



Thursday 2nd April 2026

THE GAZETTE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd April
Term 2 Commences

Monday 27th April
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th April
NSWPSSA Swimming Championship

Friday 8th May
Cross Country

Friday 15th May
Athletics Carnival

Thursday 28th May
Mid-Term Merit Assembly

Friday 29th May
CHS/PSSA Zone Cross Country @ Coolamon

Thursday 11th June
PSSA Riverina Cross Country @ Gundagai

Friday 12th June
CHS Riverina Cross Country @ Gundagai

Thursday 18th June
BCS Social - Year 3 to 12

Friday 19th June
PSSA Zone Athletics @ Wagga

Friday 26th June
CHS Zone Athletics @ TBC





A message from the **PRINCIPAL**

As we approach the end of Term 1, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and highlights from across our school community.

Congratulations to our many sporting heroes who have proudly represented our school this term. We are eager to watch your representative journey play out next term and wish our state swimmers the very best in their training and competitions – keep up the great work!

Our secondary students have been involved in some impressive experiences this term, including the Charles Sturt University visit, RCT Days at Ardlethan, Riverina Access Program study days and representative sport, as well as the STEM Challenge Day held in Griffith. These opportunities have enriched their learning and broadened their horizons.

Meanwhile, our primary students have been working hard across all subjects, producing excellent academic growth. It is wonderful to see such dedication and progress in their learning.

I would also like to acknowledge how fantastic our students look in their uniforms. Thank you to all students for wearing your uniforms with pride and for following the school rules, particularly our policy of no Riverina clothing. Your commitment to this helps maintain our strong school identity.

Our recent Open Night was a resounding success, and I was thrilled with the turnout.

It truly is a privilege to showcase our amazing school community and the opportunities we offer. Our music video has been a huge hit, having been shared over 70 times across various platforms. The students are very proud of their work, so please do continue to share the video far and wide to help make it go viral!

Please remember to stay up to date with School Bytes, as it is your go-to portal for important school information and communication. There are some exciting excursions planned for next term, and these will be added to the calendar in the coming days. Keeping an eye on School Bytes will ensure you don't miss any updates or permission notes. If you would like any extra information, please don't hesitate to call the front office.

I also want to remind families that if you need any assistance with affording uniforms, excursions, or school supplies, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and want every student to have access to everything they need for a successful school experience.

Parent surveys are an important way for us to hear from you and continue improving our school. So far, 19 out of 37 families have responded. Please take a few minutes during the holidays to complete the survey if you haven't already. It should only take about 5 minutes, and we would greatly appreciate any comments you can provide. The survey is attached to this gazette. Your voice as parents is highly valued.

Finally, I wish all our families the most amazing Easter break. Stay safe, enjoy the sunshine, and I look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

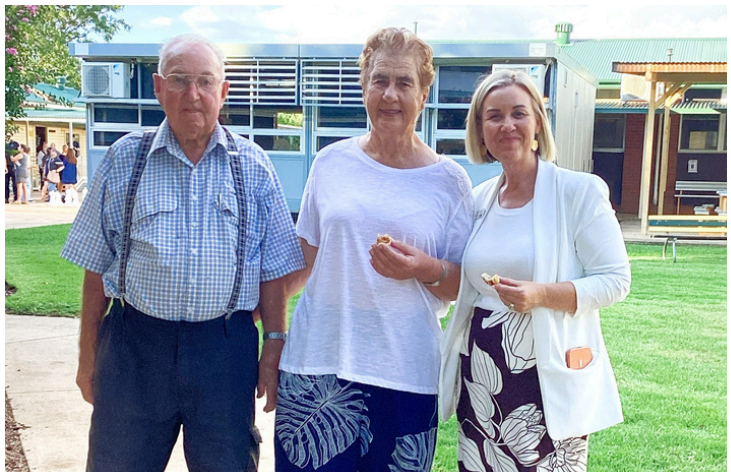
Warm regards,

Mrs Hopper

Principal

 **HAPPY**
Easter 

Open Night





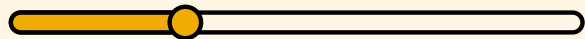


Watch our Video



BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS

BCS ft. Josh Arnold



HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION

On Wednesday 18/3/26 a group of keen artists went to Tullibigal for a second High Potential, Gifted and Talented day.

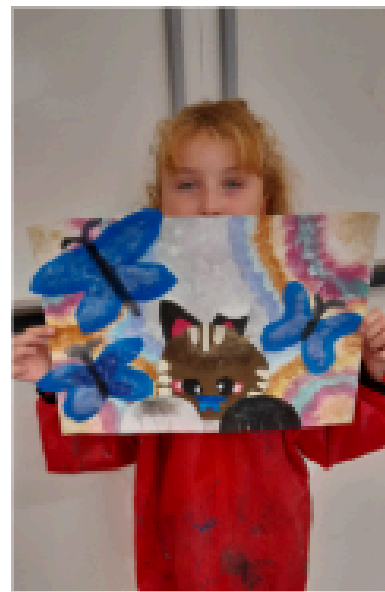
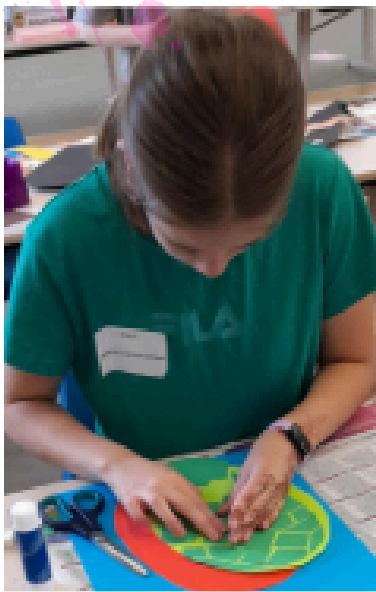
The activity for the day was collage. We looked at the artist Pete Cromer for inspiration and students we then let loose with paint, and a variety of different types of paper to create their artwork.

Grace decided to create a turtle from paper which proved to be a challenge as it required puzzle solving skills which she overcame.

Adeline chose to create a picture out of her imagination using paint, paper and crayons. Her cat playing with butterflies emerged with a rainbow background.

Lylah decided on an Easter themed creation which didn't always go to plan but she changed her design to meet the challenges.

Well done girls on another exciting art session.



2/3/4 SCIENCE

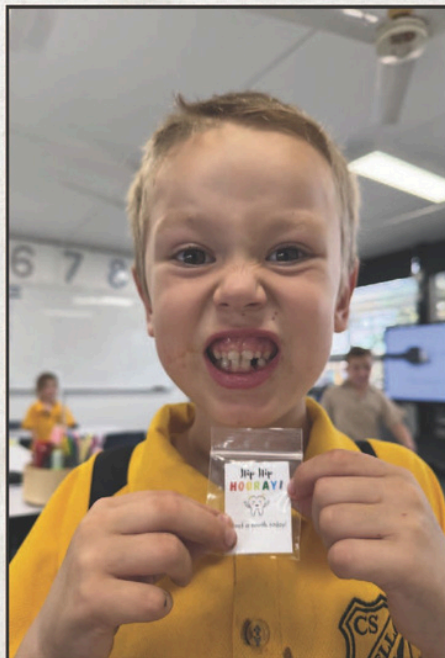
Our Year 2/3/4 students have been busy exploring the fascinating world of earthquakes in Science. We have been learning about what earthquakes are, what causes them, and how they affect the Earth's surface. To bring our learning to life, students took part in a hands-on experiment using Mars Bars to model how the Earth's crust moves during an earthquake. This engaging activity helped students visualise how pressure builds and is released along fault lines. It was fantastic to see their curiosity, teamwork, and excitement as they made real-world connections to their learning!



BREAKING NEWS

K/1 FINISH TERM 1 WITH FLYING COLOURS

This half of the term, K/1 explored imaginative reading and writing, creating sentences using who, what, where and when. We learned about our families, looked at length, and discovered what plants and animals need to survive and thrive. It's been a busy and fun finish to Term 1! K/1 wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday!



READ MORE IN TERM 2'S GAZETTE

WHAT'S ON IN 5/6?

YEAR 6 SPONGE THROW

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our first Year 6 fundraiser!



Because of your generosity, we raised over \$250.



AGRICULTURE

We are excited to have Sally Russell from Lake Cowal Conservation Centre working with our Year 5/6 students this year! Sally visits a few times each term to teach students about agriculture, including caring for our ag plots, planting, growing, and watering.



YOUNG LEADERS



Eleanor, Riley and Joe proudly represented BCS at the Younger Leaders Conference 2026 in Sydney. Throughout the day they listened to a range of inspiring speakers, including Jess Yates, Nick Hudson and Catherine Laga'aia, who shared powerful messages about leadership, confidence and making a positive impact in their communities. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their leadership skills and bring new ideas back to BCS.

MATHS

Students have been learning different strategies for solving additive relations, including both mental and written methods. These strategies help students build flexibility and confidence in solving problems efficiently and accurately.

ASHER

Using an addition algorithm (without regrouping)

ASHER

	H	T	O
250	2	5	0
+ 317	3	1	7
567	5	6	7

$250 + 317 = 567$

	Th	H	T	O
1209	1	2	0	9
+ 6140	6	1	4	0
7349	7	3	4	9

$1209 + 6140 = 7349$

ADEN

Addition

A) $308 + 467 = 775$
 $310 + 467 = 777$
 $777 - 2 = 775$ ✓

B) $491 + 323 = 814$
 $490 + 324 = 814$ ✓

C) $1093 + 2380 = 3473$
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BLAKE

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EDDY

Using the compensation strategy for addition

Eddy

Create your own equations and solve using the compensation strategy.

$46 + 54 = 100$	$93 + 93 = 186$
$96 + 60 = 156$	$90 + 94 = 184$
$156 + 1 = 157$	$184 + 3 = 187$

$63 + 34 = 97$	$44 + 52 = 96$
$60 + 34 = 94$	$44 + 50 = 94$
$94 + 3 = 97$	$94 + 2 = 96$

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU COMBINE GEOGRAPHY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND YEAR 9/10 STUDENTS?

Apple Pinwheels and Apple Sour Cream Slice!

In Geography, students have been learning about Food Sustainability and Inequality, while in Food Technology they have been learning about Food Wastage.

Open Night 2026 presented the perfect opportunity for the Year 9/10 students to demonstrate their learning across these 2 subject areas.

BCS had received several boxes of apples and whilst the school community did their best to eat them all we were faced with the problem of how best to use the rest. Putting their learning into practice, students came up with 2 recipes that would use all the apples, resulting in no wastage, and only needing to add a couple of additional ingredients.

The resulting delicious treats were enjoyed by all who attended.

Well done Matilda, Grace and Krystian.



Maths in Action: Real-World Readiness

YEARS 7 & 8: THE POWER OF PERCENTAGES

Percentages are everywhere—sales, sports stats, grades, and even your phone battery! Our junior students have been learning how to make sense of it all.

What have they been mastering?

Conversions: Switching between fractions, decimals, and percentages like pros.

Percentage of Quantities: Figuring out things like “What is 15% of \$80?”

Expressing Ratios: Turning comparisons into percentages to better understand data.

Percentage Change: Calculating discounts, markups, and price changes.

In short: our Year 7 & 8 students are learning how to shop smarter, save better, and think mathematically in real life.



YEARS 9 & 10: FINANCIAL LITERACY & FUTURE PLANNING

In the senior years, the focus shifted to the "maths of money." Students have been tackling the financial skills they will need as they enter the workforce and adulthood.

Students explored the difference between:

Wages (Hourly Pay): You earn money for every hour you work.

Salary (Fixed Pay): A set yearly amount—no matter the hours.

Students practised converting annual salaries into Weekly, Fortnightly and Monthly, and even calculated hourly equivalents to understand real earning power!

One of the most engaging topics this term was overtime and penalty rates, where students discovered how pay can change depending on when you work. They explored concepts such as time-and-a-half and double-time, learning how these higher rates apply in real-life situations. Students tackled real-world scenarios, like: “What do you earn when your Saturday shift rolls into Sunday?” They calculated total earnings by combining different pay rates—just like in real jobs!

Students also investigated commission-based earnings, which are common in careers such as sales. They learned how many roles offer a retainer, providing a base level of income, along with commission, which gives additional earnings based on performance.

The "Family Maths" Challenge

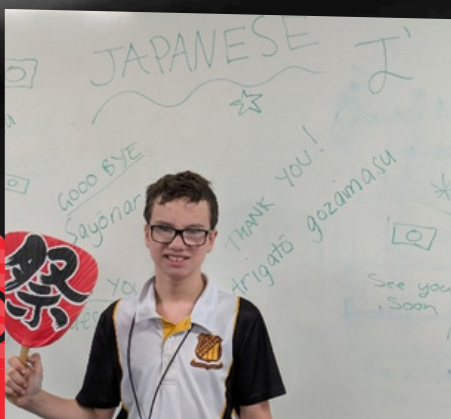
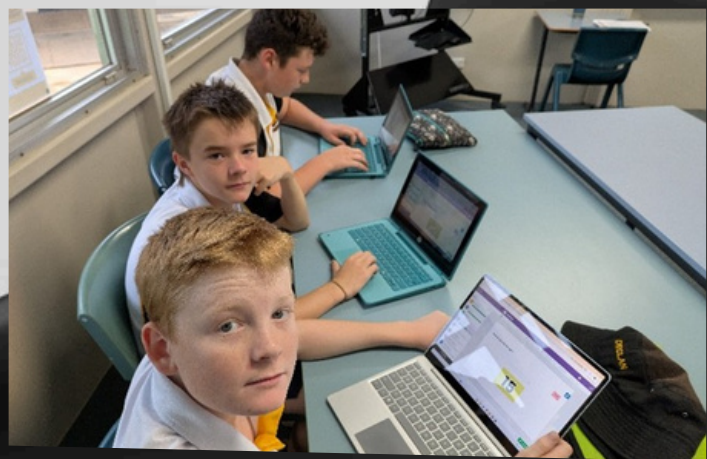
Can you beat our students? Try these real-life teasers at the dinner table tonight:

1. The Sale Snag: If a \$100 pair of shoes is discounted by 20%, but then that sale price is increased by 20% the next week, are the shoes back to \$100?
2. The Shopping Secret: Which is a better deal: 23% of \$71 or 71% of \$23?



JAPANESE

Our Year 7/8 Japanese class has had a fantastic start to the term, exploring both the language and rich culture of Japan. Students have been learning about important cultural traditions and customs, while also building their understanding of the different Japanese writing systems, including hiragana, katakana, and an introduction to kanji. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they begin speaking the language, with a focus on learning how to confidently introduce themselves in Japanese. We look forward to continuing to build our skills and cultural understanding throughout the term!





EASTER HAT PARADE



ACADEMIC GROWTH ASSEMBLY

Award Recipients

K/1

Maths Award: Tristan Bischard
Literacy Award: Adalynn Lemke
CHpS Award: Levi Evans
 Levi Evans

2/3/4

Maths Award: Jake Male
Literacy Award: Jake Male
CHpS Award: Lylah Bischard

5/6

Maths Award: Aden Puppa
Literacy Award: Brock Dargin
CHpS Award: Eleanor Goring

Secondary

Maths Award: Dakota Smith
 Samuel Sheehan
English Award: Samuel Sheehan
History Award: Dakota Smith
Language Award: Lara Sanderson
Science Award: Samuel Sheehan
Geography Award: Grace Eldridge
Food Technology: Matilda Hornbuckle
Music: Lara Sanderson
Technology Award: Charli Smith

Overall Outstanding Effort

Infant: Levi Evans
Primary: Poppy Irons
Secondary: Dakota SMith



Harmony Day



On Friday 20th March, Barellan students celebrated Harmony day by participating in collective craft activities. Each student had the opportunity to add their handprints to our Harmony Banner. They also made friendship bracelets in colours of communication- orange! Thankyou to all the senior students who took time to help and guide our smallest community members!



HARMONY DAY 20 MARCH



RAP SPORT

Touch Football

The Riverina Access Partnership was represented at the Touch Football Carnival in Wagga Wagga on Thursday 12th March with both an Open Boys and Open Girls Teams.

Both teams played 4 tough games opponents from all over the Riverina, giving them the opportunity to develop skills in various aspects of the game.

It was great to see the teamwork, support and resilience on display throughout the day from both teams. It looks promising for the future, with young teams that are set to improve in the years ahead. Thank you to the parents, carers and staff that provided transport and support for the team on the day. Also thank you to Ms Caroline Stewart (APCS) for coaching the Opens Girls Team and refereeing multiple games.

- Mr Tim White, RAP Head Teacher Lockhart



BCS Representatives: Riley Menzies, Samuel Sheehan, Kacey Eldridge, Grace Eldridge, Dakota Smith, Lily Curran

BASKETBALL

The Opens RAP Girls Basketball Team which consisted of 9 girls across the RAP program, including our very own Kacey, Lily and Dakota recently travelled to Narrandera to compete in the CHS rounds.

They faced off against Narrandera High, Tumut High, and Leeton High. Despite the challenges of three tough games, the girls performed admirably, coming very close to matching Leeton High. Throughout the day, the team worked cohesively, steadily developing their game knowledge and skills. Their determination and teamwork were evident, earning them praise for their sportsmanship from other coaches who acknowledged their persistence and refusal to give up.

Overall, the experience was a valuable opportunity for growth and camaraderie.



Success at Riverina Sees 4 Swimmers Off to State!

The Riverina Swimming Carnival was held at the start of Week 7, with Barellan Central School students proudly representing our school across both the primary and secondary events.

It was fantastic to see our swimmers pushing themselves to their very best, with many students achieving personal bests and showing great determination in the pool.

A special congratulations to Jack Malone, who has qualified for the State Carnival in the 9 Years 50m Freestyle and as part of the Peter Dobson Mixed Relay team alongside Eddy Malone, Riley Irons and Otis Whitney-Taylor.

Good luck boys for the State Carnival which will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre April 28th.



PSSA Riverina: Otis Whitney-Taylor, Liam Male, Riley Irons, Eddy Malone, Poppy Irons, Jack Malone, Mason Hillman



CHS Riverina: Charli Smith, Lara Sanderson



PSSA Riverina: Peter Dobson Small School Relay Team: Otis Whitney-Taylor, Eddy Malone, Jack Malone, Riley Irons



Charles Sturt
University

EXPLORE CSU



On Tuesday Ms O'Keeffe took Dakota, Kacey, Ronan and myself to Wagga to attend the Explore CSU day.

Dakota, Kacey and I attended 3 sessions: the first was an overview of what CSU offers across all its campuses; the second was Nursing and we got to practice plastering each other's fingers. Dakota tried to tell Ms O'Keeffe that she had broken her finger, but she didn't believe her. After a free lunch us girls went on a bus tour, visiting the library and other features of the campus.

Ronan's three sessions were engineering then Nuclear Science.

Overall, it was a very informative and worthwhile day. Big thanks to Ms O'Keeffe for taking us and putting up with Dakota's choice of music, and to Ms Blacker for organising.

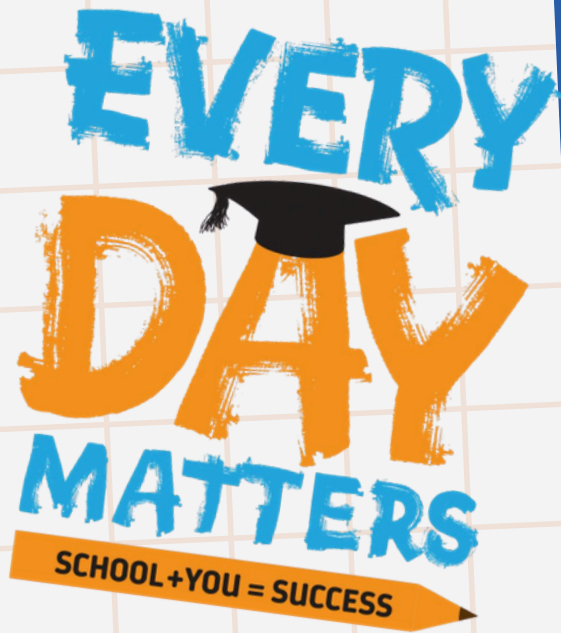
- Lily Curran



Attendance

Matters

TERM 1	
K/1	90%
2/3/4	92%
5/6	92%
7/8	80%
9/10/11/12	79%



EXCELLENCE GOAL 90% AND ABOVE

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



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Over

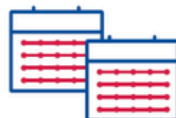
1 year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over

2.5 years missed



BARELLAN ANZAC DAY MARCH

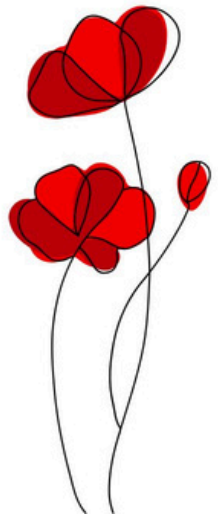
25TH APRIL 2026

Barellan Central School students are invited to march and participate in the town ANZAC ceremony on Saturday 25th April 2026. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to show their commitment to their community. Last year a pleasing turnout of B.C.S students represented our school.

Students are asked to wear full new school uniform including black footwear. We will assemble outside the Community Hall at 2.30pm for a 2.50pm march time. Please wear school hats and bring a water bottle if it is a hot day.

A collection for legacy will be taken at the conclusion of the ceremony and students are asked to have a gold coin for this collection. Afternoon tea will be served at the Barellan and District War Memorial Club following the ceremony, and everyone is most welcome to attend. The afternoon tea will be supplied by community members and donations of food will be gratefully received.

- Julie Kenny



Barellan Central School

Engaged and connected learners, embodying respect, responsibility, resilience and excellence.



SCAN ME

PARENT SURVEY

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ONLINE FORM TO HELP US MAKE BCS EVEN BETTER!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BEGIN.

Perseverance Conquers All

MATCH DAY

IN BARELLAN

BOUNDARY UMPIRES NEEDED



Help
our community
club
and
earn \$15 and a \$5
canteen voucher.



*Help is needed on the
following Saturdays at*

**12PM-2PM RESERVES
OR
2PM-4.30PM 1ST
GRADE**

**MARCH 28TH
APRIL 11TH
MAY 16TH
MAY 23RD
JUNE 20TH
JUNE 27TH
JULY 18TH
AUGUST 8TH**

If you are interested please contact
Owen Brown 0429683220 or
Julie Kenny 0448553225.

FREE EVENTS • WORKSHOPS • EXPERIENCES

NARRANDERA

YOUTH WEEK

APRIL 2026

AGES 12 - 24

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nyoka.prior@narrandera.nsw.gov.au

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Learn how to make coffee, use a machine, and build real café skills. Includes a Statement of Attainment.

LIMITED SPOTS. BOOK NOW!
TEXT OR CALL

Noka - Community Liaison
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FREE DRIVING LESSONS 30 MARCH TO 7 APRIL

FREE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 16 - 24 WITH THEIR LEARNER'S LICENCE.

TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT INSTRUCTOR
MURRAY HALL ON 0411 012 659

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22 APRIL 4:30PM RAE & RAINE HAIR SALON HANDS-ON HAIR DRESSING

Step inside a real salon, learn pathways into the industry, and get hands-on experience.

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16 APRIL 10AM NARRANDERA PIZZERIA PIZZERIA EXPERIENCE

Go behind the scenes of The Narrandera Pizzeria. Learn what it takes to get the job, how the business runs, and then create your own pizza.

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BCS CANTEEN MENU

2026

* GREEN = EVERYDAY ITEMS

HOT MEALS

Beef Lasagne	\$5.50
Garlic Bread (5 inch)	\$3.00
Spagetti Bolognese	\$5.50
Butter Chicken	\$5.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.50
Ganmain Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Ganmain Meat Pie	\$5.50
5x Chicken Chippies	\$3.50
5x Chicken Nuggets	\$4.00

SANDWICHES

(white or wholemeal bread)	
Buttered	\$1.50
Toppings (each)	50c
*Cheese, Tomato, Ham, Chicken, Vegemite, Salami	
* Toasted option	50c

DRINKS

Nippy's Flavoured Milk (Choc/Strawberry)	
- Small	\$3.50
- Large (secondary only)	\$5.00
Orange Juice	\$2.50
Juice Bomb	\$2.50
Chill J	\$2.50
Nippy's Orange Fruit Box	\$2.00
Nippy's Apple Fruit Box	\$2.00

SNACKS

Sea Salt Chips	\$2.00
Grainwaves	\$2.00

AFTER LUNCH TREATS

Quelch Fruit Stick	50c
SnapStix	\$1.00
Paddlepop	\$2.50
Icy Pole (Lemonade)	\$2.00

Canteen operates Monday & Friday
 Recess: 11.00am
 Lunch: 1.30pm (1.15pm primary)

How To Order

Cash orders to box (outside front office) by 9.00am

Online Ordering Available:

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au> or
download the 'My School Connect' app.

Online Orders close 9.00am

BCS Canteen is operated by the Barellan P&C. All proceeds go directly to supporting students of BCS.

2026 CALENDAR

APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 End of Term Assembly	2 Last Day of Term 1 Term 1 Attendance Reward 85%	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 School Development Day	21 School Development Day	22 Start of Term 2	23	24
27 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	28	29	30 7-10 Koyo Matsuri Festival Cowra Excursion	

MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 7-10 Koyo Matsuri Festival Cowra Excursion
4	5	6 RAP Winter Sports Trials	7	8 Cross Country
11 Stage 6 Albury Industry Tour	12 Stage 6 Albury Industry Tour	13 Stage 6 Albury Industry Tour	14 Stage 6 Albury Industry Tour	15 Athletics Carnival
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28 Mid Term Assembly @ 2pm	29 PSSA/CHS Zone Cross Country