

# Barrooga Public School Newsletter



Term 1, Week 5

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

## GARDEN WEEK

### Important Dates

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Finley PSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Clean Up Australia Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C AGM and General Meeting in the School Library 6pm

## Year 6 in the Kitchen



# Principal's Report

## Parents, Carers and Supporters of BPS

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at recent school events. I have been blown away by the turnout of parents/carers we have had at both the Welcome to 2023 Information Evening and yesterday's K-6 Assembly. Your support of your child/ren and our school does not go unnoticed and is appreciated by staff.

## P&C February Meeting

I joined my first P&C Meeting for a productive meeting this week. The next P&C Meeting, which will include the March General Meeting as well the Annual General Meeting, will be held in the school Library on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 6:00pm. New members are more than welcome to join or request inclusion on the mailing list which will enable you to view the minutes from the meeting. Below are key points discussed at the meeting:

### Snapshot

#### 1) Mr. Collins Principal's Report

We've had a very busy yet positive start to the year. Mr Collins is keen to create an expectation that every student at BPS has opportunities to participate and do their best – sports competition, debating, reading challenge etc.

#### 2) P&C feedback for Mr Collins

- The communication to the local community has been sensational, very informative and timely (through Facebook, Term 1 Calendar and Newsletter).
- Mr Collins has commenced the year with a very positive tone and high expectations have been set for everyone, which parents are pleased about. The positive feel in the school is certainly evident amongst our local community.

#### 3) Fundraising from the Lawn Mower Raffle, drum roll please...



We have been able to raise in excess of \$7000 for our school which is amazing! Thank you to our school community for their tremendous support in our fundraising efforts!

#### 4) Watch this space

Proposed mural project partnering with Pencil Head (former Barooga local Louan Walker) to assist in beautifying our surrounds.

#### 5) Installation of mister fans in the COLA

The long anticipated wait for our fans in the COLA is over! Fans are installed thanks to some generous funding from Cobram Apex and we are in the process of organising the final stage of plumbing. Perfect timing to help keep our kids cool in the heat.

## Finley PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our competitors who will be representing Barooga PS at Friday's Finley Zone Swimming Carnival. Mrs Jones, Miss McGuinness and Marce will be accompanying the students. I will provide updates as they come to hand.



## Week 6 is Student and Staff Wellbeing Week

Next week will mark the half-way point of Term 1. In appreciation of the hard work and diligence shown by all school members, we will be implementing a range of activities to provide all a well earned 'breather'. Stay tuned for next week's Newsletter for an outline.

## Student Representative Council (SRC)

Elected representatives from each class are known and will receive a letter this week inviting families to their induction ceremony held at our K-6 Assembly in Week 7. The SRC will be coordinated by Mrs Cameron and Donna this year. Meetings will be held on Wednesday beginning this week.

## School Clean Up Australia Day

We will be participating in this important event next Friday at school. Students in groups will be giving our playground and surrounding area a good 'once over' to support the cause. We will provide the students with gloves where practical. You are most welcome to send a pair of disposable gloves to school with your child on this day.



## Best Start Kindergarten Assessment (BSKA)

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs McMahon have been busily completing BSKA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments with our Kindergarten students which will be completed this week. In the coming weeks, once results are available, parents of Kindergarten students will be invited to a meeting with both staff to discuss the next steps forward for your child.





## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### - Long and Strong Student Acknowledgement

Thank you for your positive feedback on our new PBL system designed to encourage high expectations and aspiration for all students. I shared information at last week's Parent Information Evening however for those not able to attend I have included a description below of how we will acknowledge students across the broad range of experiences inside and outside of the classroom.



Once a student reaches 10 awards they will be presented with a Barooga Gold award which will be the highest level a student can reach. The Barooga Gold award will come with a student prize and an invitation to our Barooga Gold Reward Activity.

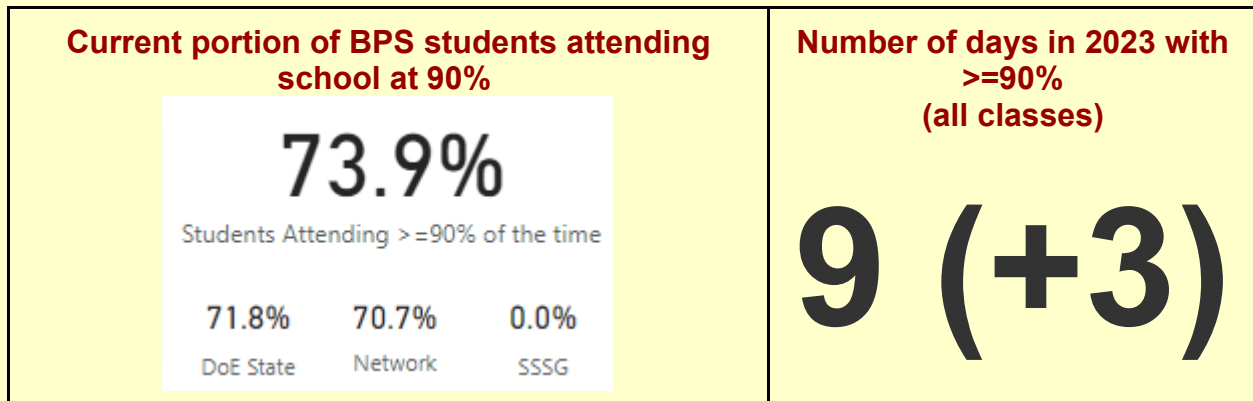
<b>PBL Award</b> 	<b>Merit Award</b> 	<b>Sports Star</b> 	<b>Participate to Achieve</b> 
<b>Frequency</b> Weekly at Monday muster.	<b>Frequency</b> Fortnightly K-6 Assembly	<b>Frequency</b> Weekly in class after Skillzone sessions	<b>Frequency</b> On demand
<b>Awarded for</b> Positive behaviour which promotes our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Safety.	<b>Awarded for</b> - Academic achievement - Academic growth in any curriculum area.	<b>Awarded for</b> - <i>Sportsmanship</i> - <i>Demonstrating skills</i> - <i>Performance at sporting carnivals and gala days.</i>	<b>Awarded for</b> - Student participation in special school programs or community events e.g. ANZAC Day. - Adding to the reputation of our school.


## Scripture

Lessons will return next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. In 2023, lessons will be conducted in the afternoon between 2:00pm-3:00pm. Today a note will be sent home to the eldest in each family seeking your preference for your child/rens involvement in Scripture. Please only return if you wish for your child/ren to opt out.

## Encouraging Positive School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. In the coming weeks, I will be sharing our school based plan to support and encourage positive school attendance. As a general rule, we strive for 90% of our students attending school 90% of the time. This key statistic is able to be monitored easily using data platforms available to the school. Here is how we are tracking so far in 2023:




 **EVERY DAY COUNTS...**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



## New Bell Times

Our revised bell times are operational and working well to service the needs of our students.

A friendly reminder that supervision begins at 8:30am. There is no rostered teacher on duty before this time. Please avoid sending your child to school before this time.

<b>8:30am:</b>	Supervision Begins
<b>9:00am:</b>	Morning Session Begins
<b>11:00am:</b>	Lunch 1 including 15 minutes of eating time
<b>11:25pm:</b>	Lunch 2 Play
<b>11:50am:</b>	Middle Session Begins
<b>1:30pm:</b>	Recess eating and play
<b>2:00pm:</b>	Afternoon Session Begins
<b>3:00pm:</b>	Dismissal

## Communication with school

There are many ways you can contact the staff at our school.

- Phone:** Call our office (5873 4242)- changes of routine, general enquiries or to book appointment with a teacher or Mr Collins
- Email:** Send an email to our school address [barooga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:barooga-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) clearly stating who you wish to bring attention to.
- Facebook:** Inbox the school Facebook page.

Please feel you can contact me if you have questions/concerns or need support.

I look forward to forming a partnership with you to advance the outcomes and provide the environment for each and every student to be the best they can be.

*Mr Matt Collins - Principal (Relieving)*

# KINDERGARTEN REMINDERS

- Our library day is Tuesday. Each child is encouraged to return and borrow weekly. Don't forget your library bag.
- Each student has received their home reading diary in a plastic pocket. We encourage reading to your child at least four times each week and recording your books read in the diary. Diaries need to be returned each Friday to be checked.
- Crunch and sip is a daily routine to 'refuel our bodies' and all students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit or vegetables to enjoy during this time.
- Anaphylaxis alert! We encourage families to not send any food items with peanuts, especially peanut butter, in lunch boxes.
- Please let Mrs Kennedy/Mrs McMahon or the office know if there is a change to how your child is getting home or if someone different is collecting them at pick-up time.





# **SRC EASTER RAFFLE**

**DRAWN WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL**

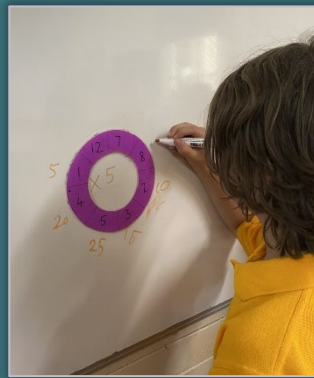
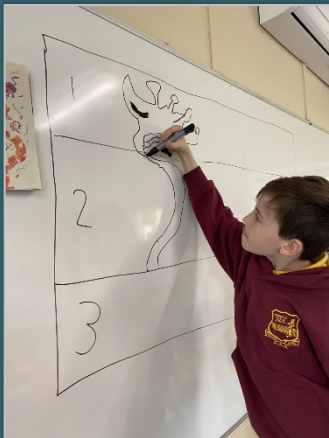
**THE SRC ARE HOLDING AN  
EASTER RAFFLE AGAIN THIS YEAR  
WE ARE ASKING EACH FAMILY TO  
PLEASE DONATE EASTER ITEMS  
FOR THE RAFFLE**

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**



This week the Year 3/4 students looked at the placement of illustrations with text. We learnt that our gaze is naturally drawn to the top two-thirds of a page with a picture, and our story about 'the giraffe that caught a cold' was a great example of this with Bellamy recreating the picture on the whiteboard.

The Year 3/4 class also squeezed in a quick addition and multiplication challenge before heading off to the pool today.



Year 3/4 enjoying their cooking

**GOOD TIMES FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023

**WE LOVE OUR LOCALS**  
HALF PRICED TICKETS  
FOR BERRIGAN & MOIRA  
SHIRE RESIDENTS!

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RSE Fund

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# PLEASE DON'T BRING NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL

A number of students at our school have severe nut allergies which may trigger anaphylactic shock.

We ask all families not to send nuts or nut products, including Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches, to school.

If nuts are consumed with breakfast, students are encouraged to wash hands thoroughly before coming to school. Thank you for your cooperation.





Do you have ideas for projects or initiatives for Barooga?

Barooga Advancement Group cordially invites individuals, community groups, clubs and businesses to its upcoming Community Project meeting.

Date and Time: 7PM Tuesday 21 February 2023

Place: Sporties Barooga

RSVP: [baroogaadvancement3644@gmail.com](mailto:baroogaadvancement3644@gmail.com)



COBRAM BAROOGA SWIMMING CLUB

**'COME & TRY NIGHT'**

**WHEN**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**5:30pm-6:30pm**

**WHERE**

**Cobram Outdoor Pool**

SWIMMING CLUB IS ABOUT RACING AGAINST YOURSELF, IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS AND IS ONLY AS COMPETITIVE AS YOU WANT IT TO BE!

Contact 0413073538 for more info.

**NEW FAMILIES WELCOME!**

NO OBLIGATION TO JOIN.

COME AND CHECK OUT THE FIRST NIGHT FOR FREE!

ALL SWIMMERS ARE WELCOME. FROM YOUNG BEGINNERS TO THE OLDER MORE EXPERIENCED KIDS.

WE ARE A COMMITTEE RUN CLUB. ALL POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED.

# BAROOGA HAWKS AUCTION

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

12PM START @ BAROOGA HOTEL

**\$175 PER PERSON** INCLUDES LUNCH, BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINK



PLUS COMEDY PERFORMANCE BY

**THE SUBURBAN FOOTBALLER TOM SIEGERT**

AND GUEST SPEAKERS



PETER MOODY



SHANNON BYRNES



STEVE JOHNSON

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[baroogafootballnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:baroogafootballnetballclub@gmail.com)

We're coming to your community



**Our Mobile Service Centre is coming to Barooga**

**Wednesday the 1st of March 2023  
9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Bringing NSW Government services to you.**

Call **13 77 88** or visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au) to check our latest timetable.

Severe weather may mean our timetable has to change at short notice, we strongly recommend you check on the day.

Find us at:  
59 Vermont Street

