



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 4, Issue 2- 2017

HALLOWEEN At B.C.S



Principal's News

As usual Brewarrina Central School continues to be extremely busy. Our students are provided with so many opportunities both within and beyond the classroom. This week the K-6 students will be involved the Halloween Disco- it will be great to see all their costumes!! The Year 6 students are continuing their Transition to High School Program and the students involved in IPROWD have been in Sydney. The Kinderstart program is continuing on Mondays and Tuesdays and those students seem to be enjoying their time in 'big school'. The senior Clontarf students have visited Dubbo for work site visits. There is also a Swim Squad on Tuesdays at the pool for competent swimmers wanting to improve their swimming style. Students who participate in this program need to be picked up by their parents/ carers at 4pm from the pool. In the following weeks our Year 3 and 4 students will be travelling to Lake Keepit and the Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Canberra. Please don't forget the Book Fair will also be held in the Library – books are a wonderful Christmas gift.

This week we have the Parent/ Carer Consultation regarding the School Plan 2018-2020. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. If you were not able to attend and would like to convey you're your vision for the future, Aunty Kim Hardy will visit you to let you have your say. Please contact the school if you would like Aunty Kim to visit you. The AECG Meeting is also being held this week. It is wonderful to be working with so many community groups whose focus is on the education of children and young people in Brewarrina and the surrounding areas. The Connected Communities Strategy Evaluation is continuing. Parents/ carers have been contacted via phone by ISPOS. Other key groups will be meeting with representatives from CESE (Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation) during Week 5.

Students need to maintain consistent attendance at school to maximise their learning and their ability to be involved in the numerous opportunities available both within and beyond the classroom. This means coming to school every day.

Recently we have had some disturbances in the school that have been attributed to students making inappropriate comments about others families. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated. Everyone needs to remember that we are RESPECTFUL of others, ourselves and our environment and we, can demonstrate this by being tolerant of others differences and accepting of all. Unkindness, disrespect and abuse of other students and staff are NOT acceptable at Brewarrina Central School. Those who involve themselves in this type of behaviour will be dealt with through the school's Wellbeing and Discipline system.

Energy drinks such as Red Bull, Mother, V and Rockstar are banned in NSW schools by the Department of Education. These drinks have been proven to have a negative effect on students' health and learning. Students with these drinks will have them confiscated. We ask for your co-operation in this matter.

Mid Term Break is in Week 5 from 10th -13th November. Please have a safe and happy Mid Term Break. I look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday 14th November all rested and ready for learning.

Christine Grieves.

Parents/Carers of Year 5 Students

Thinking of applying for a government **selective high school** for Year 7 entry in **2019?**

You must apply online at
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Infants/Primary News

Well this term is well and truly humming along. Last week we started our Swim Squad with Ms Dove and Mr Beames. This occurs every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm and students MUST be signed out by a designated adult. The pool is still a little cold but everyone really enjoyed getting in and giving it a go! Swimming for sport started last week for Years 5 and 6 and this week Years 2, 3 and 4 will begin lessons. Children are asked to bring their swimwear to school in a plastic bag and not wear them under clothes; it can become very uncomfortable sitting around in wet clothes for a couple of hours.

This week we have our Halloween Disco on Wednesday afternoon for students in K-6. We look forward to seeing many scary little people and hope they have a good time. There is a sausage sizzle and canteen on the afternoon. All money raised from the disco is going towards the Year 3 to 6 excursions.

Next week Year 3 and 4 are going to Lake Keepit and all the students are super excited to go. They will be accompanied by Uncle Charlie, Auntie Sherrie, Ms Pratt and Ms Dove. We hope they have a great time and I can't wait to see the photos.

In Week 6 we have Year 5 and 6 going to Canberra for their major excursion. The kids are going to have a great time learning about parliament and visiting the War Memorial, Questacon and Australian Institute of Sport. They will also be going ice skating and ten-pin bowling. The supervising staff are Auntie Raelene, Auntie Tahnee, Ms Moylan-McGuirk, Mr Smyth and Peter Coleman will be driving the bus. We hope they all have a great time.

There has been a huge amount of fundraising over the year to assist in subsidising the excursions and I would like to thank all the children, families, staff and businesses that have

supported our fundraising efforts; without everyone's support our kids would not be able to go on these wonderful learning experiences.

Homework Club for Year 4 to 6 continues this term. Thank you to Ms Pratt and Auntie Lynne for making this happen.

Auntie Kylie has been busy in the library setting up Book Fair. We'd love to have people come in and browse the books and goodies. Book Fair will continue into next week as well.

The Primary staff hopes everyone has a great fortnight and look forward to seeing you at school.

Thanks, Beck Williams

Primary Awards

Week 2

Kinder- Charles Sullivan & Noah Trapman

Year 1- Jharal Jackson, Harmony Kelly & Georgina Vincent

Year 2- Cheslea Sullivan, Michael Trapman & Sidney Coffey

Year 3- Vanessa Vincent, Kirk Eyre & Cameron Fox

Year 4- Karleasha Barker, Jessie-Maria Walsh & Riley Higgins

Year 6- Shakiah Salt, Savannah Gordon, Fred Gibson, Keelan Nicholls & Bryce Waites

Safe Respectful Awards- Kotara Kelly, Javantae Boney, Barran Lord, David Gibson & Year 6 M&M

Birthday Awards- Sienna Kirby

PBL Wrist bands- Neil Fox, Jarell Frail, Kotara Kelly, Noah Trapman, Charles Sullivan, Tiffany Frail, Minya Lord, Michael Trapman, Barran lord, Chelsea Sullivan, Georgjette Orcher, Darnell Heatherill, Kirk Eyre, Vanessa Vincent, Tyreese Coffey, Jeanette Boney, Billie-Jean Williams, Kyle Salt, Serena Walford, Keelan Nicholls, Fred Gibson, Savannah Gordon & Bryce Waites

Week 3

Kinder- Kotara Kelly & Denzel Trapman

Year 1- Sanaa Kirby, Adam Ford & Aaliyah Boney-Coffey

Year 2- Minya Lord, Barran Lord & Georgjette Orcher

Year 3- Darnell Heatherill, Tierah Nicholls & Anita Shillingsworth

Year 4- Billie-Jean Williams, Serena Walford & Kyle Salt

Year 5- Rhaw-Kye Waites & Charlotte Sullivan

Year 6- Dylan Rosser, Ty Boney & Year 6

Home reader Awards- Myah Peterson & Noah Trapman

Safe Respectful Awards- Georgina Vincent, Chelsea Sullivan, Vanessa Vincent, Mason Scott & Ashlei Willaims

Birthday Awards- Jharal Jackson, Karleasha Barker

PBL Wrist bands- Jharal Jackson, Deaken Boney, Georgina Vincent, Harmony Kelly, Sanaa Kirby, Aaliyah Boney-Coffey, Javantae Boney, Adam Ford, Raquel Ford, Anita Shillingsworth, Luke Gordon, Vanessa Vincent, David Gibson, Lauren Gordon, Moreearna Coffey, Jessie-Maria Walsh, Beau-Dean Williams & Karleasha Barker

Secondary News

Year 6 to 7 Transition continues to go well. The students are enjoying some great learning opportunities. Probably more exciting for them is that now they are able to be in the Secondary area of the school during break times. Staff are using the opportunity to get to know the kids and help them feel keen for High School in 2018.

The IPROWD girls have just returned from a week away. We are very proud of the girls for staying motivated and being great representatives of this program. It is such an opportunity to expand their horizons and choose their life path with so much guidance. There is significant support after the completion of the course as well. If you want to know more about what is offered, check it out at <http://www.iprowd.tafensw.edu.au>

Clontarf have also continued to support the boys with their post-school employment options, with a trip to Dubbo last week. Living in such an isolated community, it can be easy for our students to think that opportunities are not here for them. But the school works with many different factors of the community, and beyond Brewarrina to give our students great opportunities to succeed beyond school. It is there- our kids just need to grab for it. That is

why our expectations at school are for them to give their best effort in their studies and communicate with their families and teachers about what they need support with. The secondary staff will maintain a passion for always getting the best from every single student.

Secondary Assembly Safe Respectful Learners

Week 3- Josiah Sullivan- always being a great leader on the Basketball Courts with the younger students

Week 4- Katherine Higgins- always giving her best effort

Donnah Shillingsworth- Improved effort in class

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

A reminder of our expectations when at the canteen.

We are a Healthy School Canteen- promoting healthy options and encouraging our students to have a balanced approach to their eating choices.

Strategies that you can try at home include:

- substituting sugary drinks with water at home and in lunchboxes.
- including children from an early age in meal planning and preparation. Planning meals together, compiling shopping lists, including children in the shopping trip and allowing children to assist in the preparation and cooking of meals spikes interest, motivation and creates healthier eating options.
- encouraging older children and young people to plan a dinner menu for a day with support to compile a shopping list, purchase and prepare meals
- consulting children as to the contents in their school lunches and allowing them to assist in shopping and preparation where possible.
- planning and creating a small garden at home for growing fruit and vegetables.
- modelling good eating habits at home and limiting access to the type and amounts of highly processed foods available such as chips, chocolate, lollies and biscuits.
- providing healthy snacks
- talking to your children about food sources and how the food they eat reaches the table.

Check out these websites:

- Healthykids.nsw.gov.au
- Raisingchildren.net.au



Bookfair

When: 30th October – 10th

November

Where: In the Library

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

Primary Homework Club

Homework club will be on

Mondays-

***Weeks 3,4,7,8 & 9 only this
term***

From 3.00pm-4.30pm

Geography News

Primary students were out and about in the Brewarrina community. Having the opportunity to take photos of their project sites, meeting with the Elders of the community and asking questions relating to their projects. It was an enjoyable day for all that attended.

Thank you very much to Uncle Charlie for being our driver, Aboriginal Educators for your support and the Community Elders for sharing their knowledge of Brewarrina.

It's great to see all students working hard and they are now close to finishing their projects and preparing for their Gallery Walk Presentation with parents & carers.



Students Geography Projects



Vanessa working on the Brewarrina Museum.



Issac working on West Brewarrina.



Year 4 students working on their Gallery Walk.



Raquel working on the Fishtraps.

Year 6 M&M's

Year 6 have had a busy start to Term 4, with lots more to look forward to!

We have begun transition lessons in high school, including Geography, Sport, Maths, Science, Art and History – thank you to all the staff and students who have made us feel welcome.



In English, we have used our learning from Cultural Studies to write explanation texts about the Emu in the Sky and how it is used to signal when emu eggs may be collected. We have also written historical recounts about the Hospital Creek Massacre, using research we conducted during a visit to the museum when Brad talked to us about local history and answered lots of our questions.



Aunty Lacey and Aunty Jenine helped us make scones in Cultural Studies – we used this to do some maths work on measurement as well as writing instructional texts in English.



In Week 2 we took part in a video conference live from the Sydney Opera House, organised by Miss Pratt. Year 4 and Year 6 learnt more about Bennelong Point and the early history of European settlers in Sydney. It was interesting to compare our home and Sydney Cove and to think about the differences between what the area is like now compared with the 18th Century.



We have been busy fundraising for both the Canberra excursion (14th-17th November) and our Year 6 formal, which takes place on Wednesday 29th November – thank you for your support for these events!





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.

We have had another action packed couple of weeks at the Brewarrina Clontarf Academy. Week 2 saw a small group of our Yr 8 and 9 boys travel to Singleton to participate in the Northern Regional Table Tennis Championships. The boys enjoyed a busy couple of days participating in community activities that included raising money for the Singleton Cancer Council by selling raffle tickets, cooking a BBQ for the SES and also assisting Bunnings with the building of a greenhouse for a small school outside of Singleton. The boys then went onto make the semifinals of the Table Tennis Tournament. After an unlucky loss they were knocked out of the tournament.

Our Year 10 and 11 fellas have been very busy in the employment space with a visit from our Employment Officer Bruce Wilson; the boys all sat down and started to work on their own employment plans. These plans will help us begin to map out where the boys might be interested in finding employment once they finish school. We then travelled to Dubbo to visit the Abattoir which is run by Fletchers International. The fellas were shown the whole operation and then had the opportunity to ask questions about possible employment prospects at the abattoir for once they finish school.

WHATS ON THIS WEEK:

- **Yr. 12 End of Year Trip to Darwin**
- **Tuesday Arvo Uno Tournament**
- **100% Trainers Lunch**



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Families Getting NDIS Ready

A free workshop for families to kick-start their NDIS preparation and/or make the most of the NDIS for their family member with disability

Hear from a parent about their NDIS journey
Find out how and why they self manage NDIS supports
Get new ideas for planning for a life not just support

November Workshops

COBAR	27 November 2017	Cobar Bowling and Golf Club
BOURKE	28 November 2017	Diggers on the Darling
WALGETT	29 November 2017	Walgett RSL Club

All workshops from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Registrations from 9:00 AM - morning tea and light lunch provided

Please note this workshop is for people with disability and family members of people with disability only

register now at: ric.org.au/events

or call 1800 774 764

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Notice Board

Dates to Remember For this Term

- 30 Oct–10 Nov– Bookfair
- 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

REMINDER PARENTS

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

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Mid Term Break

10th – 13th November

School Holidays

Last day of school- Friday 15th December

Holidays Start- Monday 18th December