



Brewarrina Central School News

Central Café Opening Soon

The Hospitality students of Brewarrina Central School will be opening their student café at the school on Wednesday's beginning on the 20th of May. Members of the community will be welcome to come to the Central Café for lunch on Wednesday's from 1.00 till 2.00pm.

The Hospitality students are all trained Barista's and have been busy practicing making coffee for a term now, so they are all really good at getting their Cappuccino's perfect. Take-away will also be available upon request.

Each week will see 3 new specials for the day offering fresh, healthy food at a very reasonable price. All monies raised by this venture will go back into the Hospitality department to buy resources and to assist our Year 11 and 12 students to get to Sydney on a Hospitality Excursion later in the year.

Students will also be able to use this experience as part of their work placement hours which is a compulsory part of the VET courses offered at school. Expect the students to take your orders cook the food and serve it for you giving them all a well rounded experience of what it is like to work in the Hospitality Industry.



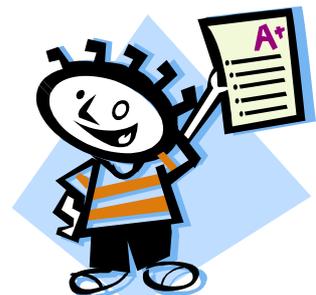
Just some of the delicious food that our students will be making to sell on a Wednesday from Central Café.

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Friday 8th May, 2009

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Only two weeks back in the term and already a great many things have happened and a great many more things to happen.

This week we had Musica Viva present to our entire school and it was a wonderful experience, some wonderful musicians presenting the music of South America which was thoroughly enjoyed.

We have also had Relationships Australia in during the course of this week, presenting to our Secondary students around issues to do with positive relationships and self esteem.

Next week gets even busier with our NAPLAN testing occurring during the course of most of next week. All of our students Primary and Secondary have been working hard towards these tests, which of course are national tests. Every other student in the Nation will be sitting these tests at the same time as our own.

Next week we also have Ms Clarke and our Year 11 students heading off to our Connected Schools Crossroads Excursion along with Senior Secondary Students from other Secondary Departments across the Bourke Group of Schools. This promises to be a great experience for all and we look forward to hearing their stories when they return. Also of course they will be doing some very important work in relation to their HSC Certificate whilst there.

We also had away at our Reading to Learn In Service this week two of our staff who are being trained in this process. We now have quite a number of teachers in the school trained in the Reading to Learn Scaffolding Approach and we are implementing that into our classrooms across the school.

The process has gained significant results when used and we look forward to seeing our students achieve even better results with this new teaching strategy.

Over the next week and a half I will be away on Long Service Leave, Mr Rossi will be acting as Principal in my absence and I will certainly be in touch with the school and see how things are progressing. I would like to wish our students well in their NAPLAN Test, I know they have all put in a lot of hard work into practicing for this and we expect some very excellent results.

Don Harvey

Principal

K-Ngurri News



Welcome back to Term Two, we hope everyone had a really good break!!

This term so far in K Ngurri's we have already been working hard on our new sounds, letters and numbers in Maths.

We will also be starting a new topic in HSIE and Science and Technology about change, this will let us explore how we and our environment have changed.

Also, because we are even more bigger kids now, Homework has started for us this term, which we are given on Mondays and have to bring it in on Friday or the following Monday.

It will be a busy term again for us this term but we can't wait to learn more stuff.

Miss D

K Ngurri's Photos



Pictured: Yindi, Anna-Mae, Stephen & Tiffany working hard.



The smiling faces of K Ngurri's.

Primary News

LITERACY AND NUMERACY GROUPS

Welcome back to term 2. Your son/daughter may have already told you of changes to their daily routine. Extensive discussions on the best ways of using teacher expertise and resources has resulted in placing students in numeracy and reading groups. This enables staff to better provide support and explicit teaching to students in smaller groups. Group structure will also provide the opportunity for students to move throughout groups dependent on their abilities and strengths. Teachers will meet later this term and review the success of these changes.



SPORT IN TERM 2

Children in years 3-6 will walk to the football oval on Fridays for sport. They will participate in varied sport and skill sessions and then return to school. A note has been sent home asking you to sign **ONLY** if you **DO NOT** want your child to walk to the oval. This will mean your child has to stay at school and join infants either K, Yr 1 or 2.

CHANGES TO RECESS/LUNCH.

I have been concerned at the amount of rubbish which is continuously strewn around the playground. To improve our environment, teachers are trialing a new organisation for recess and lunch. All children will sit at recess in the playground and will only be allowed to play when their area is tidy. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms before 1.30pm. If you bring lunch to your child can you ensure it is at school before 1.20pm? Students will be permitted to meet you and get lunch.



LUNCH PASSES

For those parents who have indicated through a written note, their child has permission to get lunch from establishments in town, a lunch pass will be issued. Students only with passes will be permitted to leave school grounds. Students need to behave appropriately in the community and come back to school on time to utilise the pass.

HARASSMENT AND TEASING

Unfortunately I have been alerted to instances of teasing and harassment this term. Whilst some children claim they were "only joking" when they tease someone, the person being teased is not aware of the joke. I seek your support in providing a safe, happy environment for all children. Please speak to your child on the negative effects of teasing and harassing others. If your child comes home and tells you of being harassed or teased, please do not hesitate to call or see me. I will take steps to speak to the person teasing and monitor their behaviour. Teasing and harassment will not be tolerated at any level.



Lastly let me welcome Katrina Odgers to our department. Katrina is in her last year of university and is completing a five week practicum on 5/6W at Bre.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education please make an appointment so we can spend time with you.

Cathy Clark
DP Primary.

Papalotti



SAFE SEXTING: No such thing

Information sheet for parents



Parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting' – the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones.

Once photos are sent, it is an almost instant push of the button to forward them or load them onto the internet. These pictures then become part of a young person's 'digital footprint', lasting forever and potentially damaging future career prospects or relationships.

Images sent by mobile phone can easily fall into the wrong hands, and once they are in cyberspace it is impossible to remove them or control who sees them.

More and more young people seem to be distributing highly suggestive or even sexually explicit photos of themselves to their friends, often without a real understanding of the consequences.

The easy availability of new technologies and social networking sites can turn what can seem an innocent joke or flirtatious fun into a potentially devastating experience – with young girls most at risk.

Sexting can lead to public humiliation, cyberbullying, or even sexual assault.

The message to young people is – don't post images of yourself and don't distribute any sent to you.

It is illegal to take sexual photos of children and young people and it is also an offence to pass them on.

Parents are encouraged to get advice on sexting through the 24-hr parenting advice line, Parent Line 1300 1300 52. The line is staffed by highly trained and experienced counsellors.

Parents can learn about how technology is used in their child's life by visiting the Education Department's website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

For more advice on parenting and sexting, visit the Department of Community Services website www.community.nsw.gov.au.

Tips for parents

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.
- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.



Further information

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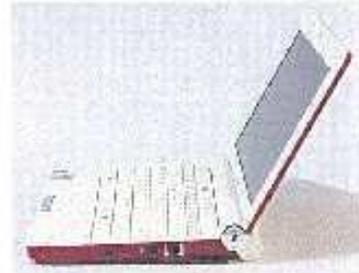
INFORMATION SHEET

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Information for parents of students in Year 9

Laptops for learning



All Year 9 students in NSW government schools will receive a Lenovo laptop starting from August 2009. This has been funded by the National Secondary School's Computer Fund component of the Federal Government's Digital Education Revolution.

All laptops will come with Microsoft and Adobe software, giving NSW students and teachers access to the largest and most comprehensive roll out of software in any education system worldwide. The Department of Education and Training is also investing in wireless networking and technical support for all secondary schools as well as professional learning for teachers.

Benefits

Laptops allow students to learn anytime, anywhere. The laptop weighs just over 1kg and fits easily into a school backpack.

Studies show the benefits of providing laptops to each student are:

- Increased student motivation, engagement, interest.
- Improved student organisation and improved self-directed learning.

- Increased academic achievements and better work habits.
- Improved communication and information skills.

Requirements

- Parents/carers and students will be required to sign a Laptop User Charter prior to issue of the laptop.
- To increase security, students will be asked to keep their laptops out of sight when travelling to and from school.
- The laptop can be used for school work at home – with or without internet access.
- Students will be able to access the Internet at home if there is Internet service at home. The Department's Internet filtering will work at home so students will not have access to inappropriate content.

- Students must charge their laptop overnight to ensure it is ready for each school day.
- Year 9 students may keep the laptop if they complete Year 12. Students who leave school or move out of the government school system must return their laptops.

Further information

Your school will provide information regarding requirements, ownership, damage or loss of laptops, laptop care and acceptable computer and internet use when the laptops are provided. The school can also provide advice on the best academic use of the laptop, safe internet use, copyright, plagiarism and ergonomics.

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MESSAGE BOARD

- Musica Viva: 7th May 2009
- Crossroads: 11th– 15th May 2009
- NAPLAN: 12th– 14th May 2009
- Cross Country: 15th May 2009
- Teacher Incentive Day/ Pupil Free Day: 5th June 2009
- Public Holiday/Pupil Free Day: 8th June 2009



Some of the fantastic looking meals that our Hospitality Students have been preparing and cooking.

