

Brewarrina Central School News

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Principal's News

We are nearing the end of the term and the pace of events has not slackened. The students are still busily working and the teachers are in the process of finalising the students' Yearly Reports which will be distributed in Week 10.

Also in Week 9 on Wednesday 6th December at 9:30 am will be the Presentation Assembly. I hope you are able to join us to celebrate our students' achievements. There will be a Morning Tea after the Presentation Assembly.

Last week the school was abuzz with the Projects for Learning (P4L) Gallery Walks for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was lovely to see so many parents and families attend these viewings and I know that the students were really happy to talk about what they had learned about their community. Miss Skuthorpe, Miss Kirby and Aunty Kim Hardy are to be congratulated on their organisation of this wonderful event. Well done to everyone involved.

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students visited the Brewarrina Shire Chambers last week. I received a phone call from the Mayor to congratulate all those involved as they were 'a real credit to the school.' Year 1 and 2 also visited the Brewarrina Water Treatment Plant. Our students are certainly gaining a deep knowledge of their local community.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Clontarf Awards Night. It was a wonderful celebration of the boys' and Clontarf's achievements. The Clontarf Director, Chris Bell gave an overview of the year's events and paid homage to the foundation laid by Adam Close, the previous Director who has now moved to Townsville. Chris, Uncle Charlie and Aunty Kim Hardy are to be congratulated for their organisation of an excellent night which was enjoyed by a large crowd of families. They were assisted by many other staff members and families. Miss Ingold made an awesome Clontarf Cake which was proudly cut by the boys and enjoyed by all those there. Monty McHughes did the Acknowledgement of Country in Ngemba. The girls and boys danced much to everyone's delight. Aunty Lacey was the director and she was assisted by Miss Pratt and Doug Gordon who painted the boys. It was a wonderful night.

The Girlfit campers have returned from their Sydney trip where they visited Bondi Beach, Jenolan Caves and the Aqua Park at Penrith. They all had an awesome time. Thank you to Mrs Close and Miss Foy for your organisation of such a memorable trip.

We were also visited by some of the Waratahs who took the whole school through a series of rugby and ball handling drills which was enjoyed by all the students, even those who may have had a slight mishap. Well done to Mr MacNamara and Mr Smyth for organising this- it was a great way to end the day.

The Secondary students were involved in the White Ribbon Day March on Friday. They were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Uncle Charlie, Chris Bell, Mr MacNamara, Aunty Sam, Uncle BJ, Aunty Sue Hooper, Aunty Lacey and Monty Kellett-McHughes, who again did the Acknowledgement of Country.

On Monday this week we had our Kinderstart graduation. It was wonderful to see our newest students receive their 'Mortar Boards' and Certificates of Completion from Miss Holmes. They were very proud of their achievements and really enjoyed their party. Thank you to all our staff who helped make this wonderful event happen- Miss Kellett, Miss Nicholls Miss Holmes, Aunty Tot, Aunty Jen and Aunty Kim. The children went home with a bag of 'goodies' that included their work and a special present.

This week too we have 14 of our Secondary students visiting the University of Western Sydney with Mr Daymond and Aunty Janice. This was organised by Mrs Hertslet and gives the students a chance to experience university life and meet students from other areas of NSW. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have exposure to potential career paths and I would like to thank Mrs Hertslet and the accompanying staff for ensuring it happens.

On Wednesday we have the Year 6 Farewell .This promises to be a glittering event and Miss Moylan- McGuirk, the Year 6 students, Aunty Lacey, Aunty Janine, Aunty Kim and an army of other helpers have been working non -stop to make it all happen. We are also having a visit of Miss Faricy, her partner Sam and baby Zachary.

Last week the AGM of the Brewarrina and district AECG Meeting was held and the following office bearers elected: Doreen McHughes- President, Lacey Boney- Vice President, Mary Waites-Secretary and Natalie Eastwood- Treasurer. Doreen McHughes, Lacey Boney and Natalie Eastwood are the regional AECG Representatives. We look forward to continuing to work with the AECG in 2018.

I look forward to seeing you at the Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 6th December at 9:30am in the Hall.

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of year celebrations currently happening at the moment, with more still to come.

This week we said goodbye to our Kinderstart students and look forward to meeting them again next year as big Kinder kids. They had a lovely party on Monday afternoon and thank you to the families who came in. Aunty Jen, Aunty Tot and Ms Holmes have enjoyed getting to know all the kids and can't wait for next year. Last night we celebrated the Year 6 Farewell and it was an awesome night. The weather was kind to us, the kids looked fabulous and the food was delicious. Thank you to everyone for a very special night, many people contributed to its success. Special thanks go to many people- Miss Moylan-McGuirk, Aunty Lacey and Aunty Jenine for your great organisation and lovely decorating, Aunty Jen, Aunty Sherrie, Aunty Kim and Ms Pratt for the wonderful catering, Uncle Bob for setting up and your tasty donation, and all of our Year 5 students who acted as waiters; you did a great job. There are many other people behind the scenes and your contributions are appreciated.

Our afternoon clubs have now finished as we are busy preparing for our next lot of celebrations-PBL.

Ms Pratt and Aunty Lynne have spent their Monday afternoons assisting our Years 4, 5 and 6 to complete their homework and projects. Thank you to Aunty Lynne and Ms Pratt for your dedication to our students and their learning.

Thank you to Ms Dove and Mr Beames for starting a swimming squad this term and showing our students correct stroke techniques and improving their stamina in the water. Thank you to Ms Dove and Mr Beames for training our kids and giving them a foundation for swimming success.

Next week we have our PBL pool day, Presentation day and K-2 Intensive Swimming. In Week 10 we will be having families come in to school to collect reports and meet about PLPs; notes will be going out next week. There are many great things happening at Brewarrina Central School and it is not slowing down.

We look forward to seeing you all next Wednesday at Presentation Day.

Secondary News

PBL Reward Day will be in the last week of the term. Students must earn two wristbands to take part in the Reward. There will be another fantastic Reward Day, also in the last week, for students who have been consistently displaying our values and have earned four wristbands.

There will be an information session for students moving from Year 6 into Year 7 and their parents on Tuesday 5th December, at 2:30pm. A note will be sent home to parents. This is an opportunity to talk about the expectations of being in High School and answer any questions students or parents might have.

The GirlFit excursion went well from all reports. A great opportunity for our kids to develop new skills, enjoy new experiences and develop strong team ethos. We currently have a group of 16 students enjoying an experience at the University of Western Sydney this week with Mr Daymond and Aunty Janice. Our school has been very fortunate to enjoy a long-standing partnership with the University.

Some of our students represented the school at the White Ribbon Day March last week. It is an important message in our community, and our students were as always fantastic.

Yearly Reports are nearly completed. They will be handed out to parents in Week 10- parents are invited to come to the school to meet with teachers and receive their child's report. A note will go home closer to the date. Review of students PLPs will also happen in Week 10. Any reports that are not collected will be posted by the end of term.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns about your child to contact the school.

Sarah Trapman Head Teacher

Positive Behaviour for Learning

(PBL)

| At our school we are | |
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| Safe | |
| Respectful | |
| Learners | |

Everyone is excitedly looking forward to Reward Days coming up. There are several happening in the last week of term. On Presentation Day in Week 9, there will be our largest number of students who have earned a special Safe Respectful Learners shirt. This is fantastic, as we have so many of our kids that follow our school values every day. In 2018, the PBL team have many things we want to achieve. If parents would like input or have a suggestion about the kinds of recognition we can give students for positive behaviour, please let us know! Any feedback would be appreciated.





Term 4 in 4 Planets

What a busy and exciting term we have had so far! We have been swimming, camp, football clinics and much more 4P have been very active and are working hard.

In literacy this term we have been learning about the importance of our First Nation People, each student has written a persuasive speech about this. The students have enjoyed going home and asking their families about their totems. Our class has compared their rituals of totems to that of the Native Americans.

Our major even this term was our Lake Keepit Camp with Year 3. It was so exciting to see all of class supporting and helping each other in their many activities. A class favourite was the rock climbing up trees and canoeing. Once we returned we only heard about how great the food was!

Thank you to all our families for your support this year we have enjoyed you all coming for our speeches, presentations, assemblies and many other events!





Girflfit

Last week, the Girlfit Girl headed down to Sydney for their end of year camp. The trip was a lot of fun with the girls participating in a lot of new activities and visiting new places.

After travelling all day Monday, we headed off to Bondi Beach on Tuesday to check out the iconic location, complete the 'Bondi to Bronte Walk', take a dip and have some yummy fish and chips. After a long day in the sun we headed back to camp in Penrith to rest up for Wednesday's adventures.

On Wednesday we had an early start and headed to Jenolan Caves where the girls where the girls participated in a cave tour and saw the remarkable crystal and rock formations that have been generated underground for 1000's of years. It was absolutely amazing. We then headed back east up the mountain to Katoomba to visit *The Three Sisters Lookout* and *Echo Point*. There we took on the challenge of walking to the first rock formation of *The Three Sisters*. This wasn't for the faint hearted as the stairs were very steep and the location was very high. It was worth the challenge though as the view was absolutely spectacular.

On Thursday the girls participated in cable knee boarding and wake boarding which was very challenging and so much fun. It took a bit to get going and find our balance, but once this was achieved, most of the girls were unstoppable doing many laps of the purpose built lake. After some lunch and rest, the girls then took on the inflatable aqua park. This was so much fun and the girls absolutely loved it.

On Friday we travelled home and rested our weary bodies. It was an excellent trip and the behaviour of the girls was completely commendable.

I would like to thank the school for supporting me and the program over the last 4 years and I hope that the program continues beyond this year.



BOOMALLI TRADE SHOW - DUBBO

Secondary students travelled to Dubbo recently to participate in a Careers Trade Show promoted by Boomalli Consulting. They are currently implementing a project in a number of secondary schools within the Murdi Paaki Assembly area.

Seven students and Mrs Hertslet travelled to Dubbo and stayed overnight and participated in the workshops held at Charles Sturt University. Speakers included Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Roads and Maritime services, NRL & CRL, Pound for Pound, Headspace and CSU staff.

Students participated in the talks and a tour around the CSU campus including accommodation and nursing areas. Students enjoyed the opportunity to meet students from Collarenebri Central School and played some basketball with them. Thank you to Boomalli for the opportunity to participate in the project in 2017. The project will have a couple more workshops at BCS before it concludes at the end of Term 1, 2018.









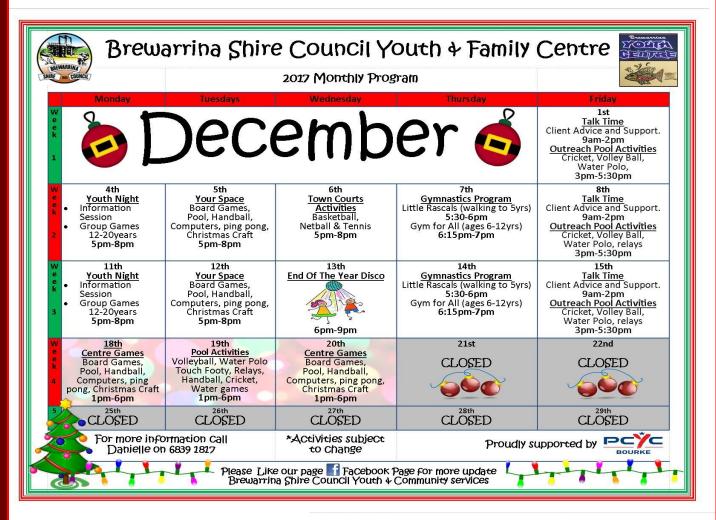
Western Sydney University Rural Indigenous Visit

It is that time of the year ago when senior students from BCS have the great opportunity to travel to WSU and participate in workshops and activities at the university sites. Over the past few years, Jo Galea – Indigenous Outreach Coordinator has negotiated extremely hard to ensure this opportunity is available to our students. Sixteen students are participating this year and travelled to Sydney with Mr Daymond and Janice Frail for the week. More details and photos when the students return.

Kath Hertslet

Deputy Principal

What's happening at the Youth & Family Centre??





Youth Centre Closure

The Centre will be CLOSED from

Thurs 21st Dec 2017

and will re-open Mon 15th Jan 2018

For information on January-February School Holiday programs and Centre Updates

Brewarrina Shire Council Youth and Community Serv

Go4Fun Online

Is your child...

- Aged 7-13 years old?
- Above a healthy weight?
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

Go4Fun Online is a **NEW** and **FREE** program that helps children and families improve their eating and physical activity habits. There are 10 weekly online sessions and phone calls from a trained and qualified coach to help keep participants on track.

Preliminary testing of the program resulted in excellent participant outcomes and the NSW Office of Preventive Health is now aiming to recruit up to 100 families (particularly from rural/regional areas) to a full pilot test of Go4Fun Online starting Term 1 2018.

Interested families are encouraged to register or find out more: Phone: 1800 780 900 or access the website: https://go4funonline.com.au/

Go4Fun online provides:

- Information and support to improve eating and physical eating habits
- Fun games for participants and their families
- Weekly tokens and prizes for eligible participants.

















Notice Board

Dates to Remember For this Term

- 5th Dec- Year 6 7 Parents Meeting @
 2.30pm in the Year 6 Classroom
- 6th Dec- Whole School Assembly @
 9.30am In the School Hall
- 7th Dec- PBL Rewards- Primary
- 13th Dec PBL Rewards- Secondary
- 18th Dec- School Holidays

School Holidays

Last day of school- Friday 15th

December

Holidays Start- Monday 18th December

School Returns:

Staff- Monday 5th February 2018

All Students- Tuesday 6th February 2018

REMINDER PARENTS

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

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