



# Brewarrina Central School News



## Year 6 Farewell



## Congratulations

Brewarrina Central School

Monday 19th November, 2012

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# Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, the term is fast running away with us and we have a very busy schedule to the end of the term.

Last week I attended the Year 6 Farewell in the school hall. It was a fabulous event, with great food and decorations. A big thank you goes to the staff who helped organise the night, cook and serve the food, make decorations etc. It was beautiful and a nice night for all.

Next week we farewell the Year 12s for 2012 Beau Salt, Casey Bloomfield and Shae Ferguson. Well done to these 3 students who completed the HSC and now look forward to further education or employment. You have made us all proud.

Our Presentation Day is fast approaching and I look forward to seeing everyone on the day as we acknowledge the great work that students in our school produce. Many have worked very hard this year and made excellent progress in a number of areas. I know that awards and medals have already been ordered for this special day.

If you have any concerns with regard to your child's education please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to one of the Executive.

Yours in partnership for quality education,

Kerry.



# *Sport and Recreation NSW*

Sport and Recreation NSW has offered swimming lessons for Kindergarten and Year 1 (only) during this term.

The dates are Monday 26th November, 2012 to Thursday 6th December, 2012.

Students will be going to the pool in groups at different times of the day between 9:30am to 1:15pm.

Students will be transported to the pool by the school bus

Students need to have the blue form and white form filled in and signed by a parent or carer before they can attend the swimming program.

Students need to bring a:

- Towel
- Swimmers
- Hat
- Sunscreen



If you require any further information please call the school on 6839 2186.

# INFANTS / PRIMARY NEWS

I would like to remind all parents of children in Kindergarten and year 1 The Learn to Swim program commences on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at the local pool. Children need to bring the permission note and form back to school as soon as possible. Sport and Recreation NSW have placed even more importance in this program for our children by ensuring there are now 3 qualified swim teachers available at each session at the pool. If children do not bring back notes they cannot attend the program. The last time the program was here we saw huge improvements in the children's understanding of water safety and swimming skills. There is no cost to you for this program. Sport and Recreation NSW cover all pool entry fees. If you have any concerns about the program please do not hesitate to contact me at school so I can answer any questions.

Our Friday sport sessions at the pool will have commenced this week. Sport is a compulsory part of the NSW curriculum in schools and it is expected students participate in the program. Your child should have a note as to why they cannot swim otherwise it is expected all children (K-6) will be swimming. Students are placed into swimming groups and practice both water safety and lessons focus on developing swimming skills. Kindergarten is generally in the small pool and less confident swimmers are at the shallow end. Your child should come equipped with a towel, appropriate swimwear, hat and sun screen. We have found children should change at the pool rather than wear swimmers to school especially if they do not have a change of underwear after swimming. If you do not have a season pass to the pool entry is \$1.50 per week for every child.

Last week Kindergarten and years 1 and 2 spent some time at the Geoff New Oval with Country Rugby League staff learning skills for netball and league. One of the favourite games was the adaptation of "Red Rover" with all children having to wear a tag which had to be pulled off to be caught out.

Country Rugby League is trying to organise a similar day at school early in December for Primary children. Next week (22<sup>nd</sup> of November) Netball NSW are providing a skill development session for girls in the Primary. I know we have some keen netballers so this is a good opportunity for the girls to improve their skills.

Students in year 5 have been asked to prepare a speech if they would like to run for school captains for 2013. Students will need to present a speech at an assembly in the next few weeks and prove to the students why they should be considered for the position of captain or vice captain (1 boy and girl captain: 1 boy and girl vice captain). After all nominees have presented their speeches, every student in K-6 votes on a ballot form. Teachers and support staff also vote. Students with the most votes are elected captains; students with the next highest votes are elected vice captains. If your child is interested in being a captain/vice captain your encouragement and support writing their speech would be appreciated.

# INFANTS / PRIMARY NEWS

Year Six celebrated 7 years of Primary school last week at the year 6 farewell. Every student looked fabulous and it was obvious all students had taken extra thought with their outfits. Some year 5 students gave up their time to be waitress/waiters and they did a wonderful job ensuring everyone was fed.

Our thanks go to Mr Horsfall, Sam Gordon, Kylie Gibson, Sarah Crabtree, Kim Hardy and Cynthia Moore who did so much organising for the night. Of course as usual Carol Barker found time in her day already packed with office duties to make the invitations, thank you cards and provide photos for the night. My thanks also to staff and parents, who did extras to ensure the smooth running of the night. I know office staff, particularly Sue Gordon, spent time laminating fantastic caricatures of each student. I think all year 6 had a fun time and will have fond memories of their farewell. Finally thanks to Mrs Walters who attended the night as teacher of year 6 for terms 1-2 and part of term 3. Students were especially pleased she attended the farewell.

Everyone knows the end of the year is approaching however learning and revision is happening in all classrooms. It is expected students will continue to participate 100% in classroom activities and work. We pride ourselves as a school which does not “wind down” early, rather teachers use every opportunity to continue to ensure students reach the highest reading and spelling level as possible before the end of the year. Students need to be focused and showing respectful behaviour all the time both in classrooms and in the playground. Consistent attendance at school is also expected. As the executive staff member monitoring attendance at our school I am required to continue to report any children to the Home School Liaison Program whose attendance is not above 85%. If your child is missing days please try to ensure their attendance improves. There can be serious penalties if your child’s attendance is considered not to be meeting guidelines.

Year 6 boys have been included in the Clontarf Program running at our school. The program predominantly for secondary students has generously included year 6 boys as part of the boys’ transition to secondary next year. Each boy is now on a contract and is expected to show good behaviour, attendance and complete class work to attend the program at recess, lunch and after school. I know some boys are also enjoying the early mornings with Jason and joining in AFL training. The boys are very keen to be part of the complete program next year in year 7.

Teachers are reminding children to wear a hat at school. My thanks to the parents who support this by providing a hat for their child/ren every day.

I am available most days after 2pm if you have any concerns you need to discuss.

Regards

**Cathy Clark**

**Deputy Principal (Primary)**



# SECONDARY NEWS

This term is going so very fast. It is now the time of the year when we begin our planning for 2013. Teachers are preparing end of year reports for our students and planning for end of year events.

With this in mind it is important that your children are attending school every day and are participating in all their lessons. If your child has been absent from school you would most likely have received a phone call during the day to ask where your child is. This strategy is having a good effect on parents and careers sending their children to school more regularly. We seem to be down to some chronic non-attenders who we are working with to get them to school. Not wanting to get out of bed in the morning is not an acceptable excuse for not coming to school. All absences must be explained-you can send a written note or phone the school to let us know. There are many types of leave available-you just need to let us know what is happening.



Next week we will farewell our three Year 12 students as they finish their schooling here at BCS. Beau Salt, Casey Bloomfield and Shae Ferguson have completed their final HSC exams and are now looking forward to moving on to the next stage of their life with work and further study. The school will be hosting a Farewell Dinner for them at Muddy Waters - this is sure to be an enjoyable night. Invitations have been sent out and the school would appreciate prompt RSVP for planning.



Students in Secondary have had some great opportunities to join in a whole range of activities this past fortnight. Last Thursday a group of girls went to Bourke to participate in a Girls Only sport taster with some highly experienced female sports stars from the top of their field. Sports included league, union, netball etc. This week there is a Netball NSW workshop for girls in Years 3 -11. As the Clontarf Academy gets going we are also searching for equal opportunities for the girls to take part in.

The boys have joined with Clontarf for visits to Moree and Bourke for football and cricket. The boys had a great time staying overnight at Bourke High School and enjoying the company of the other students involved in Clontarf from the other schools.

The boys from Clontarf have been training hard to get fit and having the incentive to participate so they are able to join in the other activities including an excursion to the Gold Coast.

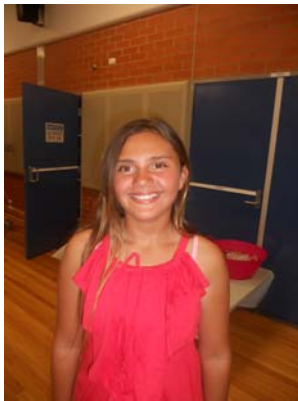
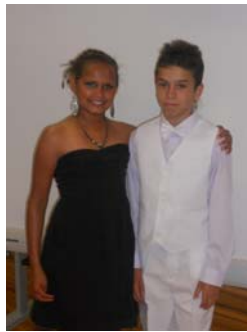


As the end of term approaches all students should be attending school every day. It is also important that students are in school uniform. School shirts for Secondary are white and are available for sale from the school front office. A reminder that short shorts are not acceptable school uniform and that all shoes need to be covered in-thongs and open sandals are not acceptable or safe footwear.

As always please contact the school if you have a problem or wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning. Please contact the school for an appointment.

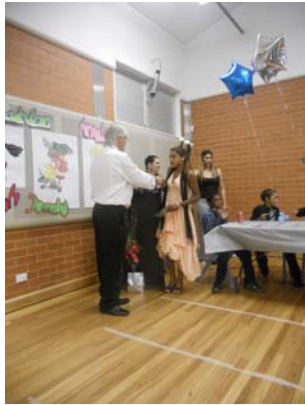
Enjoy the week with your family and friends

Sarah Trapman & Kath Hertslet  
Head Teachers in Secondary



## *Year 6 Farewell 2012*





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## Brewarrina School Playgroup

Where: Brewarrina Central School

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 9 :30am

This playgroup is for all children, parents & carers of Brewarrina  
Please come along and participate in a variety of activities we  
have

To offer throughout the 10 week program

- Paint & Play
- Cooking
- Arts & Craft
- Plus other activities

Morning Tea will be provided for active participants

For Further information please Call Lisa on 0477329002

Or Karen on 0429006549



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# **ATTENTION**

**Students in Infants and Primary will now be doing swimming for sport every Friday.**

**From-  
11:30am to 1:15pm**

**Entry fee is \$1.50**

**Students need to bring:**

- . Towel**
- . Swimmers**
- . Hat**
- . Sunscreen**







# FIRE BRIGADE VISIT





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# EXCITING NEWS

The Brewarrina Swim Club will  
commence at the pool on  
Monday nights.

The first night will be Monday 26th  
November, 2012 at 6:15pm.



All interested children and parents  
are invited to come along.

More information will be available  
on Monday 26th November, 2012.



# **SCHOOL CANOES FOR SALE**



**\$100 each.**

**Some are 1, 2 or 3  
seaters.**

**Come and see the  
front office for more  
information or call  
on 6839 2186.**



## Netball NSW Development Evening

Netball NSW is offering a FREE Level 1 umpiring accreditation. Participants will also receive information on player pathways and coaching resources.

**Venue:** Brewarrina Information Centre

**Date:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Time:** 5-8pm

### Who should attend?

- Players
- Coaches
- Umpires
- Volunteers
- Netball Enthusiasts

For more information or to register your interest please contact

Claudia Keady

6884 6483 or 0448 080 830

[ckeady@netballnsw.com](mailto:ckeady@netballnsw.com)





## *Supporting Hands Workshop*

### *Introduction to Child Sexual Assault*

*Safe Families in partnership with Bravehearts would like to invite you to a Supporting Hands Workshop delivered by Bravehearts.*

*The Supporting Hands Workshop is a 2 hour workshop and is suitable for Childcare Workers, Teachers, Foster Carers, Youth Workers, Court Workers, Solicitors and other members of the community that would like information on child sexual assault.*

*There will be two free sessions held in Brewarrina with a maximum of 20 people per session.*

*Date: Thursday 29th November 2012*

*Time: First Session- 2:30 to 4:30*

*Second Session-5:30 to 7:30*

*Venue: To be announced closer to the workshop date*

*To secure a place and for any enquiries please call*

*Hiallie Jeffries—Safe Families Program- 0268 390 003*

*Steve Hogan—Safe Families Program—0258 521 060*



# MESSAGE BOARD

## Every Friday

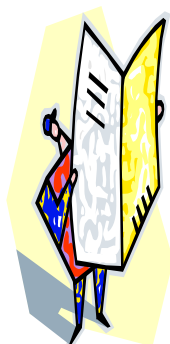
Swimming for sport– 11.30am to 1.15pm

## Last day of Kinderstart

Tuesday 27th November, 2012

## Last day of School 2012

Wednesday 19th December, 2012



Next newsletter will be out  
on Monday, 3rd December, 2012

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# MARKET DAY

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2012

9am START

MAIN STREET PARK



\$5 PER TABLE FOR A STALL  
(AVAILABLE FROM TOURIST INFO  
CENTRE)



\*TABLES TO BE PAID FOR AND PICKED UP ON FRIDAY  
23rd NOVEMBER, 2012 AT THE VISITOR INFORMATION  
CENTRE.

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