



Barmedman Public School

"BPS Bulletin"

Message from the Principal's Desk

It has been wonderful to see students fitting into their new routine. The Swimming Carnival, The Life Education Van, a special assembly, and a visit from Bland Shire Library have been events that have added to the positive experiences of the term so far. Dub Leffler is a versatile indigenous artist who came to our school to share his books and drawings. He spoke of using different mediums including coffee and salt. Dub generously donated one of his books called, Frog Finds a Place.

Students have received home reader packs and we are encouraging them to read at home to build on their skills, increase vocabulary and enjoy stories with family members. Adults and older siblings can help by asking questions about the book and listening for fluency and understanding. On finding an unknown word, pause to allow time and, if needed, prompt by suggesting to go back to the beginning of the sentence or look for a picture clue.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be running from mid next week on. This is for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for all Australian schools. As students progress through their years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essentials. Results will allow parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards.

Attached is a copy of the new NSW Department of Education Plan. This sets our priorities for the coming years and shows commitment to equity and excellence in education so that every student can learn, grow and belong at school.

Staff and families have made the combined decision to have newsletters published twice per term. Our next edition will be out during Week 11.

I look forward to continuing to work with our team to provide an inclusive environment for our students to be the best that they can be. Feel free to reach out to the school at any time for student or community matters.

Sarah Bell

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2024 leaders! These students have taken on their responsibilities with great pride.

School Captain: Lachlan Beiser

School Captain: Khloe Byrnes

Sport Captain: Jaydan Beiser



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Our Motto: Desire to do well

CALENDAR

TERM 1	
Friday 22 nd March	Zoomobile Excursion to Toppy Hall – more information to come
Thursday 28 th March	Science Day with Sally Russell
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday
Monday 1 st April	Easter Monday
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1

Attendance

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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Below is Geoff, our General Assistant, who is always working hard to make our school look spick and span. Here he is giving our cola a thorough scrub up. Thank you Geoff for everything you do.



Staff Updates

We welcome Mrs McGee to our teaching team this year. She brings a great wealth of knowledge and teaching experience to our school.

Swimming Carnival

At the end of Week 2 our Swimming Carnival was a successful day, with all students trying their best and representing our school with pride. Congratulations to Lachlan Beiser who was the Boys Senior Age Champion.



Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold had everyone smiling as he delivered key messages about emotions, physical activity, benefits of healthy food, body systems and respectful relationships.



Sandpit Construction

Construction has begun on a new sandpit for students and the community. It is anticipated that the sandpit will be finished and ready for use by the middle of next week. The students are very excited and can't wait to try it out.

