students had beaut behaviour during the outing. An enormous ‘thank you’ to staff, community members and the committee, for organising such a fabulous event.  

Jennylyn King

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We will be organising our Library Stocktake during Week 1 of Term 4 at the Primary. There is no borrowing this week or in Week 1 of Term 4. During the holidays please spring clean your house for library books, behind bookcases, between lounge cushions and under the beds are good places to look. Sorry for any inconvenience.  

Jennylyn King
Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

Early Bird Special!

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 in VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online before 28 Nov ‘14.

Find Out More!

Visit www.wep.org.au and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.

If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD.
Barraba had a great day at Bingara placing 3rd place in the point scores. Matthew Thompson won Highest Point Scorer in the 13/14yrs and Liam Alderton won Highest Point Scorer in the 15/16yrs. Well done BCS.

**Active After Schools**

AAS has had another successful term finishing on Thursday this week.

A massive thank you to the parents and students that have continued to support this school initiative. It will recommence Term 4 in Week 3 with some exciting new sports on offer!

*Kate Huckle*

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**Zoe Darlington - North West State Athletics Representative**