



Brewarrina Central School News

Principal's News

High Expectation, Relationships, High Support

A key to the success of our students is that we have high expectations for them, as high as anywhere in the state. This applies to literacy, numeracy, attendance and respectful, safe behaviour.

Being a small community, one of our strengths is our relationships. Students, teachers, aides, parents and community members know each other far better. Relationships are the glue that enables us to help our children.

Achieving our high expectations requires us to ensure we are supporting everyone to be the best that they can. We support students with our great Aboriginal aides and Learning Support Teachers who, through their co-teaching enable us to personalise student learning.

We support our aides and teachers with 1:1 mentoring, learning teams and professional development. We are raising the bar with everyone.

Rebecca Williams appointed as Assistant Principal.

Congratulations to Beck on her appointment as AP. The position was advertised across the state.

The panel, comprising AECG, staff representatives and a Deputy Principal from Walgett agreed that Beck was by far the best applicant. She addressed all criteria in depth, demonstrating what she has already achieved.

She had the greatest experience in a school with Aboriginal students. Her depth of knowledge of current education initiatives was evident.

She was the only applicant who has worked as AP for extended blocks; lead whole school programs; demonstrated her ability to building relationships with families, dealing with complex and sensitive issues. She has also led stage teams in regular professional learning, innovation and reflection, supporting them to building capacity. Her work has significantly shifted practice in her stage this year.

High School Truancy action

Last week we started a new plan of action with students who are late to class or skip lessons. Using the Millennium program, we mark rolls every lesson. The executive can print off a list of students who have skipped class and follow up straight away with them or via an SMS to parents. Close monitoring has already cut absences by 60%.

Secondary Reports

Apologies for the delays with the semester one reports for our secondary students. We had significant problems with the software, which has have now been overcome. We are also reviewing our processes to ensure it does not happen again.

If parents have any questions, please contact Tony Rossi, Sarah Trapman or me any time at school.

Peter

Primary News

Well Done!

What a magnificent term we are having at BCS. There are lots of achievements to mention. PBL is going really well and our focus area for the last two weeks has been the toilets where we are now seeing less incidents occurring. Students have been playing nicely in the playground and earning lots of safety and respect awards. Well done – it is great to see a happy, healthy and safe environment for our kids to play in.

Well done to all our talented students that went away to Bourke for District Athletics. Of the 22 students on the bus, 14 have been selected to go away to Dubbo for Regional Athletics. Congratulations everyone, a great day was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mr Smyth, Aunty Lyn and bus driver Mr Rossi for helping out on the day. There will be a full report later in the newsletter.

Years 3-6 Excursion

If you have paid your deposit for the years 3-6 excursion, you will be getting a letter soon to say how much you have paid already and how much you still have left to pay. Come in and see the office if you have any enquiries.

Breakfast Club

Don't forget we have breakfast club at school every morning. Students can come and have fruit, milo, cereal and toast. Some mornings we are even lucky to have bacon and eggs. Please remind students about their manners and putting their rubbish in the bin to help out a little bit. Thank you to our wonderful teachers who give up their mornings to

help out. The children are really enjoying having some social time with us too.

Hands on Learning

Thank you to the parents that came into school for our hands on learning session. We loved having you in with us and look forward to having many more with you.

Visiting the school

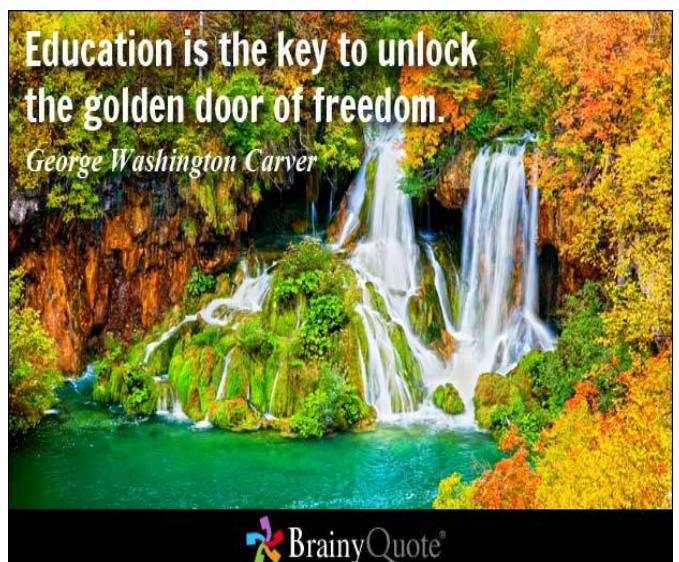
If you would like to come in and visit your students in class and maybe even help out with some activities please come and see their teachers. We are more than happy to have you in our classrooms enjoying the wonderful things our kids are learning. Please sign in at the office before you come on up!

Jump Rope for Heart

All student in primary will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. We are going to be doing a skipping program where the students learn new tricks and skills. We are encouraging healthy living and exercise! We will have a workshop session soon.

K-6 Disco

We held a disco! We have some wonderful groovers in our school. Thanks to all the helpers on the night. We all had a ball too!





THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

By Brandi Duke

Once upon a time there lived three little pigs and their mother.

One morning they had a little family meeting and their mother said "You are getting to big for my little house." So the first little pig was walking on the road and saw a man with straw and the little pig said "Please give me some straw" and the man gave him lots of straw.

After that the little pig built his house.



The second little pig was walking on the road and saw a man with sticks and the little pig said "Please give me some sticks" and the man gave him lots of sticks so then the little pig built his house.



The third little pig was walking on the road and saw a man with bricks and the little pig said "please give me some bricks?" and then the little pig built his house.



Suddenly the big bad wolf came to the first little pigs house and the wolf said "Little pig, little pig let me come in". But the pig said "not by the hairs of my chinny, chin, chin". So the wolf said "then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down".

So the little pig went off to the stick house.



But then the big bad wolf followed him and the wolf said "Little pigs, little pigs let me come in" Then the little pigs said "Not by the hairs of our chinny, chin, chins". So the wolf huffed and puffed and he blew the house down and sadly the house got blown down. Then the 2 little pigs ran to the brick house.

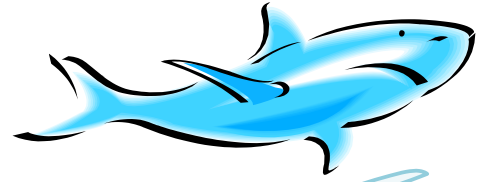


So the big bad wolf followed them and the big bad wolf tried to huff and puff to blow the brick house down but he didn't have enough energy. So the big bad wolf had a plan. He climbed all the way to the top of the roof to get to the chimney but the pigs lit the fire and grabbed a big pot full of water. They placed it over the fire to boil. Then the wolf slid down the chimney and he landed straight in to the pot and the little pigs had wolf stew.

SO THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

THE END

Year 2 Sharks



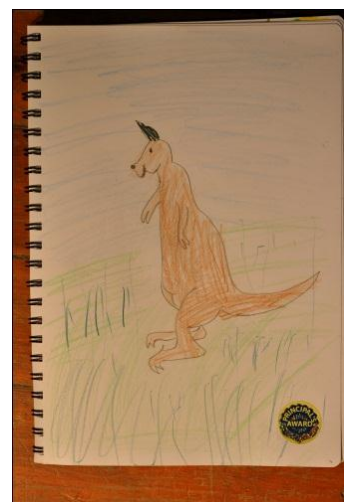
The Year 2 Sharks have been coming to the Art room and doing some fantastic work. All the children are very keen to become awesome drawers, and they are very much achieving this, because they try so hard, and don't give up.

A special mention must go to Eljiriah Cubby who is an outstanding artist. He drew the best Ninja turtle this week. Great work Sharks.

The lovely thing about working with Year 2 and Miss S is that the class is so happy and well behaved, and we have lots of jokes and laughing.

I can't wait to teach these little ones when they get to high school, they will be way ahead of everyone in the whole state!

Miss Nolan and Miss S.



Father's Day Celebrations

On Friday 5th September, we will be

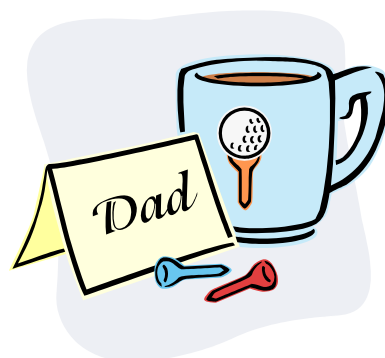
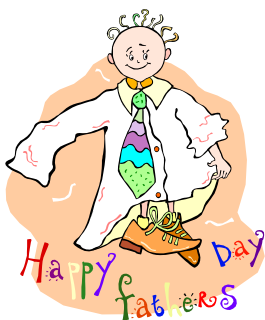
celebrating Father's Day.

Children can purchase a gift from the stall in the Library ranging from \$2 to \$10.

Fathers, Grandfather's and Uncles are invited into classrooms at 11.30 for morning tea and activities.

The celebrations will end with a K-6 Assembly in the School Hall at 12:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you here.





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2014 Kinderstart

Kinderstart will be commencing on **Monday 20th October** and will run for 7 weeks
until **Tuesday 2nd December 2014.**

Kinderstart will run on Mondays and Tuesdays.

From 8.30am to 3pm.

Enrolment forms are available from the front office.

THINGS YOU NEED

- Birth Certificates (From Births, Deaths & Marriages)
 - Medicare Number
- Immunisation History Statement – Up to date (from Community Health)
 - Proof of students residential address
- Health Care Card or Pension Card (with child's name on it)
 - Contact Phone Number
- Court Order Documents (if any are in place)

PLEASE NOTE

UNTIL ENROLMENT FORMS ARE COMPLETED AND THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS SIGHTED BY THE SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD WILL **NOT** BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL ON 6839 2186



Secondary News

Some visitors in the high school

During week 6 we had the pleasure of having some visitors in the high school with expert advice around a variety of key learning areas. Our students participated in workshops on how to improve their exhibitions and planning their work. Staff received support for programming, teaching and planning. Well done to all involved. Grace, our visiting film-maker, made students and staff feel at ease and we look forward to seeing the end result. How exciting to showcase our school and the achievements of our students.

Welcome Joe

Joe Bond has spent some time with us in the high school over the last fortnight. She is enjoying taking a variety of classes and positive interactions with staff and students.

PBL focus

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus will now shift to the basketball courts. There are some concerns about rubbish and swearing on the courts at break times. Since our lessons about the toilets, there has been a noticeable decrease in graffiti. Interestingly, as we look at different areas, some issues that arise are due more to a need for improving equipment. For example, we have fixed the soap dispensers in the toilets. For the basketball courts, one issue that we will need to address is lids on bins.

Attendance

Unfortunately a handful of students have been truanting class during the day. This not only affects learning, it is unsafe and against our school rules. Letters have already been sent home in some cases. We ask for parent support in encouraging your child to attend all classes, every day.

Uniform reminder

As the weather will soon start to warm up again, we remind parents and students that short shorts are NOT school uniform. In high school, our uniform is navy or black shorts that need to sit mid thigh downwards. Any shorter, and parents will be contacted to bring in alternative clothes. As a school we expect our students to represent us appropriately in the community.



Clontarf

Foundation

Brewarrina

Academy (BA)

Clontarf End of term Camp

5th – 7th September

End of term Awards

11th September

Ross Kelly Cup – Sydney

14th – 17th September

Notice Board

Uniform Shop

School Uniforms are "ON SALE" from the Front Office.

Maroon Jumpers and Track Pants for infants/primary.

Sizes: 3 – 12 For \$5

REMINDER PARENTS

Nursing Staff from the AMS
visit our school every
Monday, Wednesday &
Friday to conduct
general First Aid

Don't forget Breakfast

Club in the Clontarf room

every morning!!

School Photos

School photos will be held on the
8th October

Your child's photos will need to be
paid before the photo day

Payments are to made to the

FRONT OFFICE

(Envelopes are kept at the Front Office)

Photo packages will start from \$33 and family
packs from \$18

