

# LOCAL LINK

## Baralaba State School P-10 Campus

Every day, every student is learning & achieving

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Local Link 2 – 09<sup>th</sup> February 2017



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It certainly has been a busy start to the school year. Our Day 8 numbers for 2017 are 91 students - 65 students in our primary school and 26 students in our high school. All students are busy in their classrooms and it is a highlight of my day to walk around their classrooms to see them learning.

#### Attendance – Congratulations on a great start to the year with attendance.

Every day counts. Thank you for your efforts on making sure your child attends school every day. High attendance is achieved when students, families and teachers talk about the importance of education and when we work together as a team to support all members of our school. Let's keep up this great work!

**Student Leaders** – At this week's assembly some hopeful students presented their student leadership speeches. This is an important but nerve-wrecking part of the student leadership application process. The very brave students who proudly presented their speeches did a fantastic job. They did themselves and their families proud! We will know the outcome of our student leadership vote next week at the Induction Ceremony. Good luck to all students who have been nominated for House Captain and School Captain positions.

**Family Meetings** – I mentioned in the last newsletter that I would like to meet with each family for a short conversation about your child/ren and how we can best support their education. From next week Ellen or Tanya will call each family and make a suitable time for us to meet. Remember it can be in school time or I am happy to visit your home – whichever is most suitable for you. I have set myself the challenge of meeting each family in person before the Easter school holidays! These meetings are an opportunity for me to meet each family and for any questions or expectations that you have of our school to at least be raised. This is a low-key, getting-to-know-you opportunity. Please do not be concerned about being "called to the principal's office!"

**School Camps** – Information notes for the **Years 4 to 6 camp** (Week 9 Term 1) have been sent home this week. Students and teachers are already excited about the activities that they will experience on camp which include canoeing, team challenges and a catapult. Information notes about the **Years 7 to 10 camp** (Week 10 Term 1) will also be arriving home soon. This camp includes a

Reef Discover Program and a day on the Great Barrier Reef.

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

Regards,  
Kate Davis  
Principal

### PARADE AWARDS



#### Week 2

Elise- Student of the Week

Lylia- YCDI Confidence Award for always displaying confidence when helping others in the classroom

Abby- Hats Off to You! For showing leadership when helping the younger students

Leilani- Student of the Week

Tommy- Sight Word Sleuth Award for mastering spelling words 100% up to column 20

Jamique- Neat Writing Award for extremely neat handwriting

Darcy- Learning Award for demonstrating very settled behaviour in class and working hard to complete all work

Shakiah- For trying her best in handwriting

Will- YCDI Confidence Award for showing confidence by always participating in class activities and discussions

Damien (Yr.3) - for always being ready to learn

Marcus- Student of the Week

Kimberley- Student of the Week - for consistent effort in History

### 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.

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### **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.

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### **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

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### **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

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### **YEAR 7-10 ENGLISH**

This year we are off to a great start in English. Our high school students have been very focused in their lessons, and have started the year with some well-planned sustained writing pieces.

A big welcome to our new Year 7 students! During Term 1, we are *Analysing Persuasion in Media Texts*. The students are looking at text structures and language features in media texts and how they influence us as an audience. We are focusing on persuasive devices and examining how we can use language to share our point-of-view and persuade others.

Year 8 students have started work on the topic *Representations of Teen Issues in Text*. We have been reading, viewing and listening to a variety of news media texts from the internet and television. The students are exploring individuals, groups and events and explaining how text structures and language features affect these representations. We are reading excerpts from the novel

*Don't Call Me Ishmael!* By Michael Gerard Bauer and *Lockie Leonard, Human Torpedo* by Tim Winton. Both novels focus on significant teen issues.

For the first five weeks, the Year 9 class are *Examining Representations of Australia's Peoples, Histories and Cultures*. They are listening to, reading and viewing literary and non-literary texts featuring different perspectives of Australia's peoples, histories and cultures. The students will then evaluate how text structures, language and visual features, literary techniques, myths and symbols, are designed to appeal to audiences and create our Australian identity.

We will then move onto our second unit for Term 1 called *Exploring Different Perspectives*.

Our Year 10 students are learning to *Understand and Analyse Satire in Texts*. We are reading, viewing and analysing the techniques used in satirical texts. So far, we have looked at satire in political cartoons, picture books, poems and songs.

Our second unit for Term 1 will be *Responding to Poetry*. Reading everyday has many benefits. In order to become a better reader, and even a better writer, students need to read often. It develops their vocabulary, they see good writing in action, and it helps them to develop their own craft as writers. Therefore, it is very important for each student to make a commitment to read for at least 30 minutes each day. The students have all been to the school library and picked a novel that reflects their reading ability, as well as a high interest book. Please encourage your child to read every day and borrow from the school library regularly.

Regards,  
Debbie Read

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### **YEAR 5/6**

Hello everybody,

My name is Jamal Abawi, and it is a pleasure to have joined your school and community here at Baralaba this year. I originally came from the Toowoomba region, and have been teaching for almost three years before arriving at Baralaba. It has been wonderful to meet everyone so far and become acquainted with the community, and I hope to be seeing a lot more of you all as we head into the rest of the year. With so many great opportunities like the school camp coming up ahead I am looking forward to having great times with the school community and I thank you for the warm welcome I have received so far.

Regards,  
Jamal Abawi

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### **YEAR 7-10 MATH/SCIENCE**

Hi everyone, my name is Peter Wieland and I'm a new teacher this year at Baralaba State School. Over the last few weeks I've had the pleasure of getting to know our students, especially the high school kids since I'm teaching maths and science to them. I grew up and trained to be a teacher in Brisbane, and have come out here for my first teaching post at Baralaba so that I can be a supportive adult role model to the students. At the same time, I'm lucky to be able to say that I'm helping to close the educational gap in Queensland. I enjoy running after work, so if you see a new face jogging down your street and waving at you, it's likely to be me! I'm looking forward to



working with you towards the shared common goal of delivering a great education for your kids.

With thanks,  
Peter Wieland



### KIDS ON TOUR 2017

Once again our school has been invited to participate in The Kids on Tour art workshop presented by the Queensland Art Gallery I Gallery of Modern art Children's Art Centre. This year's program is titled *'The Gabori Sisters, Gathering by the Sea'* Kids on Tour for 2017. The program comprises a range of activities, developed especially for children and family audiences by Indigenous Australian artists Elsie, Dorothy and Amanda Gabori. 'Gathering by the Sea' introduces young visitors to the Kaiadilt artists and their homeland of Bentinck Island in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria. Through specially designed hands-on activities, children are invited to consider the unique and important relationship the Kaiadilt people share with the sea and discover the creatures that inhabit the waters around Bentinck Island.

A condition of the workshop is that photographs be taken during the workshop – so a permission form is attached to the Local Link to be returned to the school if your child /children wish to participate. How exciting that last year Baralaba School was featured in the review booklet!

The school's Resource Centre/ Library will be the venue on Wednesday 1st March from 3.00-5.00 pm. Afternoon tea will be provided - so come along and have a creative and fun afternoon. Parents and younger children are very welcome.

With thanks,  
Julie Webb

### RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Greetings for 2017 and it is Week 3 already! It is so good to be back after the summer vacation and a special welcome to our Preps Prep and other new students and teachers. Primary classes from Prep to 5/6 have again been allocated library time this year on a Tuesday and this is a good time to borrow and return books – with the Junior Secondaries students coming at times suitable to their teachers.

All primary students are required to have a library bag, as advised in the school prospectus. Library bags come in all shapes and sizes - as long as they are made of sturdy material to protect the borrowed books and clearly named, they are suitable. Named plastic document folders are also an acceptable option, but until students have their own library bag they can borrow a plastic bag from the library. The Resource Centre is open daily at the play breaks and it is pleasing to see so many students spending time here engaging in a variety of activities.





“Escape to Every Where” is the Book Week theme for 2017 - celebrated from the 21-25 August.  
If you haven’t seen our Resource Centre you are very welcome to come and visit.  
Yours in reading,  
Julie Webb and Miss Kyla

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### **MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016**

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download the latest Microsoft version on their personal devices. Staff and students will need to use their school email address to sign in. To download visit: [portal.office.com](http://portal.office.com) and follow the process. Alternatively, visit: [education.qld.gov.au/office2016](http://education.qld.gov.au/office2016) for detailed instructions.