Term 1 ~ Week 5 commencing Monday 23 February 2015

RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS VISIT BCS

Zac Russ and Peter Stevens came to BCS to talk about playing rugby league, sports, eating healthy and how to join sporting clubs and play in our area. They also played games about healthy foods. Lin Irving

PRIMARY CANTER ROSTER 2015
TERM 1 ~ WEEK 5

Monday 23 February
Cheryl Spence

Wednesday 25 February
Kirsty-Lee Russell

Friday 27 February
Bek Keighran & Jackie Lott

Primary Canteen is open

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
**Principal's Message**

It was a busy week last week with Healthy Harold, Rugby League Development Day and our Primary Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done to all the students who represented our school, their behaviour and general attitude was outstanding.

This week is another busy week with the school gearing up for the Barraba Show which will be held this weekend. BCS students will enter many categories and our school will have a display again this year with the theme being – Centennial of Gallipoli. We also have Rugby Zone Trials and students will be doing their White Card Course.

Our old play equipment has finally been removed and the site prepared for the new play equipment to be installed in the coming weeks. A very exciting time for all the primary and infant students.

We have many other events coming up such as the North West Swimming Carnival, Zone Touch Trials and Barraba Horse Sports just to name a few. Keep an eye out for latest events in our calendar.

It is that time of year again - School Contributions and Elective Fees are now due. K-6 Voluntary General School Fee is $25 for one student or $50 a family with fees directly supporting your child’s education. In Years 7-12 a General Fee of $50 per student is charged. The fees for all Electives are $50 each per year with the exception of Year 11/12 Industrial Technology, Construction (Year 10 - Stage 5 VET students) and Hospitality being $150. Please be aware that all Elective Fees must be paid in full before projects/consumables are taken home. Remember Elective Fees can be paid off at $1-$2 a week. Invoices will be issued to all families. If parents are experiencing difficulties with these fees, they can contact me at the school. All enquiries will be kept strictly confidential.

Would you or business like to advertise in our Newsletter? The cost is $150 per year and covers at least 40 publications per year and reaches all families and community members. Please contact Janene Randall at the secondary office on 67821104 if you would like to advertise.

Adam Forrester
Principal

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**P&C NEWS**

It was great to see a large turnout for the last meeting. The representative from Lowes Menswear, Mr David Jones, was very informative with the new uniform presentation. He advised today that most uniform items are now available for purchase in store from Lowes Menswear in Tamworth, with the hats, polar fleece jumpers and dresses available in Term 2.

Parents raised concerns about possible changes to the timing of the Year 12 formal and a meeting was held on Wednesday which was well attended by both parents and students. The Principal advised those in attendance that he will let them know of his decision on Monday.

The next P&C meeting will be held on March 18 which is our AGM. A reminder that membership fees of $2 will need to be paid before this meeting to be eligible to vote. Please note this date has changed since the last notice as the Principal will be away on the date previously advised.

The P&C meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the Primary Staff Room, with the exception of school holidays when there are no meetings. The next meeting our AGM will be on Wednesday 18 February 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 the school’s 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.

President: Sue Reed 67821225
Vice President: Johno Frost 67833147
Treasurer: Rhonda Phillips 67821848
Secretary: Tracy Frost 67833147
During the Australian Tennis Open BCS students joined teams and were given their own famous tennis player names. Students had an afternoon of fun and activities which included dressing up, grabbing a racket hitting the ball as far as they could then run to get their ball and back across the line for the next player. They played hand ball and tennis with huge yellow tennis balls then off to serve up a storm on the totem backyard tennis pole and finally serving the ball into the wall. *Jennylyn King*
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**Friday Night School Rugby Competition**

Friday night school’s rugby competition starts early in Term 2. Buses will depart from and return to Barraba Central School (secondary site). Pre-season training for all boys under 13’s to opens has started at the Barraba Rugby Club on Mondays and Thursdays from 4.30-5.30pm. For more details see Mr Maloney.

All girls interested in playing will need to see Mrs Crowley to have their interest noted. There will be a meeting for all girls who are interested in playing on Thursday 26 February at recess in classroom G1.

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The **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term our school like many others in the state will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to effect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life and how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the **Tell Them From Me** survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between Monday 9 March and Thursday 2 April 2015. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQ’s for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQ’s are available from the website above.

Please contact the school on 67821266 if you have any further questions or **DO NOT** want your child to participate.
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