



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 3, Issue 5- 2018

Congratulations Year 12 Class of 2018



*Graduation is an exciting time.
It's both an ending
and a beginning;
it's warm memories of the past
and big dreams
for the future.*



I hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known."

Principal's News

Well we have finally reached what will be the final week of Term 3 and of course, as is often the way at Brewarrina Central School, this week will be as busy as ever.

Our end of Term and Farewell to Year 12 Assembly will be held this Wednesday at 9:15am in the Hall. There will be a Rugby League Gala Day for Secondary on Wednesday afternoon after lunch and on Thursday for Primary. Both events will be at the school. The Secondary students will be involved in their PBL Lunch on Tuesday if they have earned enough Merits. The K-6 students enjoyed their rewards last week. On Friday there will be a Book Parade for K-6 students. I hope you are able to join us for some of these events.

We received our NAPLAN results last week. There were some very pleasing results across all the years but particular mention needs to be made of Year 3 who had consistently good results. Well done to all the students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who participated in NAPLAN in a conscientious manner. The data from NAPLAN will inform our teaching. The students' results will be sent home this week.

Our Year 11 students have completed their Final Preliminary exams. The Year 12 students will commence the HSC Exams early next term. We wish all our Year 12 students (and their families) all the best as they prepare for these exams. Years 10 and 11 have been involved in the Work Experience program through Brewarrina Shire Council and have generally acquitted themselves well. Congratulations to all those involved and thank you again to the staff at Brewarrina Shire Council for their unstinting support of the program.

As I have mentioned in a previous Newsletter the Connected Communities Strategy will be continuing for the next five years. As part of this the position of the Senior Leader Community

Engagement will be re-advertised in early October. Please find the information regarding the process on the last page of the Newsletter. There is also a link to the school's Website and Facebook page. I can also be contacted at school regarding the Role Description.

There is a link to student scholarships being offered through the Public Education Foundation. There are scholarships that are applicable to students from Kindergarten to Year 12. If you are interested in applying for them please follow the link and the information associated with each scholarship is outlined. If you require assistance with the application please contact the school. Please note each scholarship has a DUE DATE which must be adhered to. The Principal is required to complete a section so please ensure it is brought to me before the due date. This is the link to the information: <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/students-scholarships/>

I would like to thank students, staff and families for their support throughout Term 3 and I look forward to seeing everyone in Term 4. Remember all students K-11 return on MONDAY, 15th October- there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.

Have a safe, relaxing and fun filled holiday...take care of each other and if you are travelling, be safe. Come back rejuvenated and refreshed ready for all the excitement, opportunities and learning that Term 4 offers.

Christine Grieves.



We give life-changing scholarships

Listed are Scholarships available for students at Brewarrina Central School. You can apply online using the link below:

<https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/students-scholarships/>

Primary School Students

- **The Camburn Withers scholarship (applications close 30 October 2018)**

Supports one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary school student (currently in Year 1) in a Remote or Very Remote school, or a school with an ICSEA score below 700. Scholarship provides \$1,000 per year for years 2 - 6 (total amount \$5,000)

- **The Una May Smith scholarship (applications close 30 October 2018)**

Supports one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary school student (currently in Kindergarten) through primary, secondary and up to 4 years of tertiary education

- **The Vorsay/NSW Teachers Fed/PEF Primary scholarships (applications close 30 October 2018)**

Each of these scholarships provide support for a primary school student entering Year 2 in 2019, and provides \$1,000 per year for years 2 - 6 (total amount \$5,000). Open to all students.

Secondary School Students

- **The Dr Heather Radi scholarship (applications close 23 October 2018)**

Supports one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander secondary school student (currently in Year 10) in a Remote or Very Remote school, or a school with an ICSEA score below 700. Scholarship provides \$2,000 per year for years 11 and 12, and a further \$3000 upon enrolment in University or vocational training with a Registered Training Organisation

- **The Aboriginal Education Council scholarships (applications close 23 October 2018)**

Supports two Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, (one male student and one female student), currently in Year 10, moving in to Year 11 next year. The scholarship provides financial support of \$1,000 per year in Year 11 and Year 12

- **The Trades and Technology STEM Opportunity scholarships (applications close 23 October 2018)**

This scholarship aims to encourage students entering Year 11 in 2019 with an interest to pursue a career in trades or STEM. It includes an annual bursary of \$1,000 for years 11 and 12. Open to all students who meet the criteria.

- **The Unions NSW Jeff Shaw Memorial scholarships (applications close 23 October 2018)**

This scholarship aims to encourage students entering Year 12 in 2019 who are studying curriculum subjects with aspects of unionism such as Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History. Each scholarship awarded provides financial support of \$2,500 in Year 12. Open to all students who meet the criteria.

- **The NSW Cookery Teachers Association scholarships (applications close 26 February 2019)**

This scholarship will assist students who have received a high degree of proficiency in the subject of Food Technology. The scholarship is offered to students competing Year 12 in 2018 who intend to continue to University to study a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) or equivalent with a major in Food Technology. Open to all students who meet the criteria.

Infants/Primary News

All the primary staff would like to congratulate our students on a wonderful term. It has been a very busy term and I am sure all the kids are looking forward to a holiday. We are finishing our term off with a K-6 Book Parade organised by Ms Dove and the big raffle organised by Ms Crowther. It is going to be an awesome day with many happy people receiving their raffle prizes. Thank you to all families for supporting the fundraising raffle, this is going towards the cost of the end of year excursion for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. A big thank you to Ms Crowther for gaining prize donations and organising the raffle tickets.

We hope you all have a fantastic holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Thank you and take care, Beck Williams

Secondary News

Year 11 have now completed their final Yearly Examinations. Well done to Janalee, Bailee, Josiah and Shannon for completing your Preliminary studies. Stage 6 can be a very challenging course- and now the next 12 months will continue to ask a lot of them as they move into the HSC course of study. But we have the expectation and belief that they will continue to rise to the challenges they are presented.

Our 7 Year 12 students have now finished their formal schooling at Brewarrina Central School. They will have a study period before the commencement of the HSC Examination period. Of course, if they need support with their study they can come up to the school to see their teachers who would be more than happy to help.

The Year 12 Dinner will be held on Monday, November 5. Invitations should be sent out by the end of term once all details have been confirmed.

Year 6 to 7 Transition will commence in Week 2 of Term 4. An information session will be held for parents/carers towards the end of Term 4.

There will also be information sessions for students beginning Year 11 in 2019, and students moving into Year 12 next term. Notes will be sent home early next term with dates and times.

On behalf of all Secondary staff, we wish our students and families a happy and safe holiday period. Looking forward to a fantastic Term 4!

Safe Respectful Learner Awards:

Ashlei Williams, Stevee Hammond, Clay Bennett, Theo Francis, Ebon Walsh & Dylan Rosser

The following students earned 4 wristbands this term- allowing them to participate in our Reward Day on Tuesday Week 10. Well done to all these students:

<i>Jarcinta Bennett</i>	<i>Rahni Williams</i>
<i>Ty Boney</i>	<i>Corey Annis-Brown</i>
<i>Fred Gibson</i>	<i>Lara Bennett</i>
<i>Savannah Gordon</i>	<i>Kieran Boney</i>
<i>Belmont Kellet-McHughes</i>	<i>Steven Salt</i>
<i>Sienna Kirby</i>	<i>Clayton Walsh</i>
<i>Keelan Nicholls</i>	<i>Clay Bennett</i>
<i>Tara Orcher</i>	<i>Stevee Hammond</i>
<i>Dylan Rosser</i>	<i>Isaiah Hardy</i>
<i>Shakiah Salt</i>	<i>Tarah-Lea Kirby</i>
<i>Ashlei Williams</i>	<i>Dylan Shillingsworth</i>
<i>Kobi Bennett</i>	<i>Ebon Walsh</i>
<i>Malakye Biles</i>	<i>Janalee Conroy</i>
<i>Theo Francis</i>	<i>Bailee Nicholls</i>
<i>Mythys Grant</i>	<i>Josiah Sullivan</i>
<i>Krystal Nixon</i>	<i>Tegan Bennett</i>
<i>Raymond Orcher</i>	<i>Diondre Murphy</i>
<i>Brodie Walsh</i>	<i>Tamika Nicholls</i>

Sarah Trapman

Positive Behaviour for Learning

(PBL)

At our school we are

Safe

Respectful

Learners

Our focus this fortnight is RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME

Students should always ensure they:

- *Arrive on time
- *Stay in class when it is class time.
- * Stay in designated play areas during break times

The PBL Team are a fantastic team and have worked hard to support students positive behaviour through a wide range of recognition systems and celebrations, as well strengthening school policy. A focus next term will be the Excursions Policy, as we review it and refine the processes. There will also be further training and development with all staff around understanding and managing behaviour in the classroom. All staff and families play a vital role in supporting our students to display positive behaviour, manage emotions and build resilience.

All students and staff K-12 enjoyed participating in some activities and workshops on RU OK Day. It is more important than ever that our young people know where to find support and have positive relationships with themselves as well as each other.

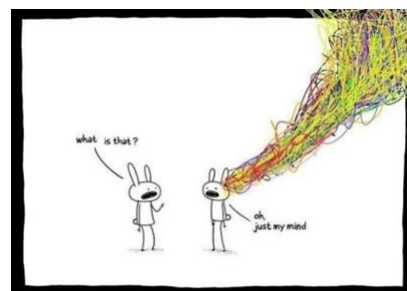
Positive Mind.
Positive Vibes.
Positive Life.

October 10 is World Mental Health Day- please see the attached poster for some tips on how you can stress less. 1 in 5 Australians are affected by mental illness, yet many don't seek help because of stigma. We can all do something to help shed a more positive light on mental health.



5T Tricksters

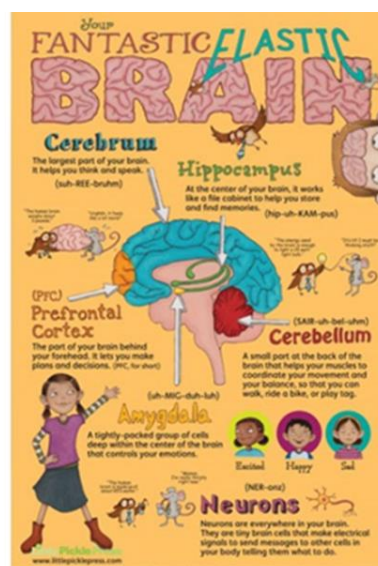
This Term in Year 5 we have been learning about how our brains work and how to effectively control our emotions.



Our brains are made of many parts but an easy way to look at it is to think about our brains as having 2 main sections.

The THINKING Brain
(the wise leader)

The EMOTIONAL/REACTIONAL Brain
(the alarm centre)



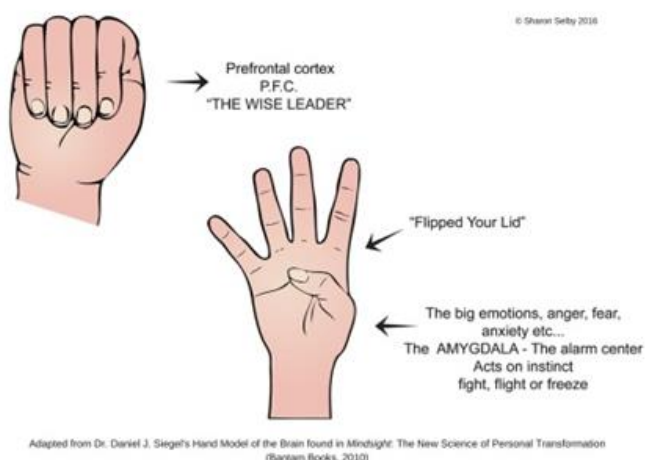
The Thinking Brain (Prefrontal Cortex) controls our day to day thinking and learning.

The Emotional Brain (Amygdala) controls our emotions such as anger and fear and acts on instinct.

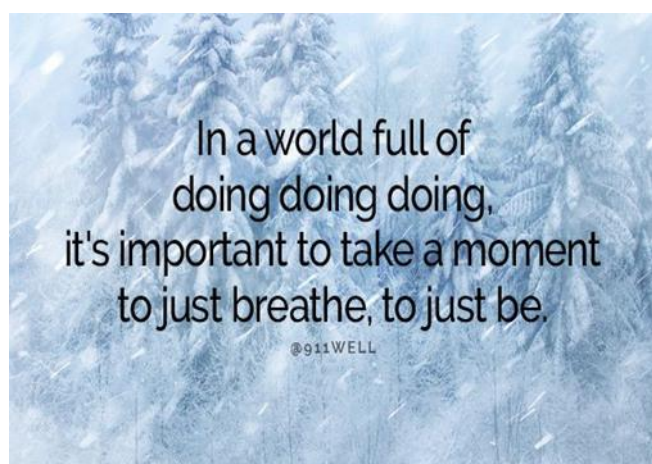
When our Emotional Brain feels threatened it takes over and we 'FLIP OUR LID'. We cannot control our reaction, our body either goes into FIGHT, FLIGHT OR FREEZE mode. We then need time to calm down before our Thinking Brain can take control again.



Students are really enjoying this daily opportunity to be calm and have their own time.



We have been training our brains to think and breathe before we react. Training our Thinking Brains to stay in control and NOT flip our lid.



We have been doing Daily Guided Relaxation where students have 10 minutes to lay down and focus on their body and their breathing.

This gives us the opportunity to block out anything that may be happening and just have a moment to ourselves.



We have also been really focusing on trying to always **BE KIND** to others. It has been wonderful to hear the students speaking nicely to each other, helping each other out and apologising if something happens.



Secondary English

English students have been studying film with year 7 doing Wall-E, year 8 Coraline and years 9-10 Whale Rider. As part of their film study they have been learning about film techniques, themes and values in film. They have been doing a range of assessments including essays, film reviews, designing DVD covers and preparing storyboards with reflections.



Year 11 have finished their preliminary HSC course and begin their HSC course in term 4. I am very proud of their achievements and trust they are prepared to work even harder next year.

Our wonderful year 11 class of 2018.



Yes, you are!

This week marks the final week for year 12. I have heard them both grumble and them being nostalgic and know that they are all experiencing mixed emotions to be at the end of their schooling years. They just need to focus on the finish line and keep practising for their HSC exams which begin first week of term 4.

Student Work Samples

Anton's Career

I was once a kid, no worries in the world, believing in everything and anything. I loved to play football with me and my two brothers. We would get picked for rep teams and go for trials. My whole town looked up to us to go and get into the NRL and see our dreams come true.

Our dad pushed us the hardest. Sometimes I felt like it was more of a job or a duty, "Yes sir, no sir" with my father, but my mum? She made me stable, brought me back to ground level. I would tell her how I felt about it all before I'd go to bed and she would always say, "at least your head's on right". Kiss me softly on my head, tuck me in and I'd go to sleep.

I remember the day I got a letter from the NRL saying, "Congratulations you have made it".

Reflection:

This story was written in first person and I also like to write I first person as this gave my story more power and made me understand it more and giving me a better start to my story. Also giving me an idea into my character who is not second rate but becoming first rate and being a winner and achieving his dream.

A creative writing story with reflection on their writing based on the idea of competition.



A DVD Cover designed by a year 8 student.



Brewarrina Clontarf Academy

Clontarf finishes Term 3 with a BANG!!!

A group of 8 Brewarrina Clontarf students were rewarded with a trip to the Rugby League Final between Roosters and the Rabbits on Saturday night. The camp was a reward for their hard work all term and for some the boys their first experience of a live football game. The boys had to achieve an above 85% attendance for the term, attend 5 or more morning training sessions and show good Clontarf Culture to get their ticket to the camp.

Brewarrina Central Clontarf has had another fantastic term with the boys smashing their School attendance and as a group we have finished with an average attendance of 86% which is a great effort by all of our boys. We understand that we wouldn't be able to achieve these great results without the great support of our families and the Brewarrina community. We would like to say a huge thank you for your support this term and look forward to Term 4. If you are traveling away for the holidays please travel safe and we will see you all again in 2 weeks' time.



Thanks Chris & Charlie



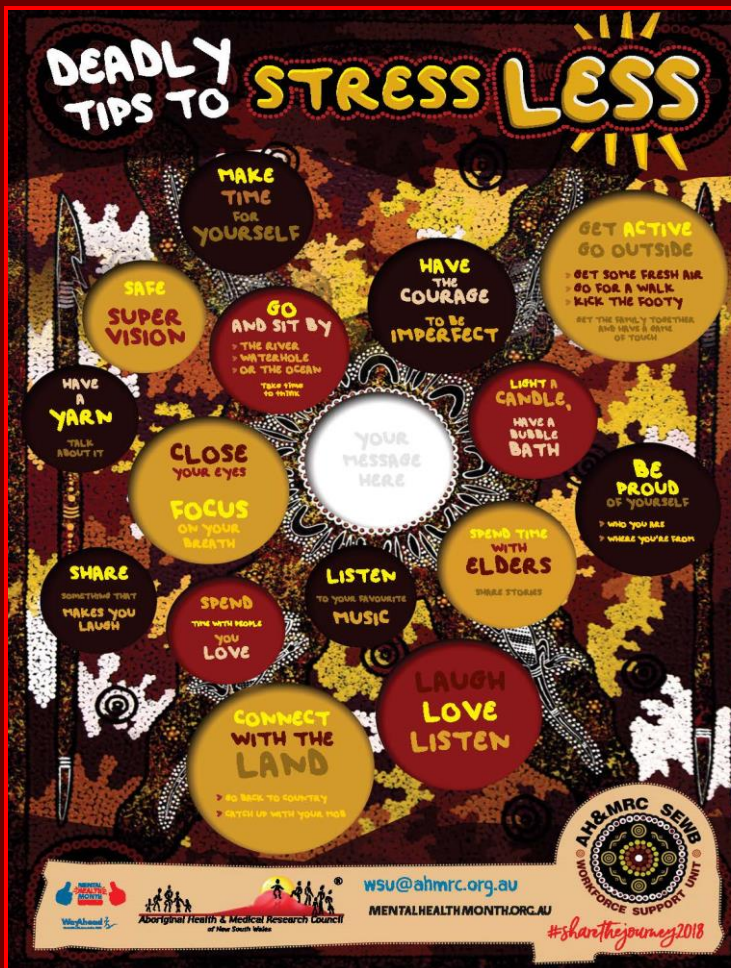
Our Solicitors give advice in relation to a range of legal issues including:

- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Employment Law
- Victims Compensation
- Domestic Violence
- Child Support
- Credit & Debt
- Discrimination
- Civil Law
- Animal Welfare
- Traffic Offences

The Community Legal Centre is funded by the Federal Attorney General's Department, Legal Aid NSW and NSW Public Purpose Fund.

DAY	DATE	TIME
Wednesday	5 September 2018	12pm – 1pm
Tuesday	18 September 2018	12pm – 1pm
Wednesday	3 October 2018	12pm – 1pm
Tuesday	16 October 2018	12pm – 1pm
Wednesday	7 November 2018	12pm – 1pm
Tuesday	20 November 2018	12pm – 1pm
Wednesday	12 December 2018	12pm – 1pm

Contact
1800 655 927 or



Kids' Artwork Display

FREE BBQ

Monday
8 October
12noon

Join us at the park in front of the Visitor Information Centre.
(cnr Bathurst St and Sandon St).

Dentistry staff and students from CSU would like to meet as many local people as possible.



FREE

toothbrushes & tooth paste

Can't make the BBQ? Want to make an appointment?

Call CSU on 1300 278 642

OR Brewarrina AMS on 6839 2150



Simply drop into the clinic from 9 - 12 October



From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be used as an early way for students to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard.



This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

However, if your child achieved Band 8s or above in a 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN test they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that particular area and will not need to sit the corresponding online test.

Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy (English) and numeracy (Maths) skills essential for success in learning and life after school.

THE ONLINE TESTS

Most students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing minimum standard online tests. Students will have two opportunities a year, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12, to pass each online test.

There are three 45-minute online tests:

- a multiple choice **reading** test
- a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt.

The online test dates (school days only) for 2018 are:

- Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
- Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
- Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
- Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018.



WHAT TO EXPECT?

To help your child understand what to expect in the online tests, they are encouraged to visit educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard to:

- try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format
- view sample test questions and answers online.

Your child's school may also organise short practice tests.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers to determine whether they are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy, which contains further information, is available on the NESA website.

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement. Find out more: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard>

WHAT CAN A PARENT OR CARER DO?

Parents or carers can be aware of the new requirements and how they can help their child succeed.

If you think your child needs additional support you can:

- talk to and meet with your child's teacher(s), subject coordinator(s) and/or Aboriginal education staff to discuss strategies at school and home
- make sure that literacy and numeracy support are included in your child's Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)
- contact an Aboriginal Education consultant in your child's school system for suggestions
- speak to your local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG)
- ask school representatives or volunteer organisations about availability of tutoring or extra-curricular school or community-based programs in literacy and numeracy.

Find your local AECG by searching at <https://www.aecg.nsw.edu.au/aecg-regions/>

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Notice Board

School Holidays

Last day of School- Friday 28th September

All staff and students return to school on

Monday 15th October.

REMINDER PARENTS

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



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SENIOR LEADER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Connected Communities Strategy will be continued in Brewarrina Central School for a further five years.

A key feature of the Strategy is the position of the Senior Leader Community Engagement.

This role is an Identified Aboriginal Position and provides a strong link between the school and the community.

The Senior Leader Community Engagement Position for Brewarrina Central School will be advertised on 3rd October, 2018 in the Koori Mail and the Iwork for NSW website.

If you are interested in applying and would like to find out more about the Role Description please see the school's website <https://brewarrina-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or the Brewarrina Central School's Facebook page. You can also contact Christine Grieves, Executive Principal at Brewarrina Central School on 0268 392 186.