



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term3, Issue 1- 2019*

**Primary PBL Prize Winners**



**Kinder - Year 2 having fun at the MacKillop NAIDOC Day.**



**Our Primary teams at the Ricky Walford & Jenny Wright Gala Day in Walgett**

## Principal's News

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been a pleasure walking around the school and seeing the students engaged in their work and enjoying all that school has to offer. They have settled back into their routines really well and have a positive attitude.

I would like to thank all those who were able to join us in our NAIDOC Celebrations at the end of last term. The AEs and AEOs are to be congratulated for the wonderful program they organised which was acclaimed by students, staff and community. It was wonderful to have St Patricks join us for the Flag Raising, March and Indigenous Games. A huge thank you is extended to David Kirby, Peter Gordon, Dianne Hardy, Dan Kelly, Michaela Skuthorpe and all the other community members who so generously contributed to the success of our NAIDOC Celebrations. It was also wonderful to see many of our students involved in the events. A special mention of the wonderful contribution by our school leaders, Tara Lea Kirby, Clay Bennett, Serena Walford, Gabriel Smith, Jesse Maria Walsh and Liam Trapman who led many of the events. Belmont (Monty) McHughes is to be commended for his Acknowledgement of Country in Language at many events. Thank you to everyone who made the NAIDOC Celebrations so wonderful. We are already looking forward to planning our events next year.

The term has started steadily but has become a crescendo of activity as the weeks roll on. A group of students attended the Indigenous Games at Goodooga where they enjoyed meeting students from other schools, being involved in the wide array of games and cultural activities. This week students from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Walgett to play Netball and Rugby League. They all had an awesome time and thoroughly enjoyed playing against the other schools. The Senior Boys also travelled to Dubbo with Uncle Charlie for the Clontarf Employment Forum. There are more

events and activities planned for the remainder of the term and I would encourage all students to take advantage of every opportunity.

This week we farewelled Chris Bell, Clontarf Director for the past two years. He is going to Toronto High School in the Newcastle area, to open up a new and larger Academy. I would like to thank Chris for his energy and commitment to our students in the time that he was at Brewarrina Central School and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. This week, Chris has introduced Jeremy Smith who will be the new Clontarf Director, to the school. We look forward to working with Jeremy to support our boys in their engagement, attendance and retention at school.

Last Sunday it was my great pleasure to travel to Bourke to see three Brewarrina teams compete in the Rugby League Grand Finals. While the Under 15 Boys were defeated, they played their game in great spirit and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. The Under 18s and Ladies League Tag team were convincing and valiant winners whose skills far outweighed their opponents. It was a wonderful day for the Brewarrina community.

Throughout this term there will be a number of focus areas for students' behaviour so that an optimum amount of time can be spent on learning. We expect that:

- Students will attend all classes on time and stay in class until the bell goes. They are not to leave class without their teacher's permission.
- Mobile phones are to be turned off and out of sight during class time. Teachers have the right to confiscate a student's phone if it is misused. It will be returned as soon as practicable. If there is persistent misuse of a phone, parents will be asked to assist the school by keeping the phone at home. **NB: In 2020 BCS will be a mobile phone free zone for all students.**



- Parent/ carers will be informed if their students persistently use inappropriate language at school and could be asked to take their student home for the rest of the day if the problem continues.
- Direct abuse of a staff member could result in a suspension and will not be tolerated.
- Students are reminded that **NO TACKLE FOOTBALL** is to be played at school unless it is under the ORGANISED SUPERVISION of CERTIFIED REFEREES. Failure to adhere to this could result in the 'ban' on football games for a specified time OR the exclusion of individual students who cannot follow this rule. Only TIP football is played and excessive 'holding' is not acceptable. Students must wear shoes at all times when participating in sporting activities.

All of the above expectations are stipulated to encourage all students to be SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS who are focused on achieving their personal best and allowing others to do the same. We look forward to working with the students and their families to bring about this positive learning environment.

The SRG (School Reference Group) is meeting Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm in the Community Hub. It will be followed by the AECG Meeting at 5pm.

SRG Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are: 10/09; 22/10; 19/11; 10/12. Meetings are held in the Community Hub and begin at 4pm.

Last week was Education Week and Brewarrina Central School held Open Classroom on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all those families who came to visit to see how our students learn and how every student finds their voice to involve themselves in learning.

I look forward to the remainder of Term 3 and sharing the achievements of our students as they focus on their learning. This is the final term for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC and our Year 11 students are nearing the completion of their Preliminary year. If you have any concerns regarding your student's progress, please contact the school on 02 68392 186 and make an appointment to come and discuss any concern. The Newsletter will be published in Weeks 3, 6 and 9 this term. I hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful events and learning at Brewarrina Central School.

*Christine Grieves.*

## Infants/Primary News

Welcome back to school!

This term there have been a number of wonderful opportunities planned for our students. Some of the opportunities that have already occurred include debating, footy, netball and cultural celebrations.

In Week 1, Aunty Lynne and Ms Kitson took six students to Dubbo to debate against Dubbo South and Buninyong Public Schools. They performed really well and came away with a win. In Week 2 a number of primary and secondary students attended the Indigenous Games in Goodooga with Ms Morgan and Aunty Courtney. We attended the MacKillop NAIDOC celebrations and everyone had a great time. Last week we had football and netball in Walgett. A big thank you to Tarah-Lea, Janalee, Aunty Christine, Uncle Bob, Miss Murphy and Ms Nicholls for umpiring and coaching games on the day. Thank you to Ms Nicholls and Ms Grieves for coaching prior to the day.

Miss Murphy and Ms Morgan are holding dance each Monday and Tuesday. This term Ms E. Green is coaching tennis every Thursday. Thank

you to these staff for providing our students with an after-school activity.

Ms Moylan-McGuirk and Ms Kitson have been very busy finalising the Years 3/4 and 5/6 excursions for next term. Payment is not due until next term and we look forward to all children attending. Ms Dove has also been busy organising a Year 2 excursion for next term. More details to follow.

This term Years 2, 3 and 4 will be doing the Rock and Water Program in Sport time. They will be developing positive communication skills, raising awareness of their own feelings and emotions and building mental and physical strength. Parts of the course will involve some form of martial arts, which I'm sure the kids will find very exciting.

We have been very fortunate over the last three weeks to have Rachel and her team from the Royal Flying Doctors Dental Service come into our school to carry out treatments on our students. This is a great service and they will be returning in September to see the High School students.

Our PBL focus this week is 'Using appropriate language'. Inappropriate language such as swearing is not tolerated and could lead to removal from the classroom, playground or result in children being sent home. It would be great if you could discuss our PBL focus at home.

Just a few reminders....Kids start school at 8.30am and should not be at school any earlier unless attending Clontarf. Any children riding bikes, scooters or skateboards will not be able to access them from 9am to 3pm. Children who do not follow the expectations may be asked to leave their transport at home. All students are expected to use the school crossing if going to the other side of the road. It is important that children **do not** run between buses. Lastly, we do not play tackle football at school and children who continue to do this will be asked to leave the playground.

If you have any questions about the anything in the newsletter or you'd like to have a chat, please feel free to call in.

*Take care, Beck Williams*

## Secondary News

Wow – A great start to Term 3 at BCS. We have had a number of new enrolments in the Secondary department. Welcome to Siara, Dakota, Kahleb, Jolie, Torie & Kenneth. This means it is timely to remind all students and their parents/carers about the expectations in Secondary. These are no different to any expectations at any high school in NSW.

We expect –

- all students to attend school every day ready to learn ( in uniform & with their equipment) and remain in class every lesson for the whole lesson. Students who need to go to the toilet or leave the room need to ask permission and should have a Class Pass with them
- students are in school uniform – secondary white polo shirt with a collar, navy PBL shirt, GirlFit shirt, Clontarf shirt and shorts, black or navy shorts or track pants. Bright coloured jackets, jumpers or shirts are not part of our uniform. Short shorts and any form of tights (short or long) are not acceptable school wear. Uniform can be bought at the Front Office at great prices.
- Use of appropriate language at all times – speaking to friends, other students and staff – if swearing or inappropriate language happens then parents may be called to collect their child from school, and a warning of suspension or a suspension may be implemented
- Use of mobile phones – our school is moving towards a complete phone free zone – currently students may use their phone at recess or lunch or in the

classroom with teacher permission – on the understanding that if they are asked to put their phone away that it happens. Persistent misuse of technology will also be managed under the DoE and school procedures

- NSW schools do not tolerate rough play or tackle football (except in an organised competition). Games at school are tip or touch only and students should not be held or grabbed roughly. Ms Grieves has spoken to all students about playing safely at all times.

Clontarf Camps - Welcome Jeremy Smith to Clontarf in the position of Director. Thank you to Chris Bell for his efforts at BCS while in the position of Director, and we wish him well as he manages the opening of the Clontarf Academy at Toronto High School in the Hunter Valley. This week the boys are off to their much looked forward to Ross Kelly Cup visit to Sydney – this is one of the highlights of the Clontarf year I think.

Mobile Phones at BCS – this term we have implemented a consistent effort to support students to make use of their phone responsibly. Unfortunately we still have some students who cannot do this – our expectation is that phones are turned off during class time but can be used during class time **WITH** teacher permission. Class time is learning time so if you need to contact your child please call the School Office - 0268392186 and leave a message which will be given or call them at Recess / Lunch.

Fit4Home – this program is being implemented in the Brewarrina community by the PCYC, local police and Mission Australia. It works with a targeted group of girls and young women over a nine week period. The focus is on learning to be safe, managing unsafe situations in the home ie domestic and family violence, alcohol; & drug awareness, fitness of mind and body and positive behaviours. So far the girls participating have given positive feedback. In a few weeks a larger group of girls will undertake a Safe Food Handling

and Barista course to complement their other learning.

Year 12 – Industrial Technology students will be finishing their major projects for ready for marking – the due date is this Thursday. Thank you to Mr Cooper who has given up his weekends to ensure most students have met the deadline with a completed project. Trial HSC exams are in Week 6 at BCS with students needing to implement a strong study program of revision for the exams, then an intensive program in the lead up to the exams in October / November. Visual Art major works are due at the beginning of September and the students and Ms Nolan are working hard to ensure they are completed.

It was great to see Mrs Trapman and Lucy last week when they came in for Open Classrooms on Wednesday afternoon.



Please contact me or Mr Daymond at BCS if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education and learning (02) 68392186).

Best wishes

*Kath Hertslet*





# Year 5/6 Debating Team

The 5 & 6 Debating Team attended the Premier's Debating Challenge in Dubbo in the first week of term. They debated against Dubbo South Public and Buninyong Public Schools. The team scored a win against Buninyong Public. It was the final round in the competition and the team deserve a big congratulations on their stellar effort this year!



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## Brewarrina Central School

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) using our school's unique **9 digit advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

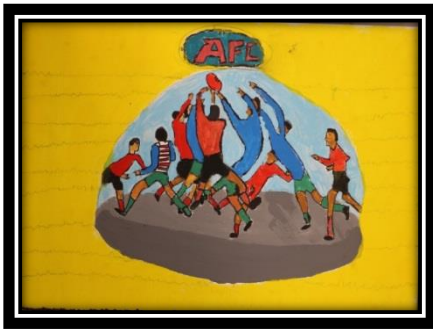
Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to [enquiries@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancedlife.com.au)

# The Art Report

by Miss Nolan

There have been both primary and secondary students in the Art Room again this year, which has been great fun. On Monday's I have Kindergarten and Year 5 every second week and Year 6 on Thursday. All students work really hard and have produced some excellent work. A special shout out to Harley Bell who produced this fantastic painting and Sweetie who's been working with watercolour paint who produced this still life.



*Harley Bell*



*Jenette Boney*

The HSC Major Works by Josiah Sullivan and Janalee Conroy are coming along really well and close to be ready to hand in and send off to Sydney to the Marking Centre.



*Josiah Sullivan*



*Janalee Conroy*

Year 7 and 8 have been producing some excellent work, with painting being the favoured practice, and drawing a very close second. The Year 9 and 10 have some good artists who hopefully develop their skills and ability to critically assess their own and other artworks.

Year 11 also have very talented artists and their practice is coming along well, as is their understanding and appreciation of art as part of human culture. A final word on probably the most hard working artist in High School, Year 8's Jarcinta Bennett, who applies herself to her artmaking with rigour and resilience. Here are some of her brilliant works.





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# Congratulations!

A Big thank you to everyone who entered our poster competition researching an Aboriginal Icon. Your efforts were outstanding!!

Mayor Phillip O'Connor had a hard time making his decision from all the fantastic posters that were done.

Winners from Brewarrina Central School were:

Year 3 to 6 winners were: Sanaa Kirby 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Karleasha Boney 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (St Patricks School)

Keira Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Year 7 to 9 winners were: Rehannah Russell 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Mason Scott & Dylan Rosser equal 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Wayne Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Thank you

Katrina & Staff



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This position is responsible for actively facilitating and assisting student attendance rates through:

- Lead a small team of School Attendance Officers
- Make a daily check on children not attending school
- Visit the homes of children not attending school and places where children “hang out”
- Talk to parents and carers about the help that is needed to get children to school
- Walk or drive children to school if this help is requested by a parent or carer
- Talk with parents, carers and the school to make sure children who need help with food, uniforms, homework or afterschool care get the support they need
- Help with promoting and informing people in the community about the importance of regular school attendance
- Providing information and detailed daily reports to the Program Manager

**ABOUT YOU**

**Essential Attributes**

- Computer literacy and reporting utilising a prepared template using Microsoft office or willingness to learn
- Demonstrated experience working with youth and / or community groups
- Demonstrated experience dealing with challenging behaviour
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with parents/care givers, school staff and youth
- Knowledge and understanding of school administration systems (or willingness to learn)
- Willingness to encourage and support parents / caregivers and students to attend school
- Strong Cultural awareness and knowledge of local culture/s with strong links to the local community.
- Respectful, positive attitude. Honest and reliable.
- Good organisational and time management skills
- Ability to be a good listener with non-judgemental attitude and a wiliness to support people who may be experiencing complex social issues.
- Sense of fun and ability to work with young people
- Current NSW Driver's licence and be able to drive a manual vehicle
- Current Working with Children and Police Check or ability to complete prior to commencing duties

**Desirable**

- Previous experience managing a small team

**Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.**

**Applications:** Applicants will need to supply, a letter addressing the selection criteria, a current resume and a minimum of two (2) work referees.

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**Closing Date: 21 August 2019**

# Notice Board

## Dates for Term 3

- 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup (Sydney)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> August- Industrial Tech Major Works Due
  - 21<sup>st</sup> August- Ronnie Gibbs Carnival (Bourke)
- 21<sup>st</sup> August- Kokoda Remembrance Day @ Goodooga
  - 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August- Mid Term Break
  - 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August- Trial HSC Exams
- 29<sup>th</sup> August- Primary District Athletics (Bourke)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> September- HSC Art Major Works Due
  - 12<sup>th</sup> September- School Photos
- 13<sup>th</sup> September- Primary Regional Athletics (Dubbo)
- 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> September- Rising Stars Camp (Macq Uni Sydney)
- 25<sup>th</sup> September- Whole School & Year 12 Assembly
  - 27<sup>th</sup> September- Last Day of term 3

## Child car seat FREE safety check



### 2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with an inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

**DATE:** Tuesday 20th August 2019  
**TIME:** 9am - 12.00noon  
**LOCATION:** Aboriginal Medical Services  
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Brewarrina

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Aboriginal Medical Service Clinic 02 6839 3333  
or Roads and Maritime Services 02 6861 1502