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Principal's Report

Welcome back to term 4. It is hard to believe that we are coming up to another Christmas already!

We have a very busy term ahead leading up to the holidays. Year 12 have started their HSC exams and we wish them all the best over the coming weeks as they complete them.

An assembly will be held later in the term to celebrate their achievements in completing year 12. A farewell will also be held in the new multipurpose centre at the school in December.

Year 6 will also celebrate their achievements this term and complete their transition activities to year 7 throughout the term.

Our presentation assembly will be held later in the term and parents will receive notification and details closer to the date.

A huge sigh of relief has been heard around BCS as the builders left the site over the last holiday period and we returned to school without all the disruption the building works brought. Our school is looking much neater and tidier and we are enjoying our new facilities.

Last weekend, 7 new air conditioners were installed into the K-6 buildings at the school. We are all very excited as this means students K-6 will have cooler classrooms over the coming term.



Principal's Report Cont'

The fund raising committee is still working very hard to raise the funds needed to put air conditioners into the 7 - 12classrooms. The air conditioners are run on light after a short start-up period and are very quiet. This will have significant impact on our electricity usage over the coming years. We thank everyone who has donated money or goods, or purchased chocolates, tickets, etc. Every little bit counts.

Well done to all those parents and caregivers who have sent their children to school everyday unless sick. We have improved our attendance figures markedly, especially in Term 3. It is so important that students are at school everyday to learn.

There will be a celebration at the end of the year for all those students who have attended school regularly. Keep your eyes open for this exciting event.

Don't forget to drop in and say hi before the end of the year.

Yours in partnership for quality education,

Kerry Bryan

Principal





term.

The HSC started this week, as students sat the English and PE papers. The school wishes all the students the best of luck over the next few weeks.

Country Rugby League assisted the school with the football Gala Day that was held earlier last week at the oval. Brewarrina reached the Grand Final but lost to Bourke. Well done to the students for their fair play and representing the school. Well done also to Miss Bath as well for her organisation and other staff that helped things run smoothly, including the canteen.

The PLP (Personalised Learning Plan) process has begun, with myself and Aunty Lesley interviewing 7/8 students this week. Parents also have a role in the process, as they will go over the PLP and add any aspect they feel the school can help with addressing their child's goals at school. I am hopeful that the process will help students and their parents/carers get the most out of what the school has to offer.

Reports should be out on time this term, fingers crossed! They are due out to parents towards the end of term.

Some junior secondary students went to Mobfest in Walgett last week, with Mr Gower and Aunty Bim. A great opportunity for our students to get out and about, experiencing different things.

The Practice School Certificate will be held this week, with the real thing two weeks away. Good luck to our year 10 students.

The 7/8 reward system continues to go well, and for students who consistently earn the weekly reward there will be a trip to Lightning Ridge towards the end of term. I am hopeful that all 7/8 students will be able to go. Both 7/8 (1) and 7/8 (2) have been very settled at the beginning of term, and it is great to see.

Again I remind parents to send students to school in their uniform, a white shirt is sufficient. Students need to be proud of their school, and how can they do that if the majority of students are not respectful enough of their peers to wear their uniform?

If you have any questions about your child or things that are happening, please do not hesitate to come to the school.

Thank you,

Sarah Trapman (Head Teacher Welfare-Relieving)

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Infants/Primary Report

Although the end of the year is fast approaching, staff in the Infants and Primary Department continue to ensure students experience new opportunities or improved facilities.

Mrs Walters took 5/6W to Lightning Ridge on Thursday so they could see how a mine works first hand. The excursion complements their work on studying the Gold Rush in Australia. I know students in 5/6W looked forward to the day.

Mr York accompanied our football teams to the CRL Gala day at Brewarrina last week. Our teams, the 5/6 and 3/4 were victorious winners, the 5/6 outright champions. Mr York reported everyone played exceptionally well, tackled hard, ran fast and took every advantage to score. What made this extra special was the organisation beforehand by Kaylan Murray to have two training sessions at the oval after school. Nearly every player arrived for the first session and everyone attended the second afternoon.

Thanks to Miss Nicholls and Mr Paul. Discussions around an afternoon literacy Centre at our school for some children has come to fruition. Along with Miss Nicholls and Mr Paul, Miss Doyle, Miss Williams and Mr York will provide extra support to children in reading activities. The Literacy Centre will provide children with a healthy snack before groups commence and will run from 3.00pm till 4.30pm on Tuesday and Thursdays. It is envisaged the Centre will continue next year.

Miss Dalla Vecchia has again organised breakfast club in the mornings for this term. Children can have fruit and toast every morning. Miss D has also organised "Crunch and Sip" in classrooms where children are given a piece of fruit as a snack.

Classrooms in the Primary are now cooled by solar air conditioning units. Miss Williams and Miss Kellett have led the fund raising committee in raising money for the units. Thanks to parents who have supported fund raising by buying fairy floss, let children attend discos and given money for chocolates etc. I understand a movie night is planned for this term.

We are planning two recognition events to be held near the end of the year. For all students whose attendance has averaged 90% or higher or whose attendance has improved significantly over the past year a day at the pool will be organised. For those students whose behaviour has been excellent or greatly improved a reward day for them will also be organised. Some children will be eligible to attend both days.

Infants/Primary Report Cont

Kindergarten and Year 1 will attend swim school from **November 14th to November 25th.** This is a continuation of the intensive swimming classes conducted in the first part of the year by Sport and Recreation NSW. It is unusual to have two sessions in a year, however Sport and Recreation wanted to skill our students in swimming before summer. Children took home two notes. One was on Brewarrina Central school letterhead - the other is a combined brochure and enrolment form from



Sport and Recreation NSW. <u>Both notes need to be returned for your child</u> <u>to participate.</u> We have spare copies if you have misplaced the enrolment form.

Kinderstart commenced last week. Ms McArdle is the teacher and Jenny Hammond is the teacher's aide. We have set up the old common room as a classroom so children have access to toilets and a wet area in the room. Kinderstart runs on a Monday and Tuesday from 9-.00 am till 3.pm. If you have a child ready to start next year please come to the front office and enrol them for next year. If you know of someone in the community with a child nearing school age please let us know so we can organise enrolment for them.

Children in the mornings have equipment to use. The most popular are the skipping ropes with "double Dutch" a favourite. Children can also shoot for baskets or practice ball skills. If you have time in the mornings drop in and see how much fun children have and how their skills have improved.



My thanks once again for your support to staff and our programs,

Cathy Clark Deputy Principal Primary.





The Year Twos taught the Year One class how to play T-ball this week.

The children had a great time.

Dulcie Lord revealed a hidden talent, batting three massive hits into the outfield and

Belmont Kellet-McHughes was a very enthusiastic player and made Aunty Linda do a lot of running!

The Year Ones loved joining in with the Year Twos and want to say a big thank you to Mr Warren for introducing them to T-ball.



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This term there will be lots of goodies for sale at recess & or lunch. MONDAYS/FRIDAYS 2207 Snow cones- \$1 **WEDNESDAYS**

Ice-Cream Sundaes- \$2





Chocolates are still on sale from the Library for \$1, but stock is running out!!

This term our major fundraiser will be the monster raffle.

Tickets will be on sale for \$2 each and there will be lots of prizes.

1st prize: 127cm television

- 2nd prize: chest freezer
- 3rd prize: a lawn mower
- 4th prize: a bar fridge

plus many more including a huge hamper.



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It would be appreciated if every student could bring an item to go towards the hamper. Items include toiletries, cans or packets of food, pet products. unopened DVDs etc. Please ensure that the use by date is after January 2012. There are boxes in classrooms for the items.

Anyone interested in helping to organise a charity bingo with the school, please see Mrs Bryan.





The money is being used to purchase air conditioners for our children which will ultimately benefit their learning.

Thankyou for your ongoing support of the fundraising team.

Many thanks.

The Fundraising Team



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SMINING LESSONS

Sport and Recreation NSW have offered swimming lessons for <u>Kindergarten and Year 1</u> during this term.

The dates are 14th November, 2011.

The swimming session is free including pool entry every day the children attend.

Please make sure your child's note has been signed and returned to the front office.

Permission notes are available from the front office.





2011/12 Far West Academy Netball Trials

Transport

Athletes are required to coordinate their own travel to and from the Trials. The FWAS recommend car pooling where possible.

How to enrol

Complete an application form and return it to the Academy Office by mail to PO Box 409, Warren NSW 2824, by fax to Fax (02) 6847 3651 or email fwas@communities.nsw.gov.au.

For further information or to obtain an application form please contact the Far West Academy of Sport on (02) 6847 3638.

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October, 2011

Who is eligible?

Netball players from the Far West region of NSW (i.e. area bound by Lake Cargelligo – Lightning Ridge, Trangie – Broken Hill). Athletes must turn 14 – 18 years of age in 2012.

Where	Warren Sport and Cultural Centre, Victoria Park, Warren
Time	Start – 2pm Saturday 29 October, 2011 Finish – 2pm Sunday 30 October, 2011
Cost	Free

What to bring

Athletes should bring the following: swag/mattress and bedding (camping on floor), pillows, 2 towels, toiletries, good quality training shoes, water bottle, netball training gear, casual clothes and shoes, swimmers, tape for strapping (if required), any medication (must given to the manager on arrival).

Nominations close Monday 24 October, 2011







FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

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Find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, seniors, students, farmers and agriculture-dependent small businesses.

Bathurst Street

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Thursday, 17 November 2011

10:15 am - 1:00 pm

(Tourist Information Centre)

www.centrelink.gov.au

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MESSAGE BOARD

- Mondays & Fridays: Snow cones
- Wednesdays: Ice-Cream Sundaes
- Monday 24th October: HSC Exams continue
- Monday 24th October: Trial School Certificate commences
- Thursday 27th October: Year 5/6W Lightning Ridge
- Excursion
- Monday 7th November: School Certificate Exams
- commence
- Monday 14th November: Swimming– Kinder/Year 1
- Thursday 1st December: Year 12 Farewell



DON'T FORGET!!! Learn to Swim

lessons



start 14/11/11 to 25/11/11

