



Brewarrina Central School News

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*Brewarrina Central School
would like to thank all
students, staff, parents,
carers and
community members for
their efforts in 2012.*

*It has been a very busy
and productive year.*

*Brewarrina Central School
hopes that everyone has a
safe and Merry Christmas
and a happy, fun-filled
New Year.*





Principal's Report

In this last newsletter for the year I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday period. If you are travelling, do so safely and return healthy for the new year.

My congratulations go to all the students who received awards at our Presentation Day Assembly on Friday, 14th December, 2012. All of them were well deserved.

Next Tuesday night is the reward night for Secondary students who have earned a wrist band for following the school rules this year. I am looking forward to going along and enjoying the night with the students. Well done to you all.

Infants / Primary students all held their end of year parties last week and I know all the students enjoyed them very much. I hope they didn't eat too many lollies!

Over the break, the Youth Centre will be running activities each day to give young people something to do – keep your eyes open for the schedule of activities. They have a lot scheduled.

I would like to extend my thanks to the community for supporting me over the last 2 ½ years. It has been a pleasure being the Principal of such a special school, in a very special community. I have appreciated the trust you as a community have put in me and your on-going friendliness and support. Brewarrina will always be a part of me now, and I will always remember my time here.

Once again, have a safe and happy holiday and a great start to 2013.

Yours in partnership for quality education,

Kerry



SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2013

Primary Captains

Captain: Alii Pakutoa

Captain: Grace Gordon

Vice Captain: Bailee Nicholls

Vice Captain: Taylah Donnelly

Secondary

Captain: Briane Conroy

Vice Captain: Edward Simpson

INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

This term our swimming program has been a fantastic success. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have learnt water polo at the pool on Friday and enjoyed competitive games last week.

Kindergarten, years 1 and 2 have continued improving swimming skills and learning safe practices in the water.

The Kinder- year 1 swim program was the most successful so far with every child who came to school swimming every day. The progress of the children was evident last week. Most are now more confident in the water, can float on their front and back and can jump safely into the pool.

We are organising the program for term 1 next year so this year's kindergarten will again have another opportunity to improve their swimming skills. Our thanks go to Jackie Bromfield who assisted as an instructor with this program. We aim to have the program early March when the weather is still warm.

Classes have been organised for next year and at this stage we are anticipating the following arrangements.

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2 (two) year 1/2 classes
Year 3
Year 4/5
and Year 5/6.



We also have two teachers designated as Support Teachers Learning (STL) who will continue the program Mr Paul has implemented for the past three years – working with individual children to improve literacy skills and assisting in specific classes. We may need to make changes depending on enrolments, however, this is the basic structure we will commence the year with.



INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

We will continue with intensive reading groups for years 1-6 and some classes will combine for intensive literacy work in the mornings. Classes will also concentrate on numeracy lessons where students may be grouped according to their skills and knowledge of topics studied.

The first two days of school in 2013 for teachers will focus on Aboriginal Pedagogy, and mandatory areas such as Child Protection and the Department of Education and Communities Code of Conduct policy. As well, Primary teachers will be organizing groups and timetables. Teachers return to school on February 4th and 5th. Children return on Wednesday 6th of February. Kindergarten will have a later start while children complete "Best Start", a testing program which determines each child's skills as they commence Kindergarten. Parents whose child attends Kindergarten in 2013 will have been informed of the day their child will come to school for the test.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters teachers are very pleased with the general progress students have made academically this year. We have seen considerable growth in spelling results from term 1 to term 4 and improvements in reading benchmarking levels (levels which determine a child's reading ability as well as comprehending text). Numeracy improvements are evident though we still need to further develop student understanding on how to work out problems.

Unfortunately another teacher is leaving our team. Mrs Jessica Fares has accepted a teaching position. Jessica has taken on extra jobs in the school including dance, art, and provided students in choir with the wonderful opportunity to compete in a song writing competition and travel to Sydney earlier this term. She is an enthusiastic teacher who has ensured year 1 has had many wonderful learning experiences. We all wish her the very best in her new job.



INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

To every parent who made sure their child came to school as much as possible, to every parent who helped their child at home with school work, to every parent who has taken the time to visit a classroom, come to assembly, sporting event or carnival, traveled to see their child compete at carnivals at Bourke, Engonnia, Dubbo, Wellington, Cobar, Coonamble and Sydney, to every parent who has ensured their child is equipped for swimming, sport, excursions or other occasions, I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting the staff and Primary department this year.

To all staff members I would also like to say thank you for the tremendous efforts and commitment to our students and community you have shown this year.

Lastly I trust everyone will have a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period.

Regards
Cathy Clark
 Deputy Principal (Primary)







SECONDARY NEWS

Well, we have made it to the end of a very busy year! Well done staff, students and parents for getting through 2012, and bring on 2013.

As the term finishes up, students have returned from their trip to the Gold Coast with Clontarf. The lucky students have been rewarded for their excellent attendance rates.

Presentation Day was held on Friday 14th December. It was great to see students family members there. The Secondary Reward Night, at the pool, will be on Tuesday the 18th December. 21 students have qualified for the reward, and we look forward to seeing them all there at 7:30pm.

Secondary students are to be commended, their behaviour has really improved out of sight during this term. We have had no suspensions in the high school, which is a great achievement. Also, the instances of behaviour requiring contracts have decreased significantly. Students are happy and engaged. Wonderful to see.

There are to be some changes in 2013. Mr Phillis heads off to Cobar, and we thank him for his efforts with the students at BCS. He has been a valued maths teacher and computer co-ordinator. Remaining staff are stable at this point. Also, as we move into the era of Connected Communities and an interim principal, staff will endeavour to keep things as stable as possible for the students, as they are our primary concern. Mrs Bryan will definitely be missed, and we have been so lucky to have her. We wish her all the best in her new school.

Thank you to secondary teaching and support staff who have worked so hard this term. Very much appreciated! Looking forward to working with the team next year.

Please ensure that your child has a uniform to start the new year. In high school, we require white shirts and navy bottoms. Also, closed shoes are very important.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

Sarah Trapman & Kath Hertslet (Head Teachers)



Phoebe Mannix with the curtain she made.

Kinderstart 2012

I hope all Kinderstart Stars had a wonderful time with us. Courtney and I enjoyed the co-operation and fun we had whilst developing skills for next year such as cutting out, colouring in neatly, writing our own names clearly, reading and counting. Keep up the good work. Have a safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you ready for Kindergarten.

Ms Simmonds & Courtney







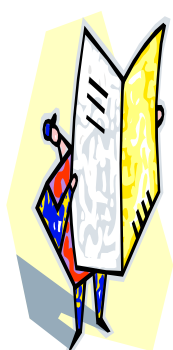


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MESSAGE BOARD

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER,
2012



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in Term 1, 2013

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STUDENTS
RETURN TO
SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY, 2013