



Brewarrina Central School News

Year 12 Farewell



*It is this time of the year where we bid farewell
and good luck to the three Year 12 students
who attended Brewarrina Central School.*

*Congratulations to - Crystal Bloomfield,
Shae Ferguson & Beau Salt*

Brewarrina Central School

Tuesday 4th December, 2012

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Principal's Report

Congratulations to our Year 12 students whom we farewelled last week at Muddy Waters. The three students, Beau Salt, Shae Ferguson and Casey Bloomfield are a credit to our school and I wish them all the very best in the future, in whatever paths their lives take. Well done on your achievements!

It is with sadness that I tell you I am leaving Brewarrina Central School at the end of 2012. The Department has transferred me to Blaxland East Public School, at the bottom of the Blue Mountains. This is relatively close to my home in Llandilo.

The Connected Communities initiative has seen me required to be transferred and a Relieving Principal will start in 2013. His name is Peter Morgan. He comes from Belmont High School and is being brought back from retirement for Terms 1 & 2 next year.

I would like to thank all the parents, caregivers, students, staff and other community members who have supported me and been my friends over the past 2 ½ years. I will miss everyone.

My deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences goes out to the Moore family at this sad time. Aunty Cynthia was a favourite with staff and students here at BCS and will be sadly missed. I hope that friends and family will bring comfort to you.

School this year concludes for students on the 19th December, 2012, and they return on Wednesday 6th February, 2013.

Thanking you in partnership for quality education,

Kerry Bryan
Principal



Year 12 Farewell



INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

Kindergarten and Year 1 are having a great time at the pool each day with the swim program. The hot weather is helping encourage children to go to the pool however every child is remembering their swim clothes and swimming in the program every day. This is a first that we have every child swimming for a long time. Their progress is wonderful. By the completion of the nine day program we should see more children confident and safe in the water. Having three teachers teach the swim program means children are receiving more instruction time and personalised support. Usually the last day of the program, (Thursday 6th December) is a time parents are especially invited to watch their child at the pool and see the progress made.

Swimming on Fridays is also going well. Last week nearly every child from K-6 was in the pool. Most children enjoyed the extra time they were given to practice their swimming skills. Children have been assessed in their swimming abilities and placed in groups so they can improve swimming skills. As the pool is the social place in the summer holidays it is good to know children are becoming more water safe and confident in the water. Entry to the pool is \$1.50 for Fridays. The swim program for K and year 1 is free. Thank you for supporting these programs by ensuring your child is equipped either every day or on Fridays for swimming.

Primary teachers are finishing reports for this semester. Your comments on our new format would be appreciated if time allows at the end of the year or early next year.

Teachers have also nearly completed final testing for the year. Our overall results indicate students have improved in spelling, reading and maths. Teachers have been discussing classes for next year and the best way to keep the growth of student improvement continuing by organizing smaller groups for lessons in reading and maths.

Year 5 students who wish to be considered for school captains or vice captains for 2013 are preparing speeches for Friday's assembly. The whole Primary school K-6 will vote early next week to decide the captains/vice captains. Traditionally we have a girl and boy captain and a girl and boy vice captain. The successful students who will take on these roles will be announced at presentation day.

INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

Please ensure your child continues to come to school every day. Work is still being done in classrooms and teachers are preparing students by revising skills and knowledge ready for next year. Finding the time in the holidays to read to your child/ren or have them read to you will keep them in the habit of reading and give them a good beginning at school next year. Many times teachers find the improvements made at the end of each year are lost when children return the following year. Teachers will start to send work home in the next week or so.

My thanks to parents who made sure their child attended school regularly. As you know research shows children who come to school regularly if not every day generally learn better than children whose attendance is not regular. The Home school Liaison Officers continue to monitor the student attendance and will recommend referrals to them for students whose attendance is less than 90% over a term.

As with every year we say farewell to some members of staff. Ms Nicholls, Ms Kellett and I have tried every argument to have Mr Paul stay for another year however Mr Paul has decided to retire. Mr Paul has worked at Brewarrina Central School for three years. He has worked with individual students, groups and classes. He has improved the reading ability of every child he has tutored as well as produced confident happy readers. Mr Paul has worked with Year 2 in maths every day this year as well as with Mr Warren last year and I personally would like to thank Mr Paul for his support in the classroom with Year 2. He also campaigned to have the after school literacy centre start which ran for part of 2011 as well as supporting breakfast club. Students know he is the conscience one of us all to keep the school clean. Thank you Mr Paul for working so hard, putting in the long hours and time for every individual student you worked with. Every student you have taught has benefitted greatly from your compassion, expertise and humour. You will be missed in 2013.

Regards

Cathy Clark
Deputy Principal Primary.



**THANK YOU
MR PAUL.**

SECONDARY NEWS

Well, as the year draws to a close, there is a lot happening in the secondary department. This week has been particularly busy, with the Year 12 farewell on Wednesday 28th November, and the year 6 students visiting the high school for a Transition Day, on the 29th November.

The farewell was a lovely night, and congratulations are extended to Beau, Casey and Shae for the completion of the year. Now the wait is on for the HSC results. These students and their families have worked hard to get to this point, and should be proud of their efforts. Well done to the organisers of the night.

Year 6 enjoyed their day in High School, a taste of what is to come next year. We look forward to having them join us in 2013.

As the term closes, other events happening include Presentation Day on Friday 14th December, and the Clontarf trip to the Gold Coast in week 10 (10th December).

A very pleasing aspect of the high school this term has been student behaviour. There have been a number of students that have embraced the school PBL motto of Safe Respectful Learners. As a result, a reward pool party will be held for those students that have received wrist bands during the year. This will be most of the students in the high school. The reward will be held on the 18th December at the pool, from 7:30 to 9pm. It will also include a BBQ.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) have been completed for the 7/8 students. Any parent/carer wishing to discuss their child's PLP is most welcome to come up to the school to make an appointment.

I would remind students that it is still a requirement that school uniform is worn to school. The weather is warm, but short shorts and singlets are not part of the school uniform. Thongs are also not allowed to be worn to school. If you need assistance with school uniform, please see a Head Teacher.

A reminder that reasons for absences from school are very important. If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school.

Thankyou,

Kath Hertslet & Sarah Trapman (Head Teachers)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

School Administration Officer

This position is 5 days per week.

Applicants need to be aware that they will have to meet the following criteria:

- Be reliable and on time
- Address the work criteria
- Dress in a professional and appropriate manner
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively with teachers, students and parents
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Duties will include:

- Photocopying
- Laminating
- Binding
- Filing
- Ordering
- General Typing
- Telephone
- Equipment Maintenance
- Stocktake

Interested applicants should submit a one to two page application addressing the criteria and addressing prior experience with some of the duties. Please be brief and give examples where possible. The names and contact details of two referees (not family members), one personal and one business, should also be supplied.

You will be directly supervised by Ms Felisety Johnston and it is compulsory that a Working with Children's and a Police check are done for this position.

For enquiries to this position please contact Felisety on 02 6839 2186 between the hours of 8.45am and 3.30pm.

Expressions of interest for this position close Friday 14th December 2012 @ 3:00pm.



PRIMARY

ART GROUP

Students in the primary art group have been working hard. These students give up their lunch time two days per week to practice and refine their skills in drawing, painting and creating.

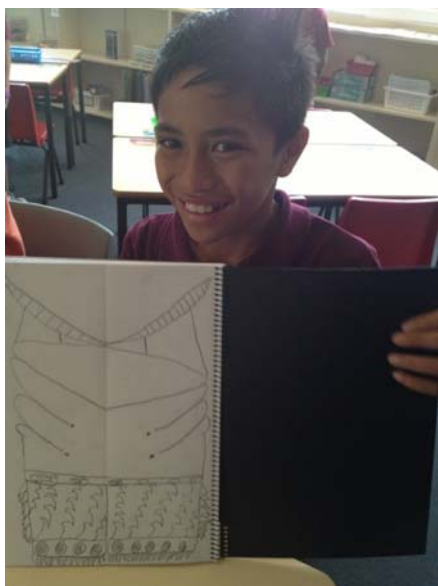
This term they have created name monsters by writing their name in running writing and mirroring it. Students then used the final result to create a monster. Students studied cartooning and used their knowledge to create a unique cartoon character.

This week, students practiced making stick figure characters out of newspaper clippings. The students are very proud of their work so far.

Well done art group!!!
~Mrs Fares



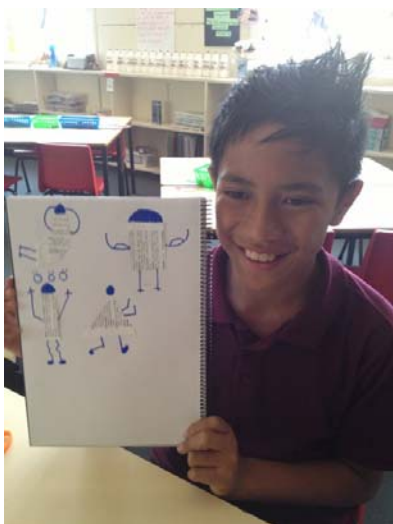
PRIMARY ART GROUP



Alii with his name monster



Kieran's cartoon character



Alii, Kieran and Tamika showing off their newspaper stick figures

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

It has been a year of change for our Year 10 History and Geography class as they prepare to enter the next stage of their academic life in Year 11.

Having asked Year 10 some of the more memorable topics studied this year, this is what they had to say:

Matt Simpson remembers Australian migration – “We worked on migration trends since the 1990s. Now people immigrate to Australia from many continents and regions such as Africa, Asia, South-East Asia and China. This is different to earlier migration patterns in Australia’s history like after World War 2. At that time migrants mostly came from Italy, Greece and Great Britain.”

Nathan Johnson performed well and prepared an insightful poster capturing some water management issues that concern the Darling-Barwon River (pictured).

Charlotte Boney – “We learnt how salinity can stop the trees from growing. The top soil can then be eroded by being washed or blown away. Once the top soil has been eroded it is difficult to use the land for farming crops or grazing.”

It has been a privilege to work with such a diverse group of individuals like the students of BCS this year. One of the most exciting aspects of this has been hearing many of the student’s express their hopes and ambitions for the future as we study the past.

Steve Federici

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY CONT.



Done by: Nathan Johnson



PARTY SAFE TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

This time of year, there are many opportunities to celebrate, socialise and party! Longer daylight hours encourage us to relax, be social and enjoy end of year and festive season celebrations.

Having a party at home or at a local venue can be great fun. You'll want to have a party your guests will remember for the right reasons. As a host, it is your responsibility to ensure your guests party safe! The BRICCS Project, an initiative of the Far West Medicare Local, and Bourke and Brewarrina Alcohol working groups suggests these tips:

- Adult parties where it is likely that people might drink heavily are no place for children. Arrange for children to be supervised by a responsible adult at an age appropriate safe location.
- A party venue needs to be safe and large enough for the number of guests.
- Notify the police that you are having a party and have emergency numbers handy. Call the local police immediately should trouble occur. In an emergency call 000.
- Provide security at the venue to prevent unwanted guests and unwelcome behaviour. You have the right to refuse entry to your property. Do not invite guest who have are likely to be disruptive or trigger an aggressive event.
- Limit the number of invitations and guests. Only allow invited guests at the party.
- Ensure that there is plenty of food available.
- Make non-alcoholic drinks freely available and easy to access.
- Supervised access to alcoholic drinks for over 18's. Remember that it is an offence to serve or provide alcohol to anyone under 18.
- Keep parties for under 18's alcohol free.
- Arrange for young party goers to be collected at an agreed time, and plan ahead for designated drivers to prevent drink driving.

Smaller parties and social gatherings can be disrupted by consumption of alcohol and other drugs. Have a safety plan in place in order to prevent harm to your family, friends and property.

Remember, it's your party and you have the right to set the standard of acceptable behaviour and see that it is followed. You also have the right to ask people to leave.

The Safe Party Pack is available online, www.mynite.com.au or collect one from the police station.

Planning ahead will increase the chance of happy and safe summer celebrations!



BRICCS Project.
An initiative of the NSW Far
West Medicare Local and
Bourke and Brewarrina Alcohol



*Presentation
Day*



*Friday 14th
December, 2012*

9:30am

*Brewarrina
Central School
Hall*



*All parents, carers,
friends and
community members
welcome*

MESSAGE BOARD

* Fridays

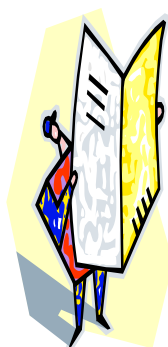
Swimming for sport– K to 6

Sunday 9th-14th December, 2012

Clontarf Excursion

*** Wednesday 19th December, 2012**

Last day of school for 2012



Next newsletter will be out

on Thursday 20th December, 2012

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THE 2012 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WILL
START ON
THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 2012.



THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS
WILL START ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 2013

