

Barambah EEC Newsletter

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Term 2 at a Glance

In Term 2 our Centre has delivered two leadership days, five day-visits, ten pre-visits, two Duke of Edinburgh journeys and eleven camps.

Editors Column

Barambah staff have enjoyed the diversity of programs delivered in term two with many on and offsite programs and pre-visits.

Staff were also very excited to see many young bush explorers here at Barambah with the delivery of several Prep-3 day visits this term. Bush explorers searched for animal signs (scats, tracks, bones and feathers) and investigated the various wonderful critters that live in the environment at Barambah.

Winter has arrived at Barambah with many frosty mornings and chilly temperatures. Barambah staff are very grateful that the classroom reverse cycle aircons are finally in operation making for warmer night programs.

This term the Barambah team celebrated the wonderful support staff we have on site that help make Barambah an incredible place to teach and learn. Here's a shout out to the behind the scenes crew that help keep Barambah beautiful and operating smoothly.

Cheeky the orange dinosaur has also made many guest appearances this term. Cheeky loves to remind Barambah visitors that an important way to strengthen your wellbeing is to have fun! Cheeky is often spotted tearing up the oval during catapults dodging sponges and showing off her roaring dance moves.

Until next time!

Warm wishes,
Courtney Sinclair



Term 2 2022

Principal's Message's

As term 2 draws to a close I am happy to report we are past the shortest day of the year and the weather has warmed a little compared to a couple of weeks ago. We are still enjoying the flow on effects of the wet Summer and Autumn as our grounds and forest are beautifully green and mossy, and A Flat Creek is continuing to babble away quietly at the back of the Centre.

Our key improvement strategy priority this year is clarifying and embedding effective teaching practices that deepen student learning and wellbeing. Whilst we witness daily the power of outdoor learning on student

engagement, it is always interesting to read and hear students' own reflections on how learning in an outdoor environment impacts their thinking, emotions and social interactions with others.

Students often comment on how being mindful in nature makes them feel calmer and increases their ability to think clearly.

I wish all of our readers a very happy and relaxing holiday break with some time outdoors, and I look forward to another great term of camps and excursions when we return on July 11.

Sue Gibson



ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

At Barambah EEC

Duke of Edinburgh International Award Adventurous Journeys are meant to be, as their name suggests, adventurous, and the hilly terrain surrounding Barambah EEC provides ample opportunities for students to test their fitness, endurance and resilience.

Additionally, working in a small team requires social connection, co-operation and group problem solving skills, attributes that can require more effort as the pack feels heavier and the legs get tired towards the end of the day's hike.

When the weather decides to throw in some additional challenges the students' grit and determination is tested even more. Over the last few years we have experienced impending storms resulting in a hasty retreat back to the centre and the safety of cabins overnight, night temperatures below -4 degrees resulting in a hasty retreat to the warmth of ice-coated tents, and most recently non-stop rain resulting in students dripping wet from head to toe at the end of the hike. These types of journeys reveal the true colours of the participants, epitomised by our dripping wet students returning to base and declaring they "really enjoyed walking in the rain". Well done!

Of course, when the weather is kind and the night skies are spectacular, there is nothing better than kicking back at the end of the day and feeling good about what you have achieved. We look forward to many more adventurous journeys supporting students to achieve far more than they ever thought they could! It's great to teach outdoors!

- Sue Gibson

P&C News

Borumba Dam P&C Fundraiser!

On the 3rd - 4th of September Borumba Dam Camp Site is kindly donating all P&C group booking camping fees to Barambah P&C. All are welcome to join in on the fun! To find out more or to join our P&C please contact pandcsecretary@barambaheec.eq.edu.au.

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 Steve on 41688190 or sroac12@eq.edu.au to see how or use our scheme ID C10235423.

Nursery News

Winter is here and it has been very chilly in the nursery. The frost covers are on the tunnels to help keep the tube stock warm. Plants are requiring less water and thankfully everything has survived the frosty mornings so far.

Winter also means that the bush lemons are ready to pick not only for eating but also for their seeds. Once the seed had germinated and grown into a nice 30cm plant, I will have a go at grafting our finger limes onto the bush lemon stock. Grafting is a very tricky process and success is sometimes limited, but hopefully I'll have some yummy plump finger limes with hard bases soon. Wish me luck!

Stay warm,
Cyndi Jackson

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