



# Brewarrina Central School

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## YEAR 5/6W LIGHTNING RIDGE EXCURSION



**From Left to Right:** Deon, Joseph, Peta- Marie, Charley May, Annalyce, Zanah, Shannah, Erik, Ronnie, Glenda, Tahli, Chantae, Diondre, Tamika, Paeten, Junathean & Destiny.

YEAR 5/6W WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
MRS WALTERS AND SARAH FOR  
MAKING THE EXCURSION SO  
ADVENTUROUS AND FUN-FILLED.



# Principal's Report

The term is half over and the weeks are flying past.

This past week has been difficult for all as we lost our internet connection on Monday afternoon and it has not been restored as I write this newsletter. We hope it is restored soon as it makes running the office quite difficult when there is no internet to run the accounting and attendance programs.

Currently, Ms Williams and Ms Kellett are collecting for the 'Monster Raffle' Hamper. We have had many donations from the community and we thank everyone for their generosity. Tickets in the raffle are now being sold, so come along and buy some. 'Be in it to win it'.



As we near the end of the term, keep your eyes open for all the celebrations and events that are coming up. We look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers at the assemblies and farewells.



Swimming has started for the Primary school, so don't forget your swimming gear each Friday, or for those attending Swim School, everyday.

Year 10 have completed their exams and they all tried their hardest, we look forward to their results.

Mrs Trapman has completed the Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) for years 7 & 8. If you, as a parent have not seen her and read through your child's plan, please make an appointment to do so. It is vital that parents have input into their child's education and PLPs are one way we can help make this happen. Mrs Trapman is hoping to complete Year 9 before the end of the year. PLPs will be revised each year. K - 6 will complete PLPs again in the early part of 2012 and 7 - 12 will be revised in Term 2, 2012.

I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks at our assemblies and celebrations,

**Kerry Bryan (Principal)**

# SECONDARY NEWS

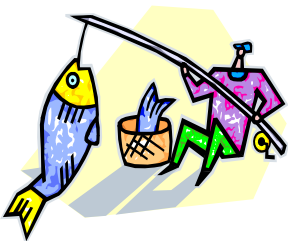
The term is rapidly flying by, staff and students being kept very busy.

The Higher School Certificate is almost over now, and hopefully students will be happy with how they went. Year 10 sat the School Certificate this week and while some seemed nervous, I am sure that they have done their best.



Last week I attended a Motion Leadership Conference in Dubbo with Mrs Bryan and we both came away with some good ideas about leadership within the school. As Head Teacher, it is important to me that our school have a quality staff that works together for the learning outcomes of the students. I have some good ideas that can be implemented to ensure this happens.

The internet has been down for most of this week, and has affected teaching programs, the yearly reports system and the year 10 Computing Skills exam.



The Department of Primary Industries paid us a visit this week to talk to students about the fisheries. All students enjoyed the various activities and found it a worthwhile experience, learning about the effect of carp on our river system and different things that can be implemented to support the native fish and their habitat.

A few dates have been set in the calendar for end of year activities. The Year 12 farewell will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, and will be a fantastic event. Presentation Day is on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, and it would be wonderful if parents/carers could make it on the day.



The 7/8 Reward system continues to go well, and students are looking forward to earning the trip to Lightning Ridge in week 9. At this stage, I am also hopeful of including year 9 and 10 students in the trip if they have displayed positive behaviours this term.

If you have any questions about your child, please do not hesitate to come to the school.

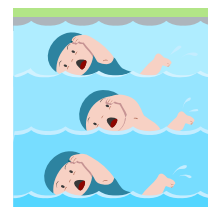
Thankyou,

**Sarah Trapman (Head Teacher Welfare-Relieving)**

# Infants/Primary Report

May I remind you of some upcoming programs and events which your child or children may be involved in?

1). Starting on the **14<sup>th</sup> November** for two (2) weeks **Kindergarten and Year 1** will participate in the **swim school** run by Sport and Recreation of NSW. This will be held at the local pool during school time. Children will walk to the pool during the day in groups according to their swimming ability for 40 minute lessons each day. (If the weather is very hot we will use the school bus to take children to the pool). They will be accompanied by a member of staff to and from the pool.



2). Children will be required to have swimmers and a towel every day. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to improve swimming ability and water safety in a program offered with no cost to parents. Thanks to the parents who have returned notes. The enrolment forms were also required to be filled in and sent to school.

3). All **children K-6 will start Friday swimming for sport**. Entry to the pool needs to be brought each week except for students who have a seasonal pass. Students are expected to participate, so swimmers and towel must be brought each week.



4). Some students have commenced participating in the **Literacy Centre** which started last week. The Literacy Centre runs after school on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00pm till 4.30pm**. A group of teachers remain at school and provide extra learning time for students to continue to develop their reading

skills. We know the Centre will benefit students and anticipate it will be part of school activities in 2012. I thank the teachers who have donated their time for this worthy initiative at Brewarrina Central.



5). Children can now have fresh fruit and toast each morning as breakfast Club started last week. Miss Dalla Vecchia has organised this and we have approximately 30 children join in for fruit or toast each day.



The **year 6 farewell** is planned for the **15<sup>th</sup> November**. This farewell recognises the achievements of our year 6 students and the completion of their primary education. 5/6W went to Lightning Ridge last Thursday as part of their unit on Gold. They had a fantastic time in an opal mine and learnt about the tedious and dangerous work in mines. They also had fun at the Aquatic Centre at Lightning Ridge. Mrs Walters, Mr York and Sarah Crabtree commented on the terrific behaviour of each child.

# Infants/Primary Report cont'

ICE-CREAM FRIDAY

Attendance in the classes from Kindergarten to year 6 continues to improve. We are now recognising children who have excellent attendance every 1 or 2 weeks by giving a snow cone as a reward. We will also provide other rewards for children who have excellent attendance. Last week 62 children from K-6 qualified for the snow cone. Every Friday is known as "ice cream Friday" and for children who attend they receive an ice block after assembly. Children need to have 90% attendance each

week or fortnight. Thank you to the parents who continuously support the school by ensuring children attend school unless they are sick or there is a serious family reason.

Cynthia Moore visits parents with absence notes so parents can let her know of any reasons their child was not at school. If a child's attendance is below 70% or there are attendance issues we are required to inform the Home School Liaison Officers. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their children attend school regularly or they are in breach of the Education Act (1990). Please let the school know if you are going to be out of town for a few days so we can note the absences for you.

Teachers are preparing reports which will inform you of your child's progress this semester- terms 3 and 4. The report format we utilise has limited space so please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher at any time for an update on their progress. Of course you are always welcome to sit in classes and see the fantastic programs and work your child participates in.



We have changed eating arrangements again. Students in years 5-6 go to the canteen before recess and lunch and collect lunch baskets. The baskets are delivered to each class so children have recess before the bell and do not have to queue at the canteen for food. This has stopped pushing and ensures children have the maximum amount of time to eat during breaks.

Regards

**Cathy Clark**  
Deputy Principal  
(Primary)

Don't forget-MONSTER RAFFLE

Tickets available from the Front Office.



# YEAR 5/6W LIGHTNING RIDGE EXCURSION

This term 5/6W has been learning about Australian Gold Rush and what life was like on the gold fields.

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 5/6W went on an excursion to Lightning Ridge to have hands on experience in mining.

In the Ridge we went on a guided tour to see all the sights in the area. We saw the Ridges largest open cut mine, the first opal mine shaft, miner's camps and claims, an underground mine and we went fossicking and found some opal!

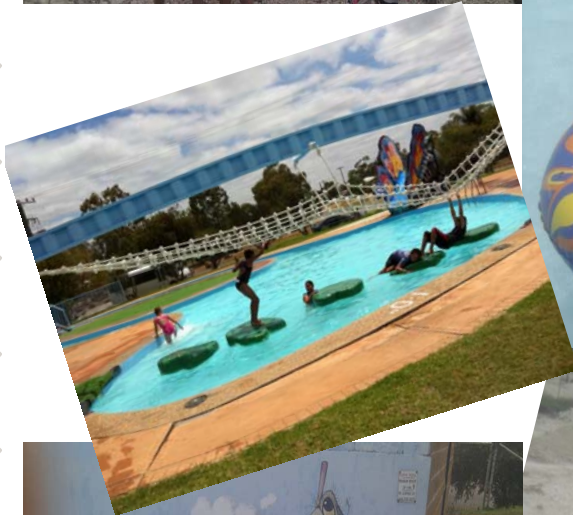
During the tour students learnt about the tools that are used to mine, the hardships faced by miners, how it feels to be underground in a mine shaft and what to look for when mining.

After the tour 5/6W had to cool off at the swimming pool and water theme park!

Thank you to Mr York who took us on the bus and Sarah Crabtree who helped organise the excursion! And a big thank you to all the parents who had students at school by 7am for our exciting adventure.

It was a great day had by all.

Mrs Walters, Sarah & 5/6W



# **Brewarrina Central School**

## **Primary/Infants**

### **2012 School Captain Speeches**

*Students in year 5 will be delivering their 2012 School Captain Speeches this Friday 18th November (week 6) and next Friday 25th November, 2011 (week 7).*

*Speeches will be done in the school hall at the Infants/Primary School assemblies at 2:30pm.*

*All parents, carers and community members are more than welcome to attend.*



*Voting will be done the following week in week 8.*



*Results will be announced at the End of Year Presentation Day in December*

*Please find a list of the following students who are delivering speeches.*

#### **GIRLS**

*Tamika Nicholls  
Annalyce Gordon  
Destiny Gordon  
Zarah Rose  
Chantae Eyre  
Shannah McHughes*

#### **BOYS**

*Kaylan Murray  
Junathean Coady  
Diondre Murphy  
Hudson Higgins  
Deon Reynolds  
Ronald Simpson*

*Best of luck to those students who are delivering speeches.*

# NSW FISHERIES VISIT

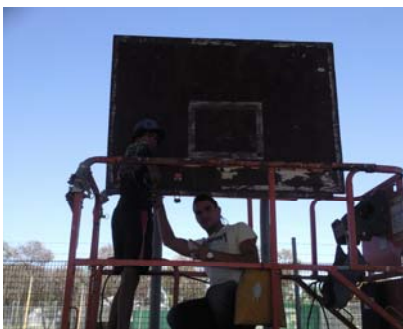


# ALTERNATE BOYS PROGRAM





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# Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)

Are you interested in your child's future?

Would you like to have a say in local education?

Do you understand what is happening in our local schools?

Are you a community member who can help achieve educational outcomes?

The local AECG are holding a general meeting and recruitment drive for new full members and associates.

**When: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2011 @ 3:30pm**

**Where: School Hall, Brewarrina Central School**

**Come along and join your local AECG and have a voice in education.**

**Your voice is important for our kids...**

***Please contact the President, Meleah Walters at Brewarrina Central School for further information and membership details.***

***Ph: (02) 6839 2186***



# REMINDER



## MONDAYS/THURSDAYS

Snow cones- \$1

## WEDNESDAYS

Ice-Cream Sundaes- \$2



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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are now available.

If parents can pick them up from the front office that would be greatly appreciated.



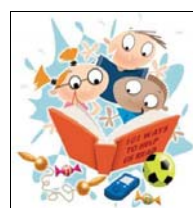
## BOOK FAIR

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT BOUGHT ITEMS FROM THE BOOK FAIR.

WITH YOUR PURCHASES WE HAVE MANAGED TO RAISE OVER \$2200.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BOOK FAIR.

MS WILLIAMS



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the school students that participated in the Touch Football Competition on the weekend.

Brewarrina Central School had many students participating on the day.

I am sure everyone had a fun-filled day with the heat being the only downside to the day.

Once again CONGRATULATIONS for representing Brewarrina Central School with great sportsmanship, pride and dignity.





# BCS MONSTER RAFFLE

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 to be won.



**1st Prize: 127cm TV**

**2nd Prize: Chest Freezer**

**3rd Prize: Lawn Mower**

**4th Prize: Bar Fridge**

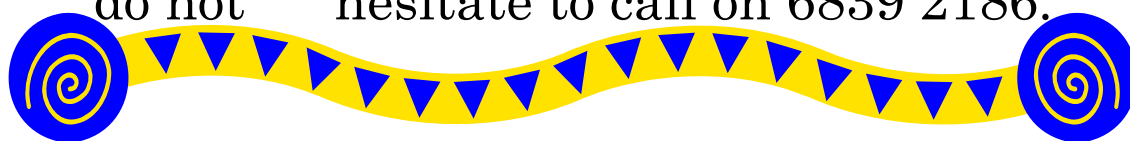


Plus many more including a huge hamper.

Tickets are on sale at Brewarrina Central School in the Front Office or the Library.

**Thank you for supporting  
Brewarrina Central School.**

If you have any donations or queries please do not hesitate to call on 6839 2186.



# MESSAGE BOARD

- **Mondays & Thursdays:** Snow cones
- **Wednesdays:** Ice-Cream Sundaes
- **Fridays:** Infants/Primary Swimming- Sport
- **Monday 14th to Friday 25th November:** Swimming– Kinder/Year 1
- **Tuesday 15th November:** Year 6 Farewell Celebrations
- **Thursday 24th November:** AECG Meeting (BCS– Common Room)
- **Thursday 1st December:** Year 12 Farewell
- **Friday 16th December:** Last day of school for 2011



Next newsletter will be out  
on Friday 25th November, 2011

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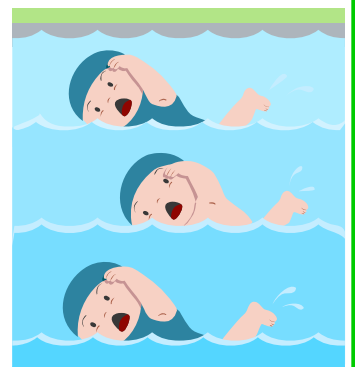
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# **DON'T FORGET!!!**

## **Learn to Swim**

### **lessons**

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



# **SCHOOL FINSHES**

# **FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER/ 2011**