

Barooga Public School Newsletter



Term 1

Monday 20th March, 2017

Week 9

Important Dates

Friday 31st March

SRC Easter Raffle Drawn
Easter Assembly
Easter Activities
Last Day Term 1

Monday 17th April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 18th April

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 19th April

Students Return for Term 2

Easter Activities

Friday 31st March

~ Easter Egg Hunt ~

~ 12.00pm ~

Easter Assembly

Kinder and Year 1/2 will be performing an item

Easter Hat Parade

~ 1.00pm ~

SRC Easter Raffle Drawn

~ P&C BBQ ~

~ Tabloid Sports ~

KITCHEN WEEK



Thought for the Day

To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer.

~Paul R. Ehrlich

Principal's Report

Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. Children must commence school by age 6. Please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason (sickness, appointment, holiday, etc.) you must provide a **written** explanation of their absence, within seven days, even if you have called and advised the school of their absence. This is a NSW DET requirement.

If you are travelling during the school term you must discuss this with the school Principal and an *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed.

Remember... If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

During last week's assembly each Year 6 student received a dictionary, kindly donated by the Central Murray Credit Union. We'd like to thank the Credit Union for their generous donation and continued support of Barooga Public School.



We have been advised of a number of cases of head lice at school. Please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary before returning to school. Please remember to retreat after 7 days.

This week, past student Makaylah Green, has returned to Barooga Public School to do work experience with Mrs Crestani and some other classes.

Wendy Davis, Relieving Principal

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Students of the Week

K/1:

Amber Houzaife-Woodhead
Oliver Ryan
Jemma Griffin

Year 1/2:

Jasmine Zoch
Aisha Wheeler
Paige Riedell

Year 2/3:

Cooper Morgan
Ruby Noonan
Georgie Nelson

Year 3/4:

Chase Barwick
Dash White
Jonathan Smith

Year 4/5:

Mikayla Morgan
Connor Tarrant
Taiten Rudd

Year 6:

Jesse Wakeman
Tamika Mosman
Zayden Wheeler

P&C News

Congratulations to Caleb, Kiara, Daniel, Jae, Codi, Jai and Dana who competed at the Riverina Swimming Carnival last week. A big 'high 5' to Caleb, Daniel, Jae and Jai, our senior boys relay team, who came 1st in their heat. Great swim boys!

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Bunnings BBQ, we made a profit of \$300.

The P&C have been asked to help at the Night footy series. We still require volunteers to help on the gates on Thursday 30th March at 5:30. If you are able to help at all please let me know as soon as possible on 0427800516.

Our new P&C committee for 2017 is: President: Renae Riedell, Vice President: Jason Brooks, Secretary: Marcia Nolan and Treasurer: Catherine Jones

Marcia Nolan, P&C Secretary Ph: 0427800516.

They're back...



Send them packing!

Please check your child's hair for nits regularly. If you find any nits or head lice, please treat them immediately. **Please do not send your child to school with nits.** Children can return to school once their hair has been treated and nits removed. **Remember to treat again after 7 days to help break the cycle.**

You Can Do It!



Do you need to speak to a member of staff?

If so, please make an appointment.

As we're sure you'll agree, we want our teachers teaching and our executive working to manage all aspects of teaching, learning and school life, whenever possible.

For this reason we ask that parents/carers make appointments ahead of time if they would like to speak to any member of staff.

You can make an appointment by coming to the front office or by phoning 5873 4242.

Please note our school office hours are between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

Community Notes

BAROOGA SUNCORP NET SET GO PROGRAM 2017

Program will run for 8 weeks starting Wednesday 26th April – Wednesday 14th June at Barooga Netball Club courts.

Ages 5 – 10

Time – 5.15pm-6.00pm

Cost \$65 per child includes participant pack

Online registrations are available through;

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=6&entityid=42513&fl=1&id=26623>

Manual registrations will be available at Barooga Netball Club courts– Thursday 20th April from 5.15pm-6.00pm.

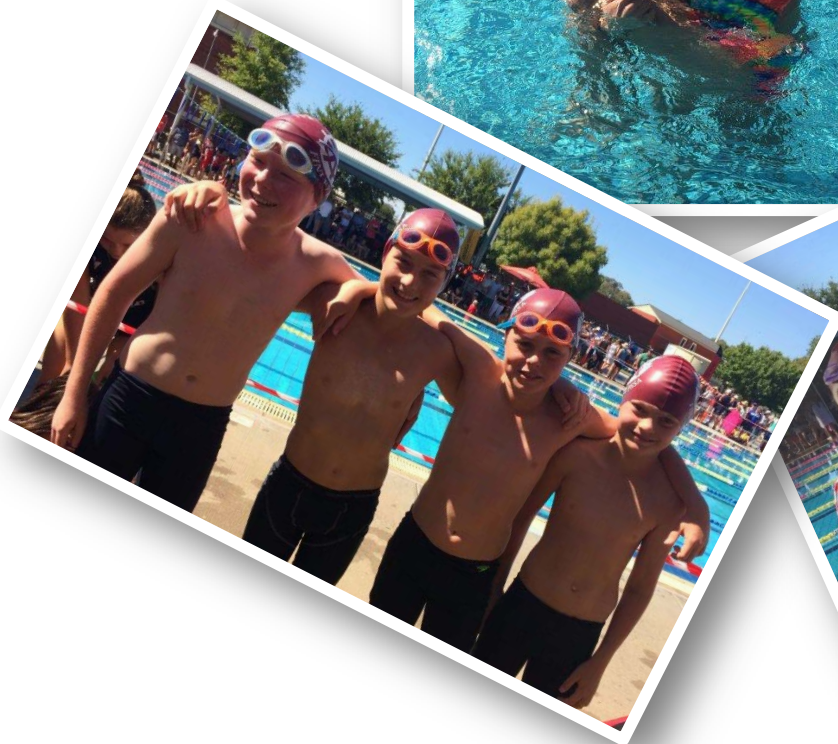
For more information please contact

Kellie Quinane 0417356928, Sharon Nye 0408729766

YARRAWONGA/MULWALA ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION 26TH ANNUAL ART SHOW

Works by local artists at Club Mulwala 6th-17th April 2017

2017 REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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Easter Activities



Friday 31st March



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Assembly 12.00pm

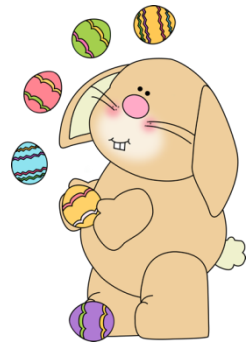
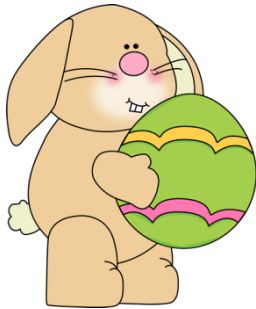
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SRC Easter Raffle

Drawn 1pm Friday 31st March

We are asking each family to please donate
Easter items for the raffle.

Please bring donations to the school office.

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Please return raffle tickets to the office by
Thursday 30th March

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





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My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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