On Tuesday 11 August BCS secondary students from years 10 and 11 competed in the Lake Keepit Winter Warrior Challenge as part of their PDHPE course. It involved swimming, crawling and running a 20km track that was interspersed with 40 physical and intellectual obstacles. It was a true test of strength, endurance and fitness. Some of the obstacles involved crawling through mud, swimming and wading through the lake, climbing walls, swinging over mud pits, cross country running, initiative and problem solving activities.

The students demonstrated a high level of teamwork and persistence and should all be commended on finishing the gruelling course. I know we were all sore and tired the next day! The Sport and Recreation Staff were very impressed with Barraba students stating that ‘they were one of few teams that stuck together and were definitely the best dressed team’. A huge thanks to the students and Mr Matt Haycock for their efforts.

Kate Huckle
Sports Organiser
PDHPE Teacher
Parents we need your help!!! For the rest of this term and early into term 4 the school is asking you to fill out an online survey to gauge your thoughts on how we are going as a school and your feedback is very important. It is important that we get as many people to do the survey as possible to get a true picture of what you are thinking and feeling. Parents are asked to fill out the online survey for each child that they have at school. If you do not have access to a computer I would encourage you to come into our school and complete it. It can also be done on your phone if you have access to a network. The link will also go on the website for you to access. Remember what you fill out is confidential and no names etc are recorded. Link below:
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?
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Last week we had a number of primary students take part in the Tamworth Zone Athletics Carnival. By all accounts the students represented the school and the community admirably. Well done to all who participated. BCS have a number of students going to the Regional Carnival on Friday 28 August: Mackenzie Austin – Shot Put; Luke White- Long Jump; Gemma Kerney 100m; Gemma White – 100m; Kiah Newell - 800m. Good luck to all!

Also last week I had the fortune of going to our Subject Selection Evening which was well attended by students and their parents. From conversations I had with parents and students it was very clear we had many students with a variety of career aspirations which we will endeavour to cater for. Well done to Mrs Ebzery for catering on the evening and many thanks to Mr Johnston for his organisation.

Next week many of our Year 5/6 students will be venturing off to Sydney to experience the sights and sounds but also to watch the stage production of “Matilda” which will be the focus of their studies. A huge thank you to Mrs Randall and Mrs Irving for all of their organisation and coordination to make this excursion possible.

Also next Monday 27 August we will be holding our Book Dress Up Day where students will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. A parade will be held at 1.00pm for parents to view.

Kindergarten 2016 – we are now taking enrolments and all parents of school age children in 2016 should have received an invitation last week to the Orientation Day and our Early Starters Program for Term 4. If you have not received a letter of invitation please contact me on 67821104 or 67821266. All students are encouraged and welcome to attend even if your child does not attend preschool. It is a great opportunity for all!

Our Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day for parents is Thursday 4 September 2015 from 9.30am –11.30am. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Our School Captain nominations for 2016 will be proceeding over the next couple of weeks with candidates addressing an assembly in Week 8 before voting commences in Week 9. The School Captain will then be announced in Week 10 of this term ready to take on the duties once our current Year 12 Captains have left school.

A few events to look out for in coming weeks are our P&C meeting on Wednesday 2 September and our School Photo Day on Thursday 10 September.

Adam Forrester
Principal
Jump & Jive
Achievement Afternoon
Recently Year 8, 9 & 10 students attended Myall Creek Memorial on a day excursion. This excursion is an important component of Aboriginal Perspectives as they apply to the History KLA (Key Learning Area). The day began at the Myall Creek Memorial Hall and it was here that students were told the circumstances surrounding the 1838 Myall Creek Massacre and the significance of the hanging of 7 white men as a result of the massacre. At the Memorial itself students read the plaques that are spaced on the winding ‘rainbow serpent’ walk that leads to a large granite memorial. Students learnt that the red rock of the walk symbolised the bloodshed while the white around the granite memorial symbolised mourning. The reconciliation aspect of the memorial was strongly emphasised and students saw the significance of the memorial as a reconciliation site for Aboriginal and other Australians.

Mr Maloney gave students an instructional talk regarding the river and its different aspects including its species.

Students were treated to a great lunch and overall it was an excellent day.

Bob Johnston
Deputy Principal

Quiz works Scripture Puppet Show

Students were treated to a Puppet Show with a strong Christian moral message. The show was excellent and had all students engaged.

A man that worked for Quiz Works came and his name was Tim and he had a blue puppet named Myles and when he popped out he scared everyone. Myles wrote a funny play called “The Burt & Benny Show”. It was very funny and Tim wore a bear jumpsuit onesie. We also sang a song called “God is the best father”.

Kane Ward
**Book Week Dress Up Day**

Next Monday 24 August will see the start of Book Week where the Children’s Book Council Of Australia will reveal the best published children’s books from 2015 in categories ranging from information books and picture books, to books suited to specific age groups. During library lessons, classes have studied author craft, learned from factual texts and recreated the styles of selected illustrators.

To celebrate Children’s Book Week students are encouraged to dress as their favourite all time book character or a character whose costume they have at home. Simple costumes can be created using a hot glue gun and cardboard for those strapped for time like myself or should you have the time, skill and patience of a saint perhaps something which all children dream of!

On Monday students will enjoy some cake which illustrates the theme, “Books Light Up Our World” while the winners are announced to them. Then after recess students will enjoy walking around town to show off their wonderful costumes.

Jennyllyn King

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**Tamworth PSSA Athletics**

Last Friday 14 August a team of athletes attended the Zone Athletics Carnival. After an 8am start the frost cleared to reveal a glorious day.

We all lined up in our uniform for the March Past with the other 20 schools and looked great. I had to judge Shot Put, Long Jump and Track, so I was pretty busy but from all reports our team had a great attitude, did their best and had manners for us to be proud of. Thank you to the parents for supervising our team as I was busy judging and recording. These days are always fabulous but they require a lot of organisation so thanks to the PSSA committee, parents for transport and supervision and teachers for preparation and coaching.

The athletes who attended were: Gemma White, Regan Simpson, Jack Thomson, Brandon Newell, Liam Trotter, Gemma Kerney, Zoe O’Dell, Kiah Newell, Nate Elkin-McDonald, Levi Keighran, Abbey Thomson, Luke White, Mackenzie Austin, Aprille Stafford and Jono O’Dell. All students performed well on the day with some beating their times and distances while others were soaking up the atmosphere on their first outing. Several students placed well in their heats but when students are running 14 seconds in finals it’s very competitive out there. The Junior girl’s relay team placed 6th in the final which was the result of daily training. Look out for them in Rio!

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Tamworth at the Regional Carnival on Friday 28 August: Mackenzie Austin – Shot Put, Luke White- Long Jump, Gemma Kerney 100m, Gemma White – 100m, Kiah Newell - 800m.

Jennyllyn King

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**Achievement Afternoon**

All students at the primary who were on Level 3 of the new Well Being System last Wednesday were treated to a Jump and Jive session to celebrate their achievement. Students were seen dancing and singing in the playground as well as burning off steam in the Jumping Castle. I’m sure students had a great time and realised the value of being the best they can be at school each day. We were lucky to chat with the Director General of Education, Miss Ruythe Duffy during Achievement Afternoon as her visit to our school coincided with the event.

Jennyllyn King
Granny Teaching and Men’s Shed

The students in year 5/6 have commenced Granny Teaching at the Day Care Centre and are loving the time to chat, sew and create with the very talented seniors of our community.

Year 6 boys are also off each Wednesday to The Men’s Shed where they are measuring twice and cutting once, sanding, drilling, nailing and creating planter boxes for the office staff and for the class teachers. We are also creating stained glass boxes with Steve who is very talented and very patient! Lin Irving

Barraba PA&H

Entries for the Barraba Showgirl & 15-17 years Junior Showgirl competition are now open. If you would like to improve your interview & public speaking skills, meet new people & represent your community this is a competition that will benefit you!!! If you are 15 to 24 years & interested in taking part please contact Patti Crowley on 67821795 for more information.
# TERM 3 - 2015 CALENDAR

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The girls Rugby Union team finished their season on a high last Friday night 14 August with a big win over Tamworth High. The result meant that the team finished 2nd in the comp - an outstanding effort from the girls many of whom had not played before. It could not have happened without the support of the parents, Shane & Jenny Middlemiss and the Barraba Rugby Union Club. Your efforts are very much appreciated! A huge congratulations to the girls for an outstanding season. Your persistence, efforts and sportsmanship are to be commended!

Kate Huckle Sports Organiser

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**Girls Rugby**

![Girls Rugby Team](image)

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**Primary Canteen Roster Term 3**

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