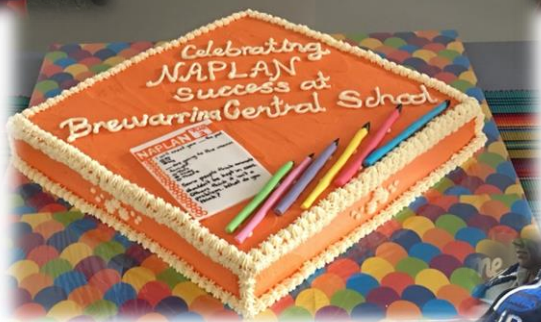




Brewarrina Central School News

Term 3, Issue 5 2016

Year 3 Celebrating NAPLAN Success



Principal's News

Like many people I cannot believe that it is the End of Term 3 already. In the six weeks I have been at Brewarrina Central School I have been impressed by the quality of teaching and learning that is occurring. The teachers know their students and are able to cater for their students' learning needs. I have been into many classrooms where I have seen great teaching and learning occurring. I would like to thank all those involved in our students' learning as the relationships that exist between the students, the AEs (Aboriginal Educators) and their teachers is clearly evident. Everyone wants the best for the students.

I have recently attended both Secondary and K-6 Assemblies where I saw students leading the Assemblies and numerous students gain recognition for their great work in class, sporting success and positive behaviour. I also saw the creativity of students displayed through dance and film. The breadth of student achievement and the support they receive from all staff at Brewarrina Central is 'awesome.'

I would also like to thank all those parents/ carers who attended the NAPLAN Celebration for our Year 3 students who all achieved consistent results in all aspects of NAPLAN. The Community 'Hub' was transformed into a wonderful place where we were all able to celebrate students' success in learning with a special NAPLAN 'cake' cooked and decorated by the very talented Miss Ingold. We also saw a film showing students and staff involved in Literacy and Numeracy learning K-3. This film was made by Monty McHughes from Year 6. Well done to all those involved.

I hope that everyone has a well-deserved, relaxing, rejuvenating and safe holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back at Brewarrina Central for the start of Term 4 on Monday 10th October. Please take care of yourselves and others over the holiday break.

Christine Grieves

Infants/Primary News

Term 3 is coming to an end and the excitement hasn't stopped. On Wednesday we are having our whole school assembly and Primary PBL Disco to celebrate the achievements of our students. We have acknowledged many children during the term for their wonderful learning, behaviour and sporting achievements. We look forward to this continuing in Term 4.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. We recently had the Souths Cares program visit in conjunction with Charles Sturt University Dental team. Thank you to all the families who gave verbal permission for this to occur. The University has offered to make appointments with the Dental team in Brewarrina for all the children requiring treatment. You will receive a phone call in the next few weeks as a follow up to that visit.

In Term 4 we will be having our Years 3 to 6 major excursion to Lake Burrendong. Children are still able to bring in notes and money if they would like to attend. We will also be having a visit from One-Vision who will be doing vision screening in November. Notes will be sent home early next term.

A number of parents have reported that head lice are on the rise as the weather heats up. The school have purchased nit combs and children are able to come to the front office and get one to take home, if they would like. The AMS have 'nit packs' available for people to purchase or free for first time users.

The Primary staff hope you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Beck Williams

Secondary News

The end of term is here, with students and staff looking forward to a well-earned break. Some of our older students have enjoyed trips away in the last week or so, through **GirlFit and Clontarf**.

A small group of students participated in the **Sydney Story Factory** writing workshop in Week 8, and the visitors were suitably impressed with our students' efforts and finished products. Student work is to be published and sent back to the school.

PBL Reward Day for Secondary students will be on Friday Week 10. A list of the students who earned the reward will be in the next newsletter. Letters will also go home to parents this week. It is wonderful to see that our students endeavour to be Safe Respectful Learners.

Next term, we will be reinforcing **uniform**. A reminder that High School students are to wear white polo shirts and navy or black shorts. Uniform can be sourced from the Front Office for very reasonable prices.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, the Secondary team would like to wish the **Year 12 students** luck as they sit for their HSC examinations and remind them that if they need help in the lead-up to their exams to please come into the school and see their teachers. It is a stressful time for students and their families as they reach the culmination of their school years. The school is happy to support in any way we can.

Staff are continuing to work their way through the **Mind Matters** online training course, it has been a great way to look at various ways that we can support adolescent mental health issues in our context.

Secondary Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) and exhibitions will be held in Week 4 of Term 4. All parents will receive an invitation to come into the Community Hub and discuss their child's

learning in all their subjects and plan for next year.

The Secondary team would also like to extend our well wishes to Mr Mac and his partner Peta-Maree who welcomed the safe arrival of their baby this week.

If you have any questions regarding your child at school, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sarah Trapman

Two BCS students selected for ASSETS Summer School – January 2017 in Newcastle

ASSETS is a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Maths (STEM). **Tegan Bennett and Tamika Nicholls** have been selected along with 120 other secondary students across Australia to participate in the January school holidays. Both girls will travel to Newcastle for the nine day residential summer school followed by an ongoing leadership and support program as they complete years 11 and 12.



Students will participate in a variety of sessions between traditional and western science knowledges with a focus on science inquiry. Students will work with the University of Newcastle and in small groups to develop and conduct their own science inquiry projects which they will present on the final day of the summer school. They will also participate in industry based visits and learning.

This is a fantastic opportunity supported by the CSIRO. Congratulations and best wishes girls.

Head lice



The facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment

- Daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- Head lice treatment available from the chemist and local stores

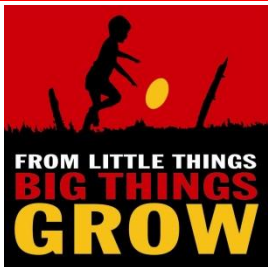
Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

From The Department of Education





Clontarf Foundation

Brewarrina Academy (BA)



Clontarf News

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

General Comment Week 8: This week was full of activity and excitement from Chess challenges, lunches, training, and bike riding assessments. Of course we have fit some school work in between.

The next few weeks are equally as busy with Deakin heading to Albury for an induction and training camp with the Army. This will be an amazing experience and I am lucky enough to be able to accompany him on this one. We will both be under full Army guidelines and will be tested in areas from fitness to simulated machine operation training. We look forward to sharing the stories upon our return.

Charlie will head off on Wednesday with the Year 7 fellas to their first AFL carnival and again we will join with our Bourke brothers. The camp will be a great way to finish the Term off and a chance for the newer Academy fellas to see Clontarf Spirit in action.



Message stick making in Yarning Circle.



Chess challenge in the room at lunch.

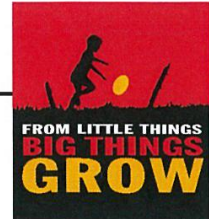


Mr Daymond leading the way in Boxercise at morning training.

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ADF Experience

Words by Deakin Bennett
Photos by Adam Close

On Wednesday 14 September we headed to Albury for an ADF experience.

This was a great opportunity to live the Army life for a couple of days.

The first day we were escorted through the trade training facilities and I was lucky enough to get some one-on-one time with the Motor Vehicle trainer which is the area I am looking to go down.

The training facility is first class and the machinery is the latest models.

We were later put through some fitness training which was fun. I now have a bit of an understanding what is ahead of me.

The second day we headed to Kapooka where the basic training facility is. We stepped off the bus and watched the final training drills being completed by the latest recruits.

This was an experience that no one else gets to see. It was enough to give me goose bumps.

Finally we walked around outside the parade ground. This is where I hope to see myself once I have graduated from school and my basic training.





School Reference Group (SRG)

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Brewarrina Central School Reference Group (SRG) on Tuesday 25th October at 3.30pm in the Community Hub at Brewarrina Central School.

One of the roles of the SRG is to advise the Executive Principal, on ideas relating to whole school/community communication strategies and messages in regards to informing (and promoting) the progress of the Connected Communities Strategies.

Years 3-6 Excursion- Lake Burrendong

Our Years 3-6 Excursion is planned for Monday 31st October to Lake Burrendong Sport & Recreation Camp.

If you would like your child to attend please have **All notes signed and handed in by 12th October & Your child/children's excursion must be paid for, by the 20th October.**

AECG Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th October 2016

@ 3.15pm

To be held at the BCS Community Hub

Notice Board

Dates to remember for next term!

- 10th October– HSC Exams Start
- 25th October– School Reference Group Meeting
- 27th October– Year 12 Farewell
- 27th October– AECG Annual General Meeting
- 31st October– Bookfair
- 31st Oct– 2nd Nov– Primary Excursion (Lake Burrendong)
- 11th–14th November– Mid Term Break

REMINDER PARENTS

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

Bookfair



When: 31st October – 12th November

Where: In the School Library



All welcome to come and have a look and grab a bargain!

School Holidays

Last Day of School- Friday 23rd September

School Holidays-26th September - 7th October

School Resumes- Monday 10th October (for Staff & Students)

*Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see
you all next term!*