Mrs Irving and the Year 6 students gave a wonderful farewell assembly. Mrs Irving’s shoe comparison stories were fabulously funny. The staff and helpers awards were also a treat and a lot of fun. It was a very entertaining assembly and fan-flamin-tastic ending for Year 6.
Principal's Message

We are already nearly half way through the term and it is important to remind parents about attendance as the term progresses. The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 17 are required to attend school regularly until they have completed Year 10. From an early age it is important that children develop routines which will support their regular attendance. These routines are basic and include appropriate sleeping patterns (about 10 hours each night for primary aged children) and regular wake-up times which allow for getting ready and having breakfast.

If your child is absent from school it should be for a good reason. You will need to notify the school (phone call, text, e-mail or written note) of the reasons for the absence.

Regular attendance is a shared responsibility between home and school. We all need to do our bit to ensure our boys and girls are successful learners. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

This week we have our whole primary and a few of our secondary students involved in the musical being held on Thursday November 5 at the Anglican Youth Centre. One performance will be held at 10am to help celebrate NSW Grandparents Day. All grandparents and senior citizens are invited to attend our matinee performance of 'Currawong Creek' an Australian musical. There will be no cost to grandparents and senior citizen's for the matinee performance. Parents and other community members are invited to attend the evening session commencing at 6.30pm. The cost for the evening session will be $2 per person or $5 per family. It promises to be a great day and evening with all primary students involved.

The P&C have asked for any cakes or slices to be donated for a supper on the evening.

Kinder Start Program continues this Friday. We already have 26 enrolments for 2016 which will mean we will have two Kindergarten classes next year. If there are other preschool age children who wish to participate please contact Jenny Midlemis or myself at the school. The Kinder Start Program is an important part of Barraba Central School’s program in learning the routines and getting to know teachers in readiness for Kindergarten 2016 at ‘big school’.

A reminder about mobile phones; Primary students are not to have mobile phones at school under any circumstances. If they bring them to school they are to hand them to their teacher/office. If the student hides or misuses their mobile phone they will be issued with a major referral.

Secondary students Years 7-10 must have their mobile phones in their bags unless otherwise instructed. If the student hides or misuses their mobile phone they will be issued with a major referral. Mobile usage is permitted during lunch and recess times.

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'Currawong Creek' Musical

Invitation to grandparents to join us for the day performance of ‘Currawong Creek’ Musical at the Anglican Youth Centre on Thursday 5 November at 10am at no cost to Grandparents and Senior Citizens. Families and community members are invited to the evening session at 6.30pm.

**From the P&C**

The P&C are requesting donations of slices and cakes for the ‘Currawong Creek’ Musical performance on Thursday 5 November 2015. These donations can be delivered to the primary office. Thank you for your continuing support. P&C

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**Barraba Preschool Trivia Night**

Join us if you dare, for a Friday the 13th Trivia Night
Come dressed in black or something to scare!

**Fridaay NOv 13**

Barraba Golf Club 6.30pm

Tables of 10-12 so grab some friends and come along. BYO food/ribbles Bar available (no BYO drinks)

Come for a night of drinks, prizes and fun!

Tickets purchased from Barraba preschool and As You Wish Come help us raise funds for our local Preschool

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**Please Contact Adam Forrester if you are interested in working with children in the classroom.**

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**Whooping Cough Warning**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.
- Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.