

LOCAL LINK

Baralaba State School P-10 Campus

Every day, every student is learning & achieving

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Local Link 1 – 27th January 2017



date diary

14 th Feb	Leadership Induction 9.00 a.m.
22 nd Feb	P & C Meeting 4.30 p.m. @ Woorabinda
21 st – 24 th March	Primary School Camp – Fairbairn Dam Emerald
27 th March	School Cross Country
28 th March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
28 th – 31 st March	Secondary School Camp
31 st Mar	Holidays commence 3.00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to another busy year at Baralaba State School. Week 1 is now done and before we know it we'll be heading into the busy end of the school term with assessment and camps.

I hope that all of our families have had an enjoyable and safe holiday break. I would also like to thank the many people of Baralaba, not just members of the school community, that have made me feel very welcome. This is the first rural town in Central Queensland that I have lived and worked in; the closest I have lived and worked before was Mackay. I very deliberately made the personal and professional decision to make this move. I feel that it is one of the better decisions I have ever made, so a heartfelt thank you to all that have so warmly welcomed me. We have two other new teachers starting at Baralaba SS this year:

- Peter Wieland who is teaching high school Maths and Science.
- Jamal Abawi who is teaching the Year 5 / 6 Class.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to these new teachers if you see them around school or town. I am sure they will enjoy the welcome that I have received.

We start the year with 86 students across Prep to Year 10 – 23 students in high school; 63 students in primary school, including 7 new Prep students who started their very first day of school. This is always a significant, exciting and possibly scary event in a child's life. Our 'preppies' seem to be settling in quite well. Please contact the Prep teacher if you have any particular concerns about your child's entry into school.

All primary and secondary students have busily settled into their school work for the year and it is a pleasure to walk around their classrooms to see them learning. Their uniforms are well presented and they represent our school very well. Thank you to our families for your work in making sure they are ready to learn.

Our team of teachers, support teachers and teacher-aides have warmly welcomed your children into our school. Our job is to support your children in their learning and to help

them excel. If you have any questions about your child's learning or progress please contact the classroom teacher or myself.

Attendance – Every Day Counts

At this week's assembly I spoke with students about the importance of attending school every day. I explained to students that school is an important part of our country, that not every child (even today) gets to experience and enjoy going to school. All of us need to make sure we value our schools if only for the very fact that we have them. To get the most out of education though, children need to go to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes and students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and in general.

Things you can do to support attendance for all students:

- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free
- Help your child to get ready for school in the morning
- Talk about the positive social aspects of the school environment – their friends, their favourite classes and their favourite teacher/s.

And for teenagers:

- Talk with your teenager about their long term goals and dreams and how school can help them achieve these dreams.

Family Meetings - Since this is also my first year at Baralaba, I would like to make sure I get to know each of our students as much as possible as quickly as possible. To do this, I would like to meet with each family for a short conversation about your child/ren and how we can best support their education. This meeting can be arranged during school time at the office or I can meet with you at your home – whichever is most convenient for you. From early February Ellen or Tanya from the office will make contact with each family to arrange a suitable time.

School Camps - Before we know it, our school camps will be here. The **Year 4 to 6 Camp** is scheduled for Week 9 Term 1. The estimated cost of this camp is approximately \$150, after a subsidy from our P&C. The **Year 7 to 10 Camp** is scheduled for Week 10 Term 1. The estimated cost is approximately \$200, after a subsidy from our P&C. More detailed information about both camps will be provided over the next two weeks as permission notes and payment plans are organised.

Australia Day celebration – A very big thank-you to our awesome P&C and staff team for their hard work at the Baralaba Australia Day celebrations. This was a fantastic way for us to celebrate Australia Day and was a great opportunity for the beautiful picnic area of Baralaba to be



enjoyed. Thank you to the many members of Baralaba community that organised this event and for allowing us to be a part of the celebrations.

As always, please contact us on 4998 2333 if you have any questions or need our assistance.

Regards,
Kate Davis
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Please contact the office if your contact details – phone, address, medical information etc.- have changed. It is of vital importance that we have these details, especially in an emergency situation.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

All visitors / volunteers to the school must be signed in at the office. It is the legal obligation of the school to be accountable for everyone who is on school grounds. This is also the fact for late arrivals/ early departures. Students need to be signed in/out in the student register book.

Also, please remember that no students are to be at school before 8.30 a.m. or after 3.00 p.m. If there is a reason for student to be on grounds before or after these times, the arrangement needs to be organised with the office.

SPORTING NEWS

Trial Dates for Term 1 – Secondary Students – Contact Mr Denning for more information.

Rugby League	13-15Yrs	Feb 8	St Brendans - Yeppoon
AFL Boys & Girls	13-15Yrs	Feb 9	Stenlake Park-Rockhampton
Touch Football Boys & Girls	13-15Yrs	Feb 10	Rockhampton Touch Assoc
Netball Girls	13-15Yrs	Feb 14	Emmaus College - Rockhampton

ABSENCES

Please contact the office if your child is away from school. The office will then inform the class teacher.

In line with the Departments new procedures the school has implemented SMS text messaging for student absences. If you receive a text message in relation to student absence, you can either respond directly to the text, call or email the school. Don't forget to notify Admin if your contact details change.

UNIFORM ORDERS

ALL uniform orders will need to be placed at the office in the drop box. The money needs to be in an envelope with the order form stapled to the outside of the envelope.

CORRECT MONEY ONLY.

Order forms are available at the office.

All polo shirts \$30

Junior secondary jerseys \$60

Jackets \$35

Hats \$12

VISUAL ARTS

VISUAL ART DONATIONS!!

Hello! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and is well rested for the beginning of another school year! I am looking for some everyday items for Visual Art for years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If anyone has any of the following items spare, could you please bring them into the school!

- * take away containers
- * drinking straws
- * scraps of material
- * buttons
- * old lego pieces
- * old magazines/newspapers
- * other craft/collage materials

Thank you,
Ms Lavett

