

# Barambah EEC Newsletter

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**Term 3 2021**

## Term 3 at a Glance

In Term 3 our Centre has delivered 13 camps, the Bunya to the Bay Opening Ceremony, one day visit and one community hire.

## Editors Column

Term 3 commenced with the Opening Ceremony for the 2021 Bunya to the Bay. Staff members Greg Hardwick, Pete Gibson and Ben Ryan were actively involved in various legs of the journey, riding, paddling and driving the support vehicle.

Once again COVID-19 presented some curve balls this term with new regulations restricting excursions for schools in 11 lock down regions across

South East Queensland. However, the Barambah team welcomed this time as an opportunity to prepare documentation and the school grounds for the quadrennial school review.

School reviewers Boyd Jorgensen, Mark Cridland and Lesley Vogan provided many insightful recommendations as the Barambah team work hard

to continue strengthening the teaching and learning at our centre.

This term we also welcomed two new staff members to the team – Courtney Sinclair and Ben Ryan who will be joining us for the rest of the year.

Enjoy reading the latest news here at Barambah. 😊

**Courtney**

## Principal's Messages

As I write it's the first day of Spring and a beautiful time of the year to be outdoors!

Many trees are in bloom and the birdlife within the centre grounds is diverse and active, particularly in the afternoons in the pond areas. The scarlet honeyeaters dive bombing into the office pond are creating great interest and enjoyment for everyone onsite.

Students and visiting staff are enjoying being in nature, showing gratitude, moving and exercising, being mindful or calm and having fun every day as part

of our Wellbeing with Barambah program, practising wellbeing strategies as part of camp life and camp learning. Our new Wellbeing Learning Wall is being well used by students as they climb the Barambah Wellbeing Tree.

Students are also enjoying finding "gratitude rocks" as they move around the centre, and ringing the Rox Box bell as they deposit their rocks in exchange for leaving a gratitude note.

Want to know more about how Barambah is deepening wellbeing and learning, check out our Facebook page over the next few weeks!

## P&C News

The Barambah P & C catered for the South Burnett Ride 4 Relay, thank you to Jason Wyeth for allowing us the opportunity to fundraise.



Our P & C is taking part in the Containers for Cash, if you would like to donate your cash for cans please feel to contact Sandra [sgilc8@eq.edu.au](mailto:sgilc8@eq.edu.au) or 41688190 to see how or use our scheme ID C10235423.

Want to join Barambah P & C? Email [pandcsecretary@barambaheec.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@barambaheec.eq.edu.au) for more details.

# BUNYA TO THE BAY

## Opening Ceremony

Barambah was privileged to host the 2021 Bunya to the Bay Opening Ceremony at the centre on Sunday July 18. It was a wonderful day attended by nearly 100 people, with many wearing masks as they had travelled from restricted areas. Aunty Vera Sullivan welcomed everyone to country and the Wakka Wakka dancers danced with passion and heart to send the River Ambassadors on their journey. The journey has been paused prior to its completion due to the latest lockdown, and plans are underway to bringing the journey to its end on Minjerribah in October.



### Nursery News

Spring is in the air! It has been lovely to see all the bright flowers starting to appear in the nursery and around the school grounds. Term 3 has been another productive term with many staff members getting their hands dirty and breathing some life into some bare garden beds around the centre. Check out our *Dianella cerulla* (flax lily) a popular 'free tree' starting to bloom.

Until next time – Cyndi



### Animal Wanderings

During the quiet absence of regular school groups there has been an array of new visitors starting to appear at Barambah. Many animals including goannas, brush turkeys, skinks and even a red-belly black snake have been spotted on site. We have also appreciated watching flocks of tiny scarlet honey eaters enjoying their afternoon dip in the school pond.



### Meet the Team

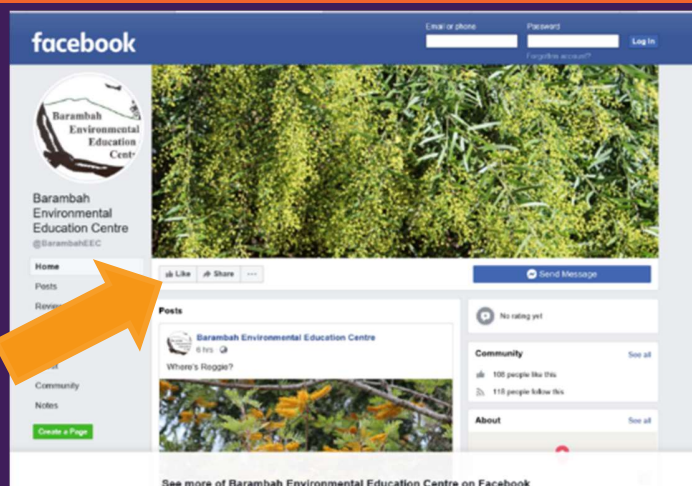
**Greg Hardwick** – Greg started at Barambah as a Unit Support Officer in late 2020 and has a keen interest in all aspects of living authentically within our natural environment.

**Ben Ryan** - Ben joined the Barambah teaching team in Term 3 (previously the Principal of Monkland State School). He is excited to enrich his nature immersion and experiential education skills and gain a better understanding of first nation cultures, and the Flora and Fauna here at Barambah.

**Courtney Sinclair** – Courtney also joined the Barambah teaching team in Term 3. She is very excited to share her passion for the great outdoors and deepen her understanding of experiential and holistic education at

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Ben Ryan – Senior Teacher at Barambah



Courtney Sinclair – Teacher at Barambah

