



THE GAZETTE



Friday 5th December 2025

Term 4, Week 8B

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE - EXCELLENCE



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 1st - Friday 12th December
Swim School

Tuesday 16th December
K/1/2 Santa Visit @ 11:30am
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Thursday 18th December
Presentation Night @ 6pm - Hall

Friday 19th December
Last Day of School
Whole School Excursion to Lake Talbot



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THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

With only two weeks to go until the end of term, I can honestly say I can't believe how quickly the time has flown! There has been so much activity, achievement and fun throughout our school and I'm filled with pride seeing the growth and enthusiasm of our students.

Congratulations to all the students who recently delivered SRC and captain speeches. It takes real courage to speak in front of your peers and teachers, and I applaud every one of you for your commitment and passion.

Swim school has officially started! Although the first day had us all shivering, it's safe to say it's definitely swimming weather now. I'm delighted to see students making progress and enjoying their time in the pool.

Semester reports are underway and we are working hard to have them ready to send home on Tuesday, 9th December. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school to make a time to meet.

A very special occasion—the Year 6 Farewell—will be held on Tuesday, 16th December. This event is always filled with both joy and a touch of sadness as we say goodbye to a wonderful group of students. I'm really looking forward to celebrating with our Year 6 families and creating lasting memories. Santa will also be visiting us that day—and you can be sure I'll be right in the middle of the fun!

I'm very excited about my first BCS Presentation Night. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements and the supportive community spirit we share. I sincerely hope you can join us.

A quick reminder regarding end-of-day arrangements: If your child usually travels home on the bus but their plans have changed, please contact the front office as a priority.

For safety reasons, no student will be allowed to leave the school grounds unless we have been notified.

Please remember to check School Bytes regularly—look at the calendar, keep up with updates, and sign any required documents through the app. We've also sent a school survey via email and on School Bytes. Thank you to everyone who has already responded. If you haven't yet, I encourage you to share your feedback—we truly value your insights.

I would like to give a warm farewell to Mr Millis who will no longer be working at Barellan Central School and I wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Lastly, our final day of school promises plenty of fun at Lake Talbot. I'm looking forward to capping off a fantastic year with our students in such a positive way.

Thank you all for your continued support and partnership. Let's make these last two weeks count!

As Principal, I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Wiradjuri people and pay respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging. We honour their connection to this land and are committed to fostering respect and inclusion within our school community.



Mrs Jane Hopper



AROUND THE SCHOOL

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Our Year 6 students had an exciting opportunity last week as they joined our Stage 4 students for a high school transition experience. The day began with an informative session for both parents and students, providing valuable insights into what life will be like in Year 7 and beyond. Following this, the students headed off to sample a variety of classes, engaging in fun and interactive learning experiences.



Throughout the day, students were able to explore different subjects, and experience a taste of the routines and expectations of high school. It was wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm, and confidence grow as they embraced new challenges and opportunities.



The transition day was not only a chance to learn but also an important step in helping our Year 6 students feel prepared and excited for the next chapter of their educational journey. A fantastic day filled with learning, exploration, and anticipation for 2026!



Rhyme Time in Kindergarten!

Kindergarten have been learning about poetry in Term 4. We have studied shape poems, acrostic poems and colour poems. In the following colour poems, students were required to use all their senses to describe their chosen color.

RED

Red **LOOKS** like poppies

Red **SOUNDS** like a fire truck

Red **TASTES** like a juicy strawberry

Red **FEELS** like hot sand

Red **MAKES ME FEEL** sweaty

LINCOLN



GREEN

Green **LOOKS** like soft grass

Green **SOUNDS** like leaves blowing in the wind

Green **SMELLS** like a crisp apple

Green **FEELS** like stretchy slime

Green **TASTES** like sweet, juicy grapes

Green **MAKES ME FEEL** irky

CLASS POEM

PURPLE

Purple **LOOKS** like beautiful violets

Purple **SOUNDS** like a sad song

Purple **TASTES** like juicy grapes

Purple **SMELLS** like blackcurrant juice

Purple **FEELS** like stretchy slime

Purple **MAKES ME FEEL** happy!

MACKENZIE



BLUE

Blue **LOOKS** like the sky

Blue **SOUNDS** like whooshing waves

Blue **TASTES** like a sweet blueberry

Blue **SMELLS** like salty water

Blue **FEELS** like a cold day

Blue **MAKES ME FEEL** sad

JUDD



ORANGE

Orange **LOOKS** like the sun

Orange **SOUNDS** like a crackling fire

Orange **TASTES** like a juicy carrot

Orange **SMELLS** like a juicy mango

Orange **FEELS** like a warm day

Orange **MAKES ME FEEL** warm and cozy

ADALYNN



Food Tech Students Serve Up a Showstopper!



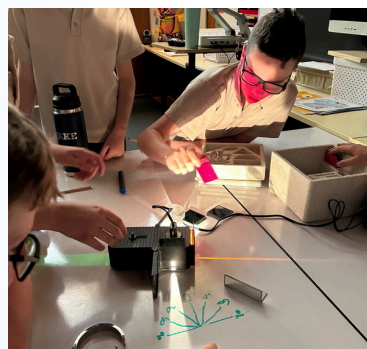
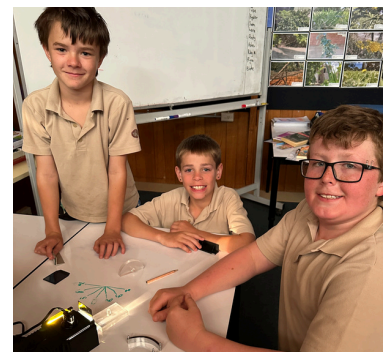
A huge well done to our Food Technology students for serving up incredible freak shakes and burgers while perfecting their presentation skills. They looked almost too good to eat!



EXPLORING THE MAGIC OF LIGHT ENERGY

Students have been focusing on light energy this term. We borrowed light boxes from our resourceful Science Lab and experimented by manipulating and reflecting light beams.

They learnt that light waves bend to a small extent as they pass around obstacles or through narrow openings.



**PLEASE RETURN ALL
LIBRARY BOOKS
BEFORE THE END OF
THE YEAR.
THANK YOU!**



Attention K/1/2 Parents/Guardians

**Santa will be visiting BCS Tuesday
16th December at 11:30am, in the
Library.**

**Santa has asked if his helpers could
please bring in a book present to the
office before his arrival.**



SAVE THE DATE



BCS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our students for the year.

BARELLAN COMMUNITY HALL

THURSDAY
6:00PM

18

DECEMBER
2025

Barellan Central School P & C

Major Raffle

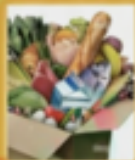
1st Prize :Fire Pit & Camp Chair



2nd Prize : Pedal Tractor & Star Bowling & Cinema Vouchers



3rd Prize :Food Hamper



**Tickets \$2 each Drawn on
19th December 25**

P&C RAFFLE

🎉 Major Raffle Now On! 🎉

Our school raffle has officially started – and there are lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

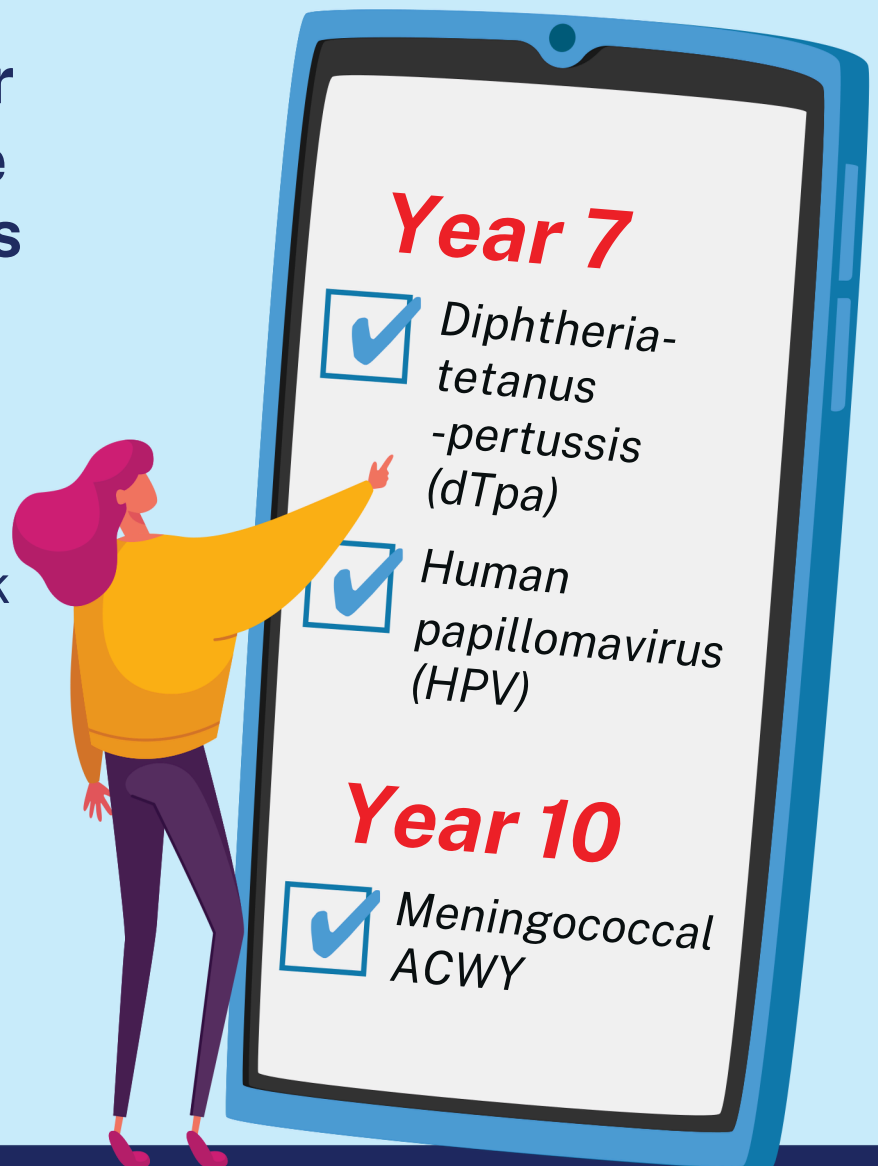
🎟 Tickets available from:
Students
Barellan General Store
Barellan Post Office

Your support helps our school and students, so grab your tickets today and be in the running for some great prizes!

Will your child be in year 7 or 10 next year?

Provide consent for your child's routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.



More information on the school vaccination program:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

2025 CALENDAR

**Please note that future dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check our website for the live version of our Calendar.*

DECEMBER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 1 Swim School | 2 Swim School | 3 Swim School RAP Study Day @ BCS | 4 Swim School | 5 Swim School |
| 8 Swim School | 9 Swim School | 10 Swim School | 11 Swim School | 12 Swim School |
| 15 | 16 K/1/2 Santa Visit Year 6 Graduation Dinner | 17 | 18 Presentation Night @ Barellan Hall | 19 Last Day of Term 4 Lake Talbot Excursion |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

| 2026 TERM DATES | |
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| TERM 1 | Monday 2 nd February - Thursday 2 nd April |
| TERM 2 | Tuesday 21 st April - Friday 3 rd July |
| TERM 3 | Tuesday 21 st July - Friday 25 th September |
| TERM 4 | Tuesday 13 th October - Thursday 17 th December |

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 2nd February
First Day of Term 1, 2026

Thursday 12th February
School Swimming Carnival

Please forward advertisements/articles for the Barellan Central School Gazette to:

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Closing time for all advertisements/articles is 2pm Thursday, Week B