



# Brewarrina Central School News

## EASTER HAT PARADE



Brewarrina Central School

Monday, 15th April, 2013

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# Principal's Report

We have had a very busy term 1. Thanks to all the teachers and aides for their fantastic work in the classroom. They are supported by a wonderful office staff. Thanks also to the parents who have visited the school. Every time you come here you are helping us with your children. But most of all, thank you to all those students who turn up every day with a smile on their face, a skip in their step, and an enthusiasm to work and learn. They make learning fun and enjoyable.

## **Big Picture Education**

From the start of term 2 students in Years 7 & 8 will be participating in a new program called Big Picture. The purpose of the program is to make students' learning more personal, and give them a greater sense of ownership of their learning. It is being co-ordinated by Sarah Trapman and involves four teachers and three aides, who will support the students in their learning. Their energy in developing this program has been inspiring.

Students will start each day with a 75 minute BP Advisory. They will work on structured personal projects. The first of these is the "Who am I" project which explores their lives so far, important people in their lives, plans for the future, interests and passions. Teachers and aides will work 1:1 with students through the term, keeping them on task and on track. At the end of the term each student will complete an exhibition with their parents, showing them the work that they have done, what they have produced and what they have learned.

There will be a parent meeting at the start of term to involve them from the beginning. It is important we work in partnership with all our children. We look forward to seeing them.

## **Farewell**

This week we say farewell to Carol Barker. Carol is a highly valued member of our office staff. She has been very knowledgeable, highly skilled and a wonderful person to have on our team. We wish her well. Next term we are joined by Bec Johnson. We also say farewell to Aunty Lesley, who has done great work on our attendance program (we are over 90%). Jenny Hewitson has also decided to return to her family on the coast. Jenny has worked well with children in and out of classrooms from the infants to senior secondary. We wish her and her family well.

I would like to make a special thanks to the Term 1 school leadership team : Tonya Kellett, Blanche Gordon Tony Rossi and Sarah Trapman. They have helped me learn about Brewarrina Central School.

Cheers

**Peter**

# INFANTS/PRIMARY NEWS

I can't believe it is now the end of Term 1.

All students have worked really hard throughout Term 1.



All the classrooms are full of beautiful students work.

Last week the Infants/Primary celebrated Easter by holding their annual Easter Hat Parade and all the students enjoyed the parade.

We had prizes for the winners and every student received an Easter egg for making lovely Easter hats.

The school was also lucky enough to have a visit from a very large Easter bunny who left lots of eggs for everyone to eat.

Ms Clark will be returning next term. I would like to thank Mr Horsfall and Ms Williams for teaching Year 1/2C while she has been away.



I hope all our students have a wonderful break.



Don't forget after the holidays our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN test.

Have a great, productive and safe break.

Regards,

**Ms Tonya Kellett**  
**Relieving Deputy Principal**

# Secondary News

In the last week of school there will be a movie and lunch afternoon for students who have earned a wristband in the merit system this term. The majority of students are in year 7 and 8, which is great, but hopefully we see the older students getting the rewards as well. Letters will go home to parents of the children who have earned the reward this term.

Next term will see the 7/8 students begin an exciting new venture, we have called it “Big Picture” because it looks at the big picture of the students’ educational journey. Students will create a project based on themselves, developing literacy, numeracy, problem solving and a lot more while they work on the project. The students are excited, as we are splitting them into two groups for an hour every morning to develop their projects and work on their own individual work. Students families will be invited up to see the finished product towards the end of term.



Also next term, the senior students are straight into their half-yearly examinations. The year 12 students will sit their exams in week 2, while the year 11 students will sit theirs in week 5. I urge all students to continue to work hard over the holidays and study hard.

Partial attendance continues to be an issue, and next term parents will be informed when their child has been coming late, or leaving early, or skipping classes on a consistent basis. Whole day attendance for the high school has improved, but the partials continue to be an issue.

If you have any questions regarding your child or just want to come up for a chat about your child, please contact the school. We aim to work together with parents for positive outcomes for all our students.

Wishing all families a safe and happy holidays,

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



# Thank You and Best Wishes

It is with great sadness that I write this message.

As you are aware I am moving back to my home town of Moree NSW.

I would like to thank everyone for their newsletter contributions over the years. I have enjoyed my time immensely at Brewarrina Central School and enjoyed producing the newsletter every fortnight.

I have lived in Brewarrina for 13 years and I have worked at Brewarrina Central School for over seven (7) years. In this time I have made work friends and personal friends. I also have met some beautiful, honest, hardworking and talented students and some very dedicated staff.

I will miss the smiling faces of our infants & primary students, the hormonal & tallness of our Secondary students and the dedicated & productive staff.

I would like to thank all the students, teaching & support staff.

I have worked closely with the following people:- library staff of Bek and Kylie, Office staff of Auntie Sue, Sasha, Cathy and Felisety. Executive Staff of Tonya, Tony and Cathy Clarke- (the school would fall down without you). It has been a pleasure working with you all and you have been the best staff I have ever worked with.

To Mr Morgan, I have only worked with you for a short time, but I believe that you have made some fantastic changes and put things in place to better the school. It is a shame that you are not staying long term because you are steering the school in the right direction!!!!

A special **THANK YOU** to Mrs Walters, Ms Nicholls, Ms Skuthoppe, Ms Kellett and Auntie Sue for supporting my children and I throughout our time at Brewarrina Central School. I will miss you all dearly.

My children and I have gained a lot of respect, education, skills and memories that we will cherish and take with us on our new journey.

I would also like to wish all students, staff and the school all the best and wish them all the success in the near future.

Just remember “**DEDICATION** to your **EDUCATION** is the **KEY** to open many doors for all **YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS.**”

Regards,

**Carol Barker**

**THIS IS WHAT OUR INFANTS/PRIMARY  
SCHOOL CAPTAIN, ALII PAKUTOA  
THINKS ABOUT ANZAC**

# ANZAC

## **Australia New Zealand Army Corp**

I believe that the ANZACS should be considered as lifesavers. They have all risked their lives for our country.

Firstly, I believe that the ANZACS are the best people in the world. I believe that because we now live in a free country because of the ANZACS.

Secondly, The ANZACS who went to Gallipoli should have the most respect in the world. I feel sorry for those who lost their lives, especially the people who didn't even get a chance to get off the boat.

Thirdly, I strongly feel sorry for the people who survived the wars. For it is them who are more hurt than me. I wish that all the soldiers survived the war at Gallipoli, but it was not to be. Maybe it was God's will that they didn't survive.

In Conclusion, I strongly think that the ANZACS should be truly and strongly respected.

**Alii Pakutoa**

**Year 6- Infants/Primary Captain**





# NAPLAN TESTING



## TERM 2

**TUESDAY 14th APRIL  
to  
THURSDAY 16th APRIL, 2013**

**FOR ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 3, 5, 7 & 9**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED**

# HOLIDAY DATES

Brewarrina Central School wishes that everyone has a safe and productive two (2) week holiday.

**TERM 1 ENDS ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL,  
2013 AT 3PM**

**TERM 2 STARTS ON TUESDAY 30TH  
APRIL, 2013 AT 8:30AM**





# COMPETITION



The Brewarrina Aboriginal Integrated Child and Family Centre is holding a competition for local students to design a logo for their centre. The winners artwork will be featured in Newsletters, Advertising and Stationery used by the centre.

The AICFC's name in the Ngemba Language is "Ngunnhu, Waroos & Booris Place of Learning" meaning "Fisheries, Little People and Children".

Ideally, the entries should feature these as key features in the artwork.

Entries are open to all school age children in Brewarrina and must be submitted to either the AICFC or the Brewarrina Business Centre by 2nd May 2013.

**All entrants will receive a certificate of thanks and the winning entry will receive \$150.00 prize money.**

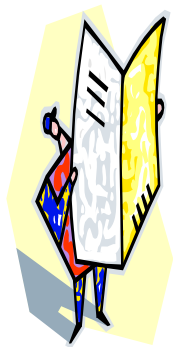
Entries will be judged by a local panel of invited Ngemba Elders soon after.



For more Information, stop in  
and see the staff at the  
AICFC at 95 Bathurst Street  
or the  
BBC at 88 Bathurst Street  
02 6808 2290

# MESSAGE BOARD

- Monday 15th April– School holidays start
  - Thursday 25th April– ANZAC Day
- Tuesday 30th April– School returns, Term 2
- Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th April– NAPLAN Testing (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)



Next newsletter will be out  
on Friday 10th May, 2013

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# YEAR 10 SCIENCE

MAKING  
SLIME!!!!