Welcome to Term 4, which is sure to be a very busy one and time will fly by quickly. It was very rewarding to successfully finalise the School Review process at the end of last term. This was a valuable process, which will support the further improvement of both curriculum and teaching within our school. Also noteworthy, was the data presented in The Weekend Australian on the first weekend in October. Baralaba State School, for 2015, has been ranked as the fifth ranked Indigenous School in Australia and number one in Queensland. This data was in relation to our ICSEA rating (socio-economic status of families), and Naplan results from 2015. This is a fantastic achievement for our school community, and all members have been acknowledged by both our Regional and Assistant Regional Director for our success.

We are now actively working to coordinate the many events we have this Term. Relevant school community members are encouraged to come to these events to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our students.

Kind regards,
Melissa Austin

### ENROLMENTS

Please take note of the schools procedure for enrolments. Interview days are WEDNESDAYS, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments can be made by phoning or emailing the office. As part of the Departments policy a birth certificate is compulsory at the time of enrolment. If the interview is successful, the student will then start on the Monday of the next week. This allows for teachers to prepare and plan for the new student.

### ABSENCES

In line with the Departments new procedures the school has implemented SMS text messaging for student absences. The school is asking that if you have changed your mobile phone number recently, (e.g. the last 2 months) please let the office know. If you received a text message in relation to student absence, you can either respond directly to the text, call or email the school.

### AWARDS

#### Week 2

- **Laciana** - Student of the Week
- **Abby** - Super Writer for completing her holiday postcard writing independently
- **Samantha** - Super Writer for completing her holiday postcard writing independently
- **Kitty** - Responsibility Award for having a good work ethic and being organised for her learning
- **Darcy** - YCDI Confidence Award for completing learning activities independently
- **Brodie** - Student of the Week
- **Miles** - Responsibility Award for settling well into Term 4
- **Rachel** - For very neat bookwork in History
- **Blade** - Writing Award for independently completing a poem reconstruction
- **Tommy** - Homework Award for always presenting well completed homework each week
- **Will** - Sensational Speller Award for fantastic achievements in spelling - 100% in weekly spelling
- **Damien** (Yr. 2) - Sensational Speller Award for fantastic achievements in spelling - 100% in weekly spelling
- **Leilani** - Sensational Speller Award for fantastic achievements in spelling - 100% in weekly spelling
- **Brodie-Lee** - 100% in her spelling
- **Xavier** - 100% in his spelling
- **Mackayla** - 100% in her spelling
- **Ryan** - Dynamite Job for persisting to complete written tasks
- **Henry** - Learning Award for returning to school with an increased level of motivation to learn and Certificate of Attendance for greater than 95% attendance in Term 3
- **Melanie** - Student of the Week, Mathletics Achievement Award for stellar performance in Mathletics this academic year and Certificate of Attendance for greater than 95% attendance in Term 3
- **Luka** - Certificate of Attendance for greater than 95% attendance in Term 3
- **Brock** - Certificate of Attendance for greater than 95% attendance in Term 3
Kimberley- Certificate of Attendance for greater than 95% attendance in Term 3
Tristen- For showing amazing respect during the Woorabinda Rodeo
Chloe- Writing Achievement for improvement in her confidence to write
Samantha- Responsibility Award for always listening to instructions and completing all learning activities
Sierra- Student of the Week
Brodie- Super speller
Blade- Writing Award for independently writing his narrative using correct sentence structure
Tommy- Organisation Award for consistently demonstrating the ability to organise himself in preparation for learning and Learning Award for achieving Band 6 in grammar and punctuation
Brodie-Lee- for getting 100% on her spelling
Tully- Organisation Award for showing organisational skills to complete assessment in a timely manner
Abram- Writing Award for always putting in a huge effort and improving every week
Melanie- Student of the Week

**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

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
**ISSUE 7 DUE**
**FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2016**
When you place an order for Book Club you must:
- Pay in the form of a cheque written directly to Scholastic, online payment (www.scholastic.com.au/payment nominate our school when you make a purchase), LOOP or cash.
- Have only the correct payment as no change can be given.
- The payment must be placed in an envelope that is clearly labelled with your name and the payment amount.
- THE ORDER FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.
- Hand in orders and payments to the school.

**BONUS BOOK BONANZA**
JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!


**FIGHT CANCER FOOTY COLOURS DAY**
On the last day of Term 3, the school hosted the annual Footy Colours Day. This was a chance for students (and teachers) to dress in their team colours and enjoy footy themed activities and food. Individual classes also made their own banners to run through.
BANANA SHIRE SONG
On Friday 07th October, Josh Arnold visited the Baralaba Historical Village for filming of the Baralaba section in the Banana Shire Council video, “Grab ‘n’ Go”. Students from Prep to Year 6 walked to the village and sang with Josh and the film crew. The video is now available to be viewed by following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RECSMZcwtMs

SPORTING NEWS
From the end of last term, here is a photo of our successful AFL team

We are also very proud to have representatives in the Capricornia District Athletics and Cricket teams. Dakota and Rhianon will be in Brisbane for athletics next week, while Rhianon and Melanie will be away the following week for cricket. We wish the girls all the very best, and hope they enjoy their experiences.

This weekend a combined Baralaba-Woorabinda Under 12’s team will travel to Emerald to compete at the Western 7’s Rugby Union Competition. We know the boys will have a lot of fun, and we wish them Good Luck.