



Barmedman Public School

“BPS Bulletin”

Message from the Principal's Desk

This term seems to have flown by. It has been full of growth and achievement for our students. It is always a pleasure to work with students who are dedicated towards learning and take on opportunities to experience new things.

Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed our recent excursion to West Wyalong where Lake Cowal Conservation Centre organised a visit with Taronga Zoomobile. We were entertained by Brewarrina Elder, Colin Hardy, with storytelling and music while enjoying the company of some special and unique animals. After this, our infant students called in at the Wyalong Museum and our primary students visited Tivoli to watch Blueback.

Mrs Mason is a new teaching face to our team. She is an experienced music teacher who filled her vehicle with instruments for two half days of playing, singing and dancing. All of our students mastered notes on recorders and experimented with rhythm and beat. They made some excellent sounds using a trombone and were impressed with the size of a cello. We look forward to having Mrs Mason visit again.

Sally Russell visited our school for a Science Day and we have planned for her to return each term. The topic this time was biological science which is about plants and animals. Students classified animals and used microscopes to spot water and compost bugs. They learnt about lifecycles and how plants grow from seeds. Special days like this always foster a sense of wonder and curiosity about the world we live in and it's lovely to have visitors to the school who bring such expert knowledge.

Our Strategic Improvement Plan is a working document that details the steps that we will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. Our current focus areas include literacy, numeracy and attendance. For literacy, teachers are encouraging students to learn new words and expand their vocabulary which will directly assist with reading and writing. For numeracy, we are narrowing down closely on the skills needed for students to become confident in multiplicative thinking.

We've ended the term with a formal assembly. Thank you to our visitors for coming along. Students were acknowledged for levels of attendance and received class awards. Our audience heard about our wellbeing program, Rock and Water. This program provides people with a pathway to self-awareness and increased self-confidence and social functioning.

Anzac Day is on Thursday the 25th of April and I encourage all students to meet at the Police Station in full school uniform at 10:30am to walk to the park for the town ceremony. Our school captains will have specific roles on the day.

I hope all of our staff and students have a happy and safe holiday break. Term 2 will start for staff on Monday the 29th of April and students return on Tuesday the 30th of April.

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Our Motto: Desire to do well

CALENDAR	
TERM 1	
Friday 12 th April	Last day of Term 1
Thursday 25 th April	Anzac Day
Monday 29 th April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 th April	First day of Term 2 for Students
Friday 3 rd May	Cross Country - Weethalle
Wednesday 15 th May	Whalebone Excursion to Griffith (more information to come)
Friday 24 th May	Scripture Excursion to Temora West Public School
Friday 5 th July	AECG NAIDOC Day West Wyalong Public School

Attendance



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
5 mins per day  = **3** days 

Days missed = years lost

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

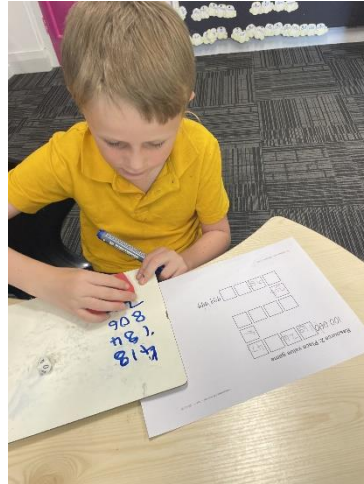
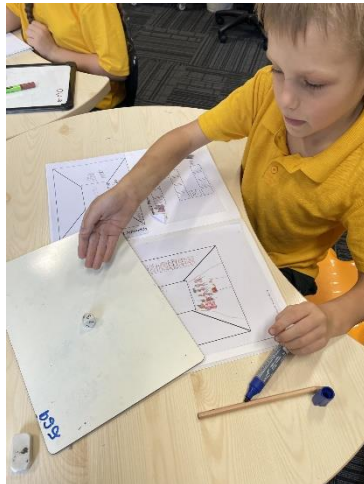
When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

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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Class Work - Term 1



Science Day with Miss Sally

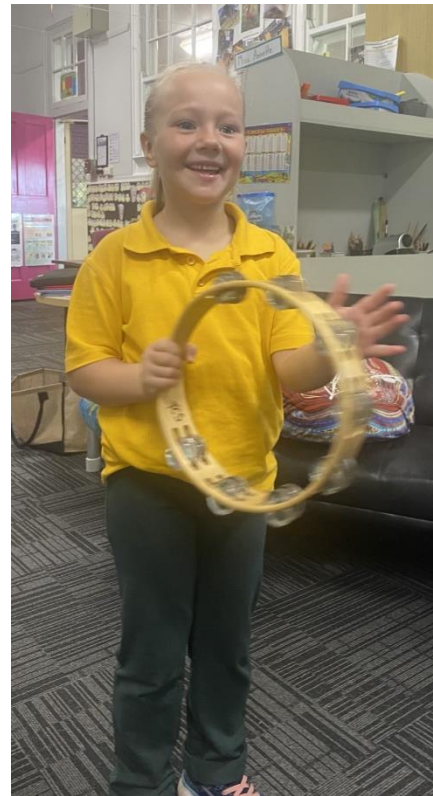
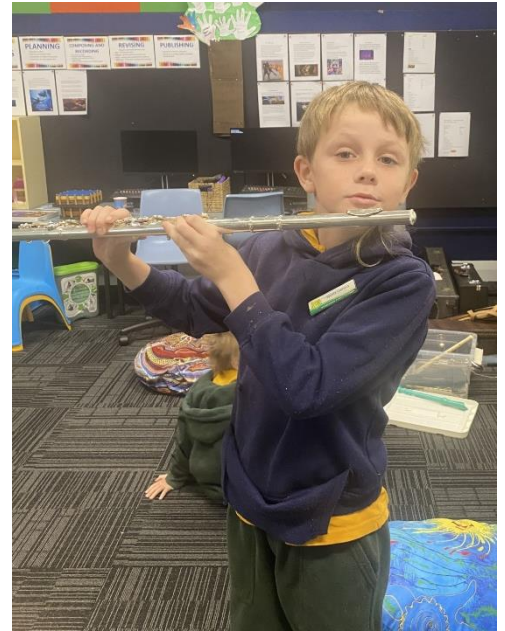


Easter Hat Making

Happy Easter! Ms Davidge was busy before the long weekend making Easter hats with students and Miss Annette coordinated an egg hunt. These two ladies have also been improving the chook house by planting seeds for a garden arch at the front and using eggs to cook egg and bacon pies with students.



Music with Mrs Mason



Zoomobile Excursion



Rock & Water

