



# Brewarrina Central School News

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# Principal's Report

This is my first BCS newsletter. We have been in the Bre for only three weeks and have been monthly impressed with town and the community. The warmth and friendliness of people here is second to none. It is something the town should be proud of and we thank you for it. We are also impressed with the facilities, businesses and services that are available. The main street has a buzz, movement and interest that has drawn us in.

My introduction to the school has been equally enjoyable. The students are wonderful. They reflect well on their families and community. The staff are committed to their students and have a passion for their teaching and the community. This makes for a bright year ahead.

I enjoy being back in a central school. Here you see everything. How quickly kinders learn, with their open minds and wide smiles. The enthusiasm the infants and primary students bring to the rich range of learning activities teachers prepare for them. The growing maturity, humour and confidence of secondary students. Through to the Year 12 group facing the challenges of the HSC. Most are the first in their family to do so. That is a great achievement.

Last week's swimming carnival was a sensation. It was well attended with great participation, both in the pool. The cheer squads were loud and colourful making for a great atmosphere. Thanks to the families who also attended and supported the children. Photos and videos will be shown at the award ceremony next week.

We are working hard as a whole school in 2013. The staff have conducted workshops where we identified the big things we want to achieve as a school, not just this year and next. We want our students to become confident and capable. This will happen in warm welcoming and purposeful classrooms where there is a strong focus on learning. The whole school creates and environment to support this learning through teamwork and strong links to the community and culture.

Peter





**STAND OUT SWIMMERS**

**Shannah McHughes  
Chantae Eyre  
Kaylan Murray  
Katrina Cochrane  
Rikkia Nicholls**



**RESULTS WILL BE REVEALED IN THE  
NEXT NEWSLETTER**

# INFANTS / PRIMARY NEWS

A very warm welcome back from the six week holidays. I hope everyone had a relaxing break I know it was very hot through the holidays but we all made it through even when the power was out.

I would like to congratulate all parents/carers for the first week of school. It was great to see so many students in school uniform. Please keep this effort because our Primary department looks fantastic and it gives our students a sense of good school community spirit.

Ms Clark our Deputy Principal is on leave at the moment but will hopefully return in the next few weeks. I am the relieving Deputy Principal and Ms Blanche Gordon in the relieving Assistant Principal in the Primary Department. I also have a change of role this year as I have returned to the classroom which has been a fantastic experience.

The following staff are teaching classes:

**KINDER:** Miss Kellett & Aunty Jen

**YEAR 1/2 S:** Ms Skuthorpe, Aunty Sam and Aunty Lydia

**YEAR 1/2 C:** Ms Clark (Mr Horsfall is teaching this class until Ms Clark returns), Aunty Amy & Uncle BJ

**YEAR 3 D:** Ms Doyle, Aunty Linda & Aunty Crystal

**YEAR 4/5 G:** Ms Gordon & Aunty Lyn

**YEAR 5/6 W:** Mrs Walters & Uncle Doug

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that our classes are busy everyday. It is important your child comes to school everyday. If they are sick can you please send in a note or if they are away for three (3) days or more, a doctors certificate is required.

If you have any concerns or queries please always contact the school or your child's teacher.

Regards,

**Miss Kellett  
(Relieving Deputy Principal)**

# **2013**

## **BCS Swimming Carnival**

On Friday 15th February, 2013, Brewarrina Central School had their annual swimming carnival.

At the swimming carnival there were lots of fun events such as noodle racing, volleyball, teacher v student races and novelty events. It was also excellent to see both teams (mulga and gidgee) cheering on the competitors who participated in the swimming carnival.

Following are some comments by Brewarrina Central School staff:

**MR MORGAN:** It was fantastic to see the excitement, fun and participation.

**MR MCNAMARA:** For my first swimming carnival I was overwhelmed by participation of all involved. Everybody who entered the races and competed to the best of their abilities which really set the mood for the day.

**MISS JOSHUA:** I thought it was good how both little and big kids joined in. It was also great to see lots of kids participate in all of the races.

**MR COOPER:** It was a fun day though I thought it was good that everyone had a go and got into the cheering spirit.

**DOUGIE:** I thought it was a great day, awesome participation by the students, great cheering from both Mulga and Gidgee and good to see students wearing team colours.

**MR YORK:** I thought we had more seniors participate this year, the behaviour was excellent and most importantly everyone had fun. I think swimming is getting bigger and bigger every year.

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Mr McNamara, Mr York, Miss Shanahan and all staff for organising the 2013 annual swimming carnival.

A whole school assembly will be held next week and an announcement of the winning team will be revealed.

**THANK YOU**

**BY: FELLY MCHUGHES & KATRINA COCHRANE**



# SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome back to school for 2013! The year has got off to a busy start as always. While we have said farewell to some of our teachers, we are happy to welcome two new teachers. Miss Joshua will be teaching HSIE and Mr Scott will be teaching Mathematics in High School. You can read about them a bit further on in our newsletter. Mrs Hertslet is still not well, and we all wish her a speedy recovery, and hope she will be coming back to us soon. And of course, welcome to our new principal Mr Morgan, who has been a great support to the secondary department.

I must remind all students and families that school uniform is navy shorts and white shirt. Some students have been wearing short shorts. This is **NOT** the school uniform. Please encourage your children to wear appropriate clothes to school.

The merit system will be continuing this year, and I encourage all students to do their best in class and display the right behaviour in keeping with our **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS** philosophy. Ask your children: How have you been **SAFE** today? How have you been **RESPECTFUL**? How have you been a **LEARNER** today?

The Swimming Carnival was held last Friday at the pool. All students were keen to get in and have a go.

Please ensure your child attends school every day, a day missed means that knowledge is missed. The Secondary Department looks forward to working with parents and carers to ensure the best learning outcomes for their children.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please come to the school.

**Thanks,**

**Kath Hertslet & Sarah Trapman (Head Teachers)**

# NEW STAFF AT BREWARRINA CENTRAL SCHOOL



Hi, I'm Mr (Joel) Scott and I'm the new maths teacher at Brewarrina Central School. My wife Clementine and I have just moved here from Brisbane and so far we love your little town. I grew up in Moree, just down the road so I had a bit of an idea of what life would be like out here but the real thing is so far even better than I expected. We don't have children yet but we did just get a dog.

I studied at the University of Queensland and graduated with a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics. I'm really excited to get to know the people of Brewarrina and maybe teach the children a few things along the way.

So far the students and I have been working on some revision and getting to know how we operate and how the students find mathematics. In year 7/8 we are working on deepening our understanding of number facts. The year 9 class has begun working on algebra with rational numbers. The year 10 class has been looking at indices (or powers or exponents) and their use. The year 11 general class is working hard at their understanding of algebraic manipulations (if you are sensing a theme, algebra is a key tool to help us understand a lot of other exciting areas of mathematics).

The students and I have also begun using a game called 'Numero' to practice our number skills beginning with addition and working our way through to powers and roots.

I'm really looking forward to the coming year and hope to meet many of you as we go.

**Mr Scott**

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## Miss Joshua's thoughts on Brewarrina Central School so far...

I have moved up from Goulburn, NSW in time to start the 2013 school year and am enjoying myself already! I am teaching Years 7 and 8 History and Geography. I feel that we will get a real handle on looking at what Geography and History are all about. Next term, we'll be moving onto Ancient Egypt to find out about the Nile and its people.

I've had great fun with the MC Class. We have also been looking at what History is and they seem to catch on to timelines and being History Detectives really well! I think we will have a positive year and learn many facts!

Year 10 is looking at Australia in the Vietnam War. My Grandfather went to the war so we will be talking with my family to see how it impacted people both in the war and back home. They seem like a great bunch of kids who are picking up on the concepts already! Geography promises to be challenging as we look at our different manage water and land within Australia.



Year 11 Modern History has chosen to study the Civil Rights Movement in America during the 1950s and 60s. We are starting at the beginning by looking at the Civil War and what happened for different people after the war.

I look forward to having a fun year and working with you throughout the year!

**Miss Joshua**



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THE NEXT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD

WHEN: THURSDAY 21ST FEB  
AT 10.30am

WHERE: SENIOR CITIZENS  
ROOM

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFO CALL  
LYNDAL 0427 360 604



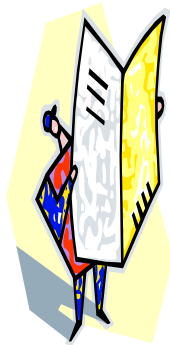
Are you supervising  
a **learner driver?**

Find out more by booking a **FREE** two-hour workshop for parents and supervisors.

For further enquiries call **13 22 13**

# MESSAGE BOARD

- **Friday 1st March to Monday 4th March- Mid Term Break (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April– Good Friday, Easter Saturday & Easter Monday**
- **Friday 11th April– Last Day of Term 1, 2013**
- **Thursday 25th April– ANZAC Day**
- **Monday 29th April– Start of Term 2, 2013**



Next newsletter will be out  
on Tuesday 11th March, 2013

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### **MID TERM BREAK**

**NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH OR  
MONDAY 4TH MARCH, 2013**

**STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON  
TUESDAY 5TH MARCH, 2013**