



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term 4, Issue 1- 2018*

## Class of 2018



## Principal's News

Last week we had a brief, but very enjoyable visit from Mark Coulton, the Federal Member for Parkes. He was in Brewarrina for another meeting and visited our school to present us with an Armistice Day pack. I was very pleased to take him on a tour of many of our classrooms. He was very impressed by what he observed in each class and commented on the 'friendliness and engaging' nature of our students. He also exhibited the politician's gift of being able to engage in conversations with all those whom he met which meant that we were running behind schedule. However, Mr Coulton took everything in his stride and has indicated that he would like to come for another longer visit next time he is in the area. We look forward to meeting with him again. Thank you to all the students and staff for their warm welcome.

Kinderstart has well and truly started and from what I have seen our 'new' students are loving the experience. Miss Follett, Aunty Lacey and Miss Kellett are certainly very impressed with the way they have settled into their new surroundings.

Last week Halloween was evident at Brewarrina Central School when the K-6 Halloween Disco took place. The students who attended had an awesome time despite the heat. Their costumes were amazing and their dancing fantastic. They all seemed to enjoy themselves both on the dance floor and when they were partaking of the goodies on sale. Well done to Miss Williams and the K-6 staff for organising such a great event.

Last week I also had the pleasure of visiting the classes where the Year 6 to 7 Transition was taking place. Miss Nolan was explaining the frames of reference for Visual Arts to an engrossed group before they embarked on their art work. In Science, Mr Daymond had the students involved in some very 'hands on' experiences that involved chemical reactions that

were safely explosive. What a wonderful introduction to the world of Secondary schooling. This program continues for the next few weeks.

The HSC Exams conclude this week and the Year 12 Formal is also on this week. This is a significant milestone for the Year 12 students as they are closing the door on schooling and opening the next one on their future pathway. We wish them all the best on the next stage of their life journey.

The Year 3 to 6 Camp is rapidly approaching. Notes regarding the itinerary and medical forms etc were sent home last week. If you didn't receive them or have mislaid them, please contact the school. This promises to be an awesome experience for our students and I would like to thank Miss Dove for her organisation of the camp.

Information sessions for students in Years 10 and 11 were held to outline the expectations and requirements of Year 11 and 12 respectively. These students are about to embark on the next stage of their senior schooling. Thank you to all those families who were able to attend.

Please remember if you have any concerns regarding your student's progress please contact Miss Williams, K-6 or Mrs Hertslet, Years 7-12 at the school to arrange a meeting.

***Christine Grieves.***

## Infants/Primary News

I had the pleasure on Saturday night of attending the Emu Runner premiere. It was a fabulous night and great to see so many Bre people not only attending the event but also starring in the film. Rhae-Kye Waites was wonderful as the lead actress and we are all very proud of her and the rest of the cast. The Brewarrina community has much to be proud of.

This week we have thirty five students and eight staff eagerly preparing for school camp. The bus leaves at 8am on Sunday and returns Thursday

afternoon at about 5pm. Students who are not attending will be having a fun time with Miss S and Ms Turvey for the week. A huge thank you to Miss Dove for the awesome (and massive) job she has done to make this excursion happen.

This week the Royal Flying Doctor Services Dental van has visited. We have been very lucky to have most of our students screened and look forward to seeing them next year for a follow up.

A big thank you to Aunty Kylie for opening the Library at lunch and recess for Book Fair. Items will be on sale until next Wednesday. Prices start from \$1 and they make great Christmas presents.

Teachers are very busy writing reports and making sure our kids are engaging in quality learning. We look forward to catching up with all families in Week 8 for our Personalised Learning Plan reviews. Aunty Kim will be out and about soon to book your times in.

Please feel free to call in and have a yarn and come and sit with your child in class and check out their great learning.

Take care, Beck Williams

## Secondary News

The Year 12 Dinner was held on Monday, November 5 at the Wing Garden Restaurant (Brewarrina RSL). It was a lovely night celebrating the end of schooling and the beginning of wonderful lives ahead for our Year 12 students. Congratulations to them all again, and we are sure to see them around Bre from time to time. Thankyou to Mrs Hertslet, Ms Ingold and their team for organising a wonderful night.

Year 6 to 7 Transition has started smoothly. Mr Daymond and Miss Moylan-McGuirk have been a great support setting up the routines and expectations for the Year 6 students as they get a taste of High School. Transition will continue in Weeks 4, 6 and 7.

It was great seeing some parents come to the Senior Information Afternoons. Stage 6 studies can be very overwhelming and it is important for both parents and students to understand the requirements of getting the HSC. There are many pathways for students to pursue to reach their goals. Our school is all about giving those options and providing support for our kids to get there. Senior Study Club will start again after the Mid Term Break to assist our senior students with assessment tasks, catch up work and revision.

Clontarf's annual senior trip is happening during Week 5 as they head off to Cairns. Wishing them a fantastic time.

Safe Respectful Learner Awards:

Tarah-Lea Kirby, Kynan Heatherill, Stevee Hammond & Krystal Nixon

*Sarah Trapman*

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

**(PBL)**

At our school we are

**Safe**

**Respectful**

**Learners**

### Catching the bus

School finishes at 3pm. Students are not to leave school grounds before this time. If catching a bus, K-6 students are walked to the buses in lines with a designated teacher. 7-12 students are dismissed from class at 3pm by their classroom teacher.

All students are expected to use the crossing when crossing the road. A teacher volunteers their time of an afternoon to walk students across the crossing so they are safe. Parents are

asked if they are picking their child up that they wait at the side of the school (Young Street) or if across the road, that they walk across the crossing or wait on the other side for their child. This models the safe behaviour for our students and reduces the chance of an accident as they attempt to run across the road or between buses.

## PDHPE Report

Throughout term 4, year 7 have been learning about the changes and challenges that occur during adolescence and the factors that influence health behaviours. We have been learning about connectedness, effective communication and working on giving each other one positive compliment which go in our 'snap jar'. These positive compliments are read out at the end of our health lessons. For PE lessons we have been playing a variety of different modified tagging games using footballs, frisbee's, netball's and even soccer balls.

Year 8 PDHPE started the term learning about maintaining healthy and positive relationships and ways to build up resilience skills. We are now focusing on changes and challenges and working on building communication skills and strategies to improve an individual's mental well-being. The students have also been learning about how social media apps have taken over and disconnected people from having meaningful conversations.

Year 9/10 PDHPE are focusing on the health and the media. We have been learning about the role of the media and comparing smoking advertisements from 1950's to now and how health promotion has evolved. We have also been learning about domestic violence and the impact it has on an individual or targeted group. In PE lessons, we have also been playing a variety of different modified tagging games.

Year 11 PDHPE have started the topic called 'Factors affecting performance' and are learning about the energy systems that work together to deliver energy required by muscles for movement as well as the physiological adaptations in response to training. We start each lesson with a quiz and summarise each dot point that we have covered in the syllabus so far. At the end of the unit, students will sit an exam and demonstrate their knowledge of the course content.

SLR students have been learning about healthy lifestyles and the components that make up a healthy lifestyle. As part of their assessment task students creating questionnaires to interview their peers and see what games and sports other students prefer. Once they have collated the data, they will create their own modified game/sport which is unique and fun.

Our 9/10 PASS class started learning about organising and running health promotion events and did a fantastic job with running their own knockout Oz Tag and basketball competition. Everyone involved had a really fun time. This term, we are focusing on Issues in Physical Activity and Sport and learning about famous athletes who have been caught drug doping and the consequences of cheating. For our practical lessons we have been learning a variety of dances and focusing on the importance of warm-up, cool-down and stretching. There have been some fabulous dance moves from the students and it's always fun.

Finally, our MC PDHPE class are learning about changes and challenges. We have learnt about sexually transmitted infections, physical changes during puberty to males and females, pregnancy and menstruation. We also created personal profiles of the components that make us unique and make us who we are. We have a lot of talented and dedicated artists in our MC PDHPE class.



# 1 Confetti Term in Review

The students of 1C have worked so hard this year and come so far.

This term we have been reading Fairy Tales and learning to respond to a range of texts. So far we have read Snow White, The Frog Prince and Sleeping Beauty. We have also been developing our spelling and reading this term and have made improvements.



In maths we are learning to skip count by smaller numbers and calculate money. We have also been reviewing arrays and experimenting with patterns. We are so much more confident now.

We have really enjoyed learning to express ourselves in Drama and Music.

You may have seen our shotgun performance at the week 3 K-6 assembly.

If not check it out on the school FB page.



## A message from Miss Crowther:

I would just like to take this moment to express how proud I am of every student in 1C. This year they have worked hard to improve their reading and writing and have all shown such growth in themselves. Aunty Christine and I are very lucky to have such a beautiful bunch of little people to teach each day and we look forward to seeing how much they grow in the next few weeks.



# PBL Picnic Day 2018

Well done to the 15 students who achieved their PBL Picnic Day Reward.

Their rewards were sporting activities on the back oval and playing on the play equipment.

All students participated in the activities and were seen having fun.

A big thank you goes out to Aunty Lyn for organising the yummy food and setting up for PBL reward celebrations.

Also a big thank you goes out to Aunty Tahnee and Aunty Jenine for organising the activities and entertaining the children.

Thank you to everyone involved in PBL Rewards.



*Cheers Miss Skuthorpe.*



# Congratulations Janalee

A BIG congratulations to Janalee Conroy for being named in the NSW Waratahs Youth Rugby Union Squad to compete at Nationals in December.

Janalee was one of 24 girls named. The playing group will be divided into two squads of 12 and will represent NSW I and NSW II at the competition.

The girls were selected from major tournaments in the last few months including the University 7s Series as well as school and club tournaments.

The selection process culminated with the State Championships in Forster a couple of weeks ago. From there a wider training squad of 45 was selected which was then reduced to 30 after trials were held a few weeks ago.





# Notice Board

## Dates for this Term

- 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November- Mid Term Break
- 5<sup>th</sup> December- Year 6 Farewell
- 11<sup>th</sup> December- Clontarf Awards Night
- 12<sup>th</sup> December- Presentation Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of School

## REMINDER PARENTS

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

We have new School shirts with  
our school Logo.

**\$15 each**



**AECG**

- Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December @ 5.00pm

The meeting will be held in the  
School Community Hub

## Schools Photos Are Back

**Please come into the Front  
Office to collect your child's  
school photos.**

We will not send photos home with them  
unless alternative arrangements have been  
made.

## Attention Parents & Caregivers

Please contact the school in  
person or by phone on  
02 6839 2186 to update all  
contact information. We  
require updated addresses,  
phone numbers and email  
addresses.