

Brewarrina Central School News

Term 4, Issue 1 2017



Congratulations to Janalee Conroy and Chantae Eyre who competed in the 2017 NSW Rugby Union State 7's Under 17's competition in Sydney and also Tiona Cochrane who competed in the under 13's playing in Coffs Harbour.

Chantae and Janalee's Under 17's team placed 3rd overall with Tiona's Under 13's team placing 2rd.

All 3 girls played very dominating games with Tiona's team voting her Players Player for her talented skills for the weekend carnival.









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Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone is feeling relaxed and full of energy for the new term. It was wonderful to return Brewarrina with the warmer weather, longer sunshine hours and even the odd drop of rain. The students have returned feeling positive and ready for learning. It is absolutely essential that students maintain their consistent attendance throughout Term 4 as they are then able to fully engage in their learning and the many opportunities that the school offers .Students need to attend to make sure they know what is happening and how they can be part of all the activities on offer.

I would like to welcome Chris Bell, the Clontarf Director who has replaced Adam Close. He has come all the way from Geraldton and has already enthusiastically embraced his new role at Brewarrina. I look forward to working with Uncle Charlie and Chris as they develop and implement their Term 4 programs.

The HSC began this week. Over 60,000 students are sitting for these exams- I would like to wish our student the very best in his exams. Our Year 10 students have been involved in the subject selection process for their Preliminary year. Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend this meeting. The Year 11 students have also had a meeting regarding the expectations of being a Year 12 student.

Our Year 6 students will be involved in their transition to High School Program from this week. Mr Daymond and all the Secondary teachers are looking forward to working with these students to guide them through what they can expect in Year 7. There will be a Year 7 parent Information Meeting later in the term.

The Secondary students have already been involved in the Story Factory visit. They were wonderful participants in this program. Mrs Hertslet, Mrs Trapman and Mrs Close were very pleased with them and so too were the presenters. Tour da Country riders were also well received by the school who enjoyed hearing about healthy eating, fitness and career pathways.

Our Kinderstart program is in full swing and it great to see their happy faces every Monday and Tuesday. Miss Holmes, Aunty Marinda, Aunty Jen, Miss Kellett and all the other staff are enjoying having them at 'big' school.

Some of the Clontarf students are off to Singleton to be involved in table tennis. We look forward to hearing of their successes.

So much is happening and there is so much more to come...we look forward to working with all the students during Term 4.

INVITATION TO PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION for the SCHOOL PLAN 2018-2020 on Tuesday, 31st October from 2-3pm in the Community Hub. If you would like to have a say about the education of your children please come to this get together. Light refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

Welcome back to school. This term we have a lot going on....Book fair, Swimming for sport for Years 2 to 6, Halloween Disco, Stages 2 and 3 excursions, Year 6 farewell, PBL reward days and plenty more!

Years 3 and 4 will be going to Lake Keep-it in Week 5 and all notes and money are to be in by the end of this week.

Years 5 and 6 will be going to Canberra in Week 6 and all notes and money need to be in by the end of next week. Last week the Tour da Country rode into town and stopped by to play Indigenous games and discuss with our kids the importance of eating healthy and exercising. The kids found it really interesting (and slightly unbelievable) that the recommended amount of screen time (using ipads, ipods, phones, and TV) was one hour per day. Thank you to all the riders for coming in and visiting with us.

The primary staff is extremely fortunate to have the wisdom and support of Uncle Charlie who works in our Year 5 and 6 classes with the Clontarf boys. We'd like to welcome Chris Bell to the team and wish him the best in his role as Clontarf Director.

At Brewarrina Central School we are SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS and Mr Beames is currently planning our big reward day for students who reach the top level of the PBL system in Primary. Big congratulations to Issac Orcher who won the end of term PBL prize of a Season Ticket to the pool for him and his family. We hope you enjoy your summer and thank you for demonstrating our school values.

This term we are not having a games afternoon as we will be starting Swimming Squad. Ms Dove, Mr Beames and I will be holding squad training on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm until 4.00pm. Children from Years 3 to 6, who are competent swimmers, are invited to attend and notes will go out shortly. It will be a requirement that a parent or family member collect your child and sign them out prior to leaving. Children will not be able to attend if they are NOT collected by an adult or signed out. This will be great preparation for next year's swimming carnival.

Aunty Lynne has started ringing families about attendance but has not been able to get through to everyone. If you have changed your details, please give the school a ring and let us know. Aunty Lynne will be out visiting on Friday so you may wish to catch up with her then. I look forward to a great term. Please feel to call in and say hi, you're all welcome.

Thanks, Beck Williams

Primary Awards

Week 1

Kinder- Finn Close & Neil Fox

Year 1- Deontai Williams, Javantae Boney & Deaken Boney

Year 2- Nikeisha Bloomfield, Chelsea Sullivan, & Tiffany Frail

Year 3- Javon Gordon, David Gibson & Jye Parker-Little

Year 4- Tyreese Coffey & Mathew Barker

Year 5- Mason Scott & Alexander Kirby-Byrnes

Year 6- Bryce Waites, Issac Orcher, Ty Boney & Ashlei Williams

Home reader Awards- Hank Kirby, Deaken Boney, Jharal Jackson & Sanaa Kirby,

Safe Respectful Awards- Denzel Trapman, Jharal Jackson, Georgjette Orcher, Raquel Ford, Jeanette Boney, Jessie-Maria Walsh, Mason Scott & Shakiah Salt

Birthday Awards- Michael Trapman, Jessie-Maria Walsh & Serena Walford

PBL Wrist bands- Hank Kirby, Denzel Trapman, Nataliha Frail, Adam boney, Harmony Kelly, Jharal Jackson, Javantae Boney, Georgina Vincent, Kirk Eyre, Tadhg Close, Raquel Ford, Cameron Fox, Tierah Nicholls, Lauren Gordon, Luke Gordon, Anita Shillingsworth, Javon Gordon, Vanessa Vincent, Mason Scott, Rehannah Russell & Alexander Kirby-Byrnes



One day *ONLY*! Friday 20th October \$2.50

Secondary News

Welcome back to Term 4! Looking forward to a busy and productive term.

Year 6 to 7 Transition is due to begin in Week 2, on Wednesdays. A note and timetable have been sent home for Year 6 students. Transition is an opportunity to have a little taste of what High School life is like, and start developing relationships between staff and students. Mr Daymond has organised some fantastic learning opportunities. Transition will go for four weeks.

In Week 1, Year 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers participated in information sessions regarding subjects for 2018. While students seemed a little shell-shocked, it is important to understand the expectations of being a Senior student and the importance of regular attendance, catching up on missed work and completing assessment tasks.

Also in Week 1, we had a visit from the Sydney Story Factory, who did a writing workshop with Years 8 and 9. The focus text was one that has been published from the Story Factory, called "State of Mind", which included writing works from High School students across the state. A few of our students' writing work has been included in the book, which is a fantastic achievement. The school was given a class set of the texts, as well as a workshop supporting staff in using the text within the classroom.

There are quite a few trips coming up for our secondary students this term- including the Girl Fit trip in week 7 and the University of Western Sydney in Week 8. Our school is incredibly lucky to have so many of our staff that go above and beyond for our students and provide so many opportunities to further their learning.

A reminder that summer uniform is navy or black shorts and white polo. Girl Fit and Clontarf shirts are also permitted. It is also a requirement that closed shoes are worn on school grounds. Students who wear inappropriate footwear or clothing will be either sent home to change, or parents will be contacted to bring in a change of footwear/clothing. The Front Office sells our uniform at very reasonable prices. If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining uniform for your child, please let us know.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns about your child to contact the school to organise an appointment, staff are more than happy to discuss your child's learning.

Sarah Trapman

Head Teacher

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At our school we are

Safe

Respectful

Learners

I want to be kind to everyone, For that is right, you see.

So I say to myself, "Remember this: Kindness begins with me."

(Words and music: Clara W. McMaster)

The PBL team is continuing to focus on how students can use kind words with others. The data will be examined in Week 2 to determine if some of the strategies we have put in place have supported the students with this, as last term there were quite a few recorded incidents that involved students speaking rudely to each other and to staff- including swearing, name-calling, and teasing.

The team is also examining the Anti-Bullying Plan this term. It is important for students, staff and families to understand the definition of bullying so that it can be accurately identified and dealt with.





Parents & Carers

- Would you like to have a say about your child's education for 2018-2020?
- If you would like to let your views be known, please come to the "Get Together".
 - When: Tuesday 31st October

Where: In the Community Hub

Light Refreshments will be provided

We will discuss:

- > What's working?
- > What needs improving?
- Your ideas or wishes for the future of your child's education at Brewarrina Central School.

Geography Teachers News

Miss Skuthorpe is the Geography Teacher in Primary.

Term 2 & 3 students in primary are learning about the *Earth's Environments* and *A Diverse* and *Connected World*.

Students explore the climate, natural vegetation and native animals of places in Australia and Brewarrina.

They develop an understanding of the diversity of living things, environments and the connections Australia has with the First Nation People of this country.

Miss Skuthorpe and students are working with Miss Kirby doing Project Based Learning. Project Based Learning is student's ideas and interests on a topic they chose to study and research.

They continue their learning by reading, writing and researching information about the topic with Miss Skuthorpe within a classroom environment.

Topics chosen are connected to units of works taught in Geography lessons.

Students chose to study and research a significant feature – area of Brewarrina.

Students have been very busy little bees working on their projects in Geography. For those students that are still thinking about their master piece they need to be moving quicker. We have excursions that we will be attending so that doesn't leave much time for projects.

Students Geography Projects



Year 3 students busy working on their projects.



Fred working on Hospital Creek and Keelan working on the Fishtraps.



Mason's painting of the Old Mission.



Rehannah working on the Brewarrina Railway.



Miss Angie Skuthorpe

Year 5

Over the next couple of weeks Year 5 will be running a fundraiser for the 3 & 4 camp to Lake Keepit in week 5 and the 5 & 6 camp to Canberra in week 6.

1. There will a lolly guessing competition with each guess costing 50c. We would like to thank Aunty Tahnee and Max at the Friendly Grocer for the donation of the jar and the lollies.

2. We will also be running a raffle at the same time with each raffle ticket 50c as well.



Fundraising Coming Up

- We are holding a Halloween disco on Wednesday the 1st
 November (Week4). There will be dancing, food and drink for sale and hopefully some scary costumes.
- There will be an icy cup day coming up where we will sell icy cups for \$1.50.

If you would like to donate something for either of the fundraisers coming up, please feel free to contact the school.



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.

What a fantastic start to Term 4 with everyone back to school after a well-earned break. We sadly fare welled our Director Adam Close at the end of last term. Adam was given an opportunity to continue with Clontarf on a new adventure in Townsville. We wish him all the best on this adventure. It also means we need to welcome our new Director Chris Bell to Brewarrina. Chris joins us from Geraldton in Western Australia if you haven't had the chance to meet him yet please feel welcome to drop into the Academy room anytime to say hello and have a yarn.

Term 4 promises to be busy with our Academy awards night in week 7 we look forward to once again welcoming the community into our Academy to see our boys rewarded for all the hard work they have put in this year. This week we have 4 boys representing Brewarrina at the Northern Region Table Tennis Championships we wish these boys all the best for the tournament. We will also see our senior boys travel to Dubbo next week as a part of an employment excursion to learn about possible employment opportunities post school.

WHATS ON THIS WEEK:

- Yr. 11 & 12 Employment Plans
- Thursday Gridiron Game
- 100% Trainers Lunch

CONTACTS (Chris Bell Director) 0427 132 520; (Charlie McHughes Operations Officer) 0428 985 812



Primary Homework

Club

Homework club will be on

Mondays-

Weeks 3,4,7,8 & 9 only

this term

From 3.00pm-4.30pm

week Recreational

bargain



Ages & Time: Walking toddlers to 6 yrs olds at 5:30pm 6-10yr olds at 6pm

COMMENCING THURSDAY OCT 12TH 2017 MUST become a member of the PCYC at a small cost of \$10 membership form obtained on the day, fee paid by next session

for More Information Contact Mark 6870 1670 or Jen 6830 5137



Notice Board

Dates to Remember For this Term

- 25th-27th Oct- Clontarf Trip (Coonamble)
- 30 Oct-10 Nov- Bookfair
- 31st Oct- Parent Get Together
- 31st Oct- AECG Meeting
- 10th-13th Nov- Mid Term Break
- 6th-9th Nov- Years 3 & 4 Camp- Lake Keepit
- 14th-17th Nov- Years 5 & 6 Excursion-Canberra
- 16th Nov- AECG AGM
- 20th-24th Nov- Girlfit Camp
- 27th Nov-1st Dec- Western Sydney Uni
 Visit Sydney
- 29th Nov- Year 6 Farwell
- 6th Dec- PBL Rewards- Primary
- 13th Dec PBL Rewards- Secondary
- 18th Dec- School Holidays

Mid Term Break

10th – 13th November

REMINDER PARENTS

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

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<u>School Holidays</u> Last day of school- Friday 15th December Holidays Start- Monday 18th December