



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 3, Issue 3- 2019

Out & About at BCS



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Principal's News

It always such a relief when September arrives as the start of Spring always heralds the onset of warmer temperatures and calmer conditions. Brewarrina is at its best during spring and the full moon on Friday 13th September bathed the town in a lovely silvery glow...I hope that everyone was able to enjoy it.

The end to Term 3 is rapidly approaching. Despite the end being in sight there is still much to do and celebrate before we begin our holidays. Brewarrina Central School has been as busy as ever since our last Newsletter was published. We were visited by the Royal Flying Doctor Dental Service and students in K-6 and Secondary visited the dentists. Notes detailing follow up were sent home. We were also visited by the T4CC (Technology for Connected Communities) Team. Our Year 8 students and Mr Daymond in Science participated in some observations regarding the level of student engagement in learning when using technology and when not using technology. The team were very impressed by our school and told me 'they were the best they had seen 'in all the schools they had visited. The T4CC Team also met with other staff members to assess the level of engagement in technology based learning. The management Team from T4CC also met with Miss Williams and I to discuss future plans regarding the support they could offer the school in planning and implementing technological based learning across the school. Exciting times ahead...

We were also visited by the RSPCA who had stations set up so that the students could learn how to take care of their pets and ensure that they were safe and secure. It was great interactive learning that all the students seemed to enjoy. Dentists from Slack- Smith Dental also visited and showed the students in Kindergarten to Year 6 how to brush their teeth correctly and spoke about nutrition and the amount of sugar in some drinks...again really informative and very interactive.

Seven Secondary girls have completed a Barista and Food Handling Certificate 11 Course through Western TAFE as participants in the Fit4Home program. Congratulations to these girls. We are looking forward to them demonstrating their skills!!! There are many coffee tragics at Brewarrina Central School.

Our Primary students have competed in the District Athletics carnival at Bourke. It was my pleasure to receive a text from Miss Moylan-McGuirk who had received a lovely compliment about our students from the Bourke Public School staff who commented on our students' 'lovely manners when they went to the canteen.' Well done Brewarrina Central!!! The Primary Regional Carnival was held on Friday 13th September in Dubbo and 12 of our students qualified. They all aimed to do their personal best and had a great time representing the school.

Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 students were involved in the community's White Balloon Day. They all had a wonderful time and their painted and happy faces were a testament to their enjoyment.

The Year 12 Visual Arts students have completed their Major Works and they will be sent to Sydney for marking. We wish them all the best and thank you to Miss Nolan for supporting them in their creative endeavours. Students in Years 9 to 11 will be involved in a Community Art project where they will be making suggestions on the art works that will be painted on the Amenities Block in Bathurst Street and on the levee banks' walls. This project has come about as a result of a submission by Jen Shearer from the Brewarrina Shire Council. The students will work with Miss Nolan, Andi Methner from Zest Events international and artists John Murray and Jenny McCracken.

The Year 12 students have successfully completed their Trial HSC exams and are now fully involved in revision and review as they get closer to their HSC Exams which begin on Thursday 17th October with English Paper1. The

Year 11 students have completed their Preliminary Exams and will begin their Year 12 courses on Day 1 of Term 4.

September 12th was National Health and PE Day. Brewarrina Central celebrated by being involved in physical activities such as skipping, table tennis, tennis, tennis-tug-of-war and kick ball during Period 5. Fruit and water was also provided to ensure only healthy options were chosen. Miss Morgan and Miss Murphy are to be commended for their organisation and I would like to thank all students and staff who entered into the spirit of the day with energy and enthusiasm.

Two students, Mia- Rae Murray and Lara Bennett have been accepted into the Rising Stars Leadership Camp at Macquarie University which will occur this week. Congratulations to these girls and thank you to Mrs Hertslet who encouraged a number of our Secondary girls to apply.

Five of our students also applied to be a part of the first NSW Regional Youth Task Force which was open to young people from the ages of 12 to 20. While we haven't received notification as to whether or not any of them were successful, it was an absolute pleasure for me to work with them on their applications and see how readily they could identify issues that impacted on young people in rural and remote areas.

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter Brewarrina Central School has been accepted into the Schools Spectacular which occurs in November. Miss Morgan, Miss Murphy and Kylie Gibson will be accompanying the seven dancers to the week- long rehearsal and performance schedule. This is the first time Brewarrina Central have been involved in this event. Well done!!!

Last week I received a letter from Jeff Sowiak, General Manager of Brewarrina Shire Council, who provided an update on the Petition for the Upgrade of the Brewarrina Skate Park. The students, Roman Tailby, Harrison white, Jharal Jackson and Adam Ford and Jo Langham I are

very happy to report that the " Council agreed to use this petition and the strong support from the children, as a way to ask both the State and Federal Governments for grant funds for a new skate park.' This is wonderful news and demonstrates to the students how democracy works. Brewarrina Shire Council are very supportive of Brewarrina Central School.

This support was again demonstrated by Tara Byrnes, HR Manager and Chris Kennedy who met with Mrs Hertslet and myself to discuss the continuation of the Traineeship Program for Year 11 students and the Work Experience Program for Years 10 and 11 in 2020. Brewarrina Shire Council are committed to supporting the children and youth of Brewarrina.

Brewarrina Central School received three 'junior' didgeridoos from Yetta Dhinnakkal. They had been made as part of their NAIDOC Celebrations and were presented to the school by Michael and Ashley. Some of our students were able to produce sounds as soon as they tried them out...well done Deklan Boney- Eyre and Barran Lord. Thank you to Trish Frail for organising this presentation and thank you to Yetta Dhinnakkal.

NAPLAN results are now available and are being analysed so that we are able to continue our support of our students' growth in Literacy and Numeracy. There were some pleasing results and there are areas where improvements need to be made.

In the final week of school students will be involved in PBL Reward events. Congratulations to all those students who have achieved these rewards.

The Term 3 Whole School Assembly will be the Farewell to Year 12 Assembly. I hope that you are able to join us on Wednesday 25th September at 10am to help us celebrate this significant milestone in our Year 12 students' journey.

During Term 4 students will be involved in a Healthy Body, Healthy Mind and Smoking

Cessation Program in conjunction with the Brewarrina AMS.

As this is our final Newsletter for the term I would like to thank all the students and staff for their efforts throughout the term. While there have been challenges there has also been many achievements and successes. I would like to thank all the members of the Brewarrina AECG and SRG for their support of our school. I look forward to seeing everyone back here at the start of Term 4 on Monday 14th October rested and ready to learn.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday, take care of each other and look forward to all that Term 4 has to offer.

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

It has been a very busy term and we are finishing off on a high note with our Footy Gala Day and Book Parade. The kids are very excited to be participating in both events and we look forward to seeing lots of family and community at school!

Congratulations to all the students who competed at Regional Athletics. I was told all of the children put in a great performance and were wonderful ambassadors for Brewarrina.

Our Primary staff are currently finalising the Years 3/4 excursion to the Blue Mountains and Years 5/6 excursion to Canberra. It is not too late to pay so please bring in your note and money as soon as possible. These excursions are going to be awesome learning experiences for our kids.

Just a reminder that all students are expected to be SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS in and out of the classroom. Please encourage your child to actively participate in their learning and be respectful to staff and peers. At our school we have expectations that are often based on child safety eg use the crossing at bus lines, speak appropriately to others and do not leave school grounds. Children in Years 4 and 5 are NOT to

leave school grounds during school times. This expectation is for their safety not to be mean and stop children buying \$10 of lollies (which unfortunately some are doing). Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

All the staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! We look forward to seeing you at the start of Term 4, ready for another busy term!

Take care, Beck Williams

Secondary News

My goodness – the end of Term 3 at BCS is upon us. Where did the term go?? Thank you to all students, parents & carers and community members who have supported our school this term and through the year.

Year 12 have reached the end of their thirteen years of school and in Week 10 will be recognised at the End of Term Assembly – 10.15am on Wednesday 25th September in the school Hall. All welcome to attend to recognise the achievement of completing school. The students (Janalee Conroy, Shannon McHughes, Bailee Nicholls, Amy-Joy Reid and Josiah Sullivan) will prepare for their HSC exams which start in October and finish in November. A formal farewell for the students and their families will be in November. We wish them and their families the best of luck for the future.

Year 11 students have also completed their exams and after the school holidays will move into Year 12 study. They will be planning their major works for some subjects and really need to develop and implement a good study pattern and habits to see them through to their HSC in 2020.

PBL Acknowledgement – almost all the secondary students have reached this level and next Thursday will participate in the activities organised. This term we have made a change to engage the students with a range of activities and

lunch off site. We just hope the weather will be kind to us with a nice but not too hot day and just a gentle breeze. We will let you know how it all goes!!!

Year 10 have the opportunity to apply for an Elsa Dixon Traineeship with Brewarrina Shire Council & Brewarrina Central School. We currently have two students who have almost completed their first year. Representatives of the Shire spoke to Yr 10 last week about the commitment required and areas of employment. Students who wish to apply need to complete the application form (see Mrs Hertslet if you don't have one) and return it by Friday 27th September 2019.

Rising Stars Camp with Macquarie University – last week Lara Bennett in Year 10 had the opportunity to participate in this camp. Ex local Bobbie Sue Wright works with students at MacUni. Lara flew to Sydney and met up with other students from across NSW and spent 4 days seeing what uni life is about, the courses on offer and the supports in place for students wanting to attend university. A great opportunity for all students to participate in. The selection process required a written application to the university and they undertook the selection of students from applications received.

From all reports Clontarf boys had a great but tiring time in Dubbo for the Yr 7 & 8 camp – well done everyone. Always great to hear positive reports when our students attend camps away from Bre.

Some reminders for Term 4 ----

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 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.
- Glass bottles are **not** to be brought into the school playground

Have a great holiday break with your students, stay see and everyone returns to school on Monday 14th October, 2019 at 8.45am.

Best wishes, Kath Hertslet



Clever Kinders!

Kindergarten have gotten up to lots of cool things in Term 3!

This term we have been learning about music. We know how to count the beat and discuss the type of tempo. We performed our musical item at assembly in week 8, we hope you liked it!

In week 7 the CRT held their Spring Garden Day. Kindergarten entered some arrowroot biscuits into the competition. We thought the fish looked super cool! Each child who entered received a sash for their participation.

In writing this term we have been learning to retell stories. We have done lots of books including King Pig, The Pig in the Pond, Hoot Owl, Thelma the Unicorn and lots more! Students are retelling the beginning, the middle and the end. We are getting better and better and would love for you to come to our classroom and have a read of our writing!

In maths we have been reading One is a Snail, Ten is a crab. It is an awesome book that shows us how numbers hide in numbers, and how we can create numbers in different ways. The book uses the number of legs each animal has, to represent different numbers (so 2 could be 2 snails, or 1 person). We have been playing lots of maths games and really using our brains to ensure we are getting the correct answer. We love maths!



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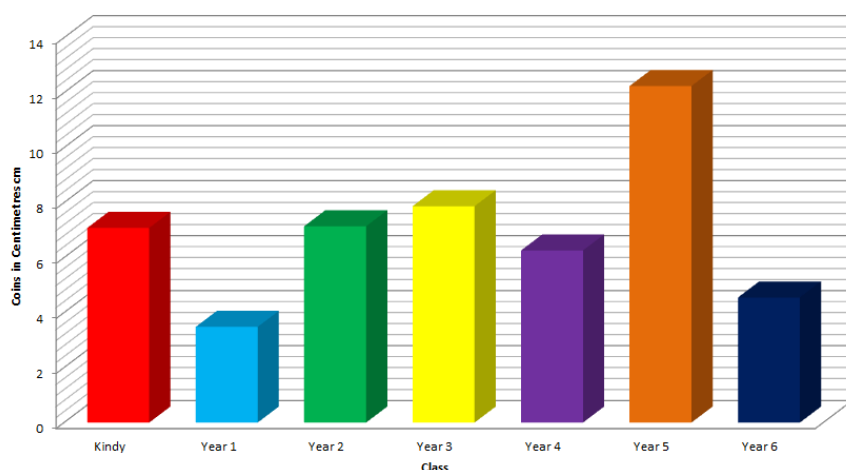
Snail Trail Fundraising



Snail Trail Results

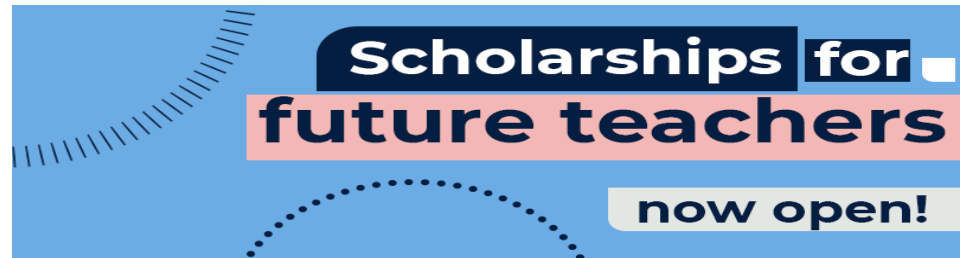
Year 5 have been busy measuring all the coins K-6 donated to raise money for our upcoming trip to Canberra. We had to make long lines with the coins to accurately measure with the big ruler. When we had collected all the coins, we made a big snail trail swirl in our classroom!

The winning class was Year 5 with 12.24 metres! Second place was Year 3 with 7.87 metres and third place was Year 2 with 7.14 metres. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for our trip! We raised \$230.75 from Snail Trail.





Education



Scholarships for future teachers are now open

The NSW Department of Education is offering a range of scholarship opportunities for high achieving students entering teacher education degrees after their HSC. Applications are now open for 2020 scholarships for future teachers.

The scholarship programs for future teachers offer a range of benefits, including financial support whilst studying and a guaranteed permanent teaching position in a NSW public school on successful completion of studies.

The scholarship programs for future teachers include:

- [Teacher Education Scholarships](#)
- [Teacher Education Scholarships - Aboriginal](#)
- [teach.Rural Scholarships](#)

teach.MathsNOW Scholarships are now open

Parents and carers, this is for you. Do you know an industry professional or current university student in a career area requiring tertiary studies in mathematics - for example, in engineering, accounting, finance or IT - who would make a great secondary mathematics teacher? The [teach.MathsNOW Scholarship](#) offers an opportunity to change career path and retrain as a mathematics teacher in a NSW public school.

teach.MathsNOW scholars will receive up to \$50,000 in equivalent upfront course contribution fees, paid part-time employment during studies and a guaranteed permanent teaching position in a NSW public school on successful completion.

To find out more about these and other great opportunities, please visit the [teach.NSW website](#) and follow the teach.NSW social channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)).

Thank you in advance for your support and please contact hrpromotions@det.nsw.edu.au if you require further information about this request.

Kind regards,

teach.NSW

NSW Department of Education



Hello my name is Sharon Templeton and I have been Teaching at Brewarrina Central for the past two terms in HSIE and currently relieving as Head Teacher in secondary. Being part of the school and community has been a wonderful experience for me. The students and staff here have been so friendly and welcoming making it a rewarding place to work.

I have been fortunate enough to be involved in some of the fantastic community events such as felt and weaving workshops, a night under the stars, a night on the green and art exhibitions. The community members have been so welcoming and I feel humbled to share in these cultural activities. As a result of the weaving workshop, Auntie Bim and I have been teaching weaving to the girls at school.

I have been to the best NAIDOC week celebrations here at Brewarrina and felt so proud to be included. The week ran like clock-work and was an amazing celebration of such wonderful culture and people. I loved it. I took some photos of some of the events I was involved in, owl painting, tile painting and shot put. Being in a central school is also a new experience for me. Seeing all the cute faces and beautiful smiles of the primary students is a delight every day.

Brewarrina is a terrific place because of the people who live here. Thank you for the great experience.



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

2019-35

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REDI has a great opportunity for someone to lead the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) Team in Brewarrina on a Full-time basis (38 hours per week). You will be required to lead and mentor the School Attendance Officers in the team and report directly to the Program Manager.

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 willingness 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.

Applications:

Submit your application online via the Employment Jobs board at www.redie.org.au

Or

Email your application to hr@redie.org.au

Or

Drop off your application at the REDI.E Offices in Brewarrina

Readvertised 16th September 2019 **Closing Date: 8th October 2019**

Brewarrina Central School

School Reference Group (SRG)

Expressions of Interest are called for the Brewarrina Central School SRG(School Reference Group) which advises the Executive Principal in the implementation of the Connected Communities Strategy, please contact the school on 02 6839 2186 and leave your name with the Front Office.

SRG meetings are held once a month in the Community Hub.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Congratulations

Janalee

After months of testing and thousands of kilometres of travel, Rugby Australia's Dream Big Time squads have been announced.

The Dream Big Time tour, that went to many Indigenous communities around Australia, culminated in a camp involving more than 100 Indigenous hopefuls last month before the group was whittled down to two squads of 20.

Both squads will compete at various Sevens tournaments throughout the back end of the year, ultimately featuring at the Dubai Sevens in December.

Our very own Janalee Conroy was selected as part of the Women's Squad.

Brewarrina Central School are very proud of your selection and we wish all the best in your Rugby Career.





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Kinderstart 2019

Kinderstart will be commencing on Monday 28th October 2019. It will run on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.00am to 3.00pm with Ms Angie Skuthorpe.

Enrolment forms are available from the front office at Brewarrina Central School.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

Birth Certificates (from Births, Deaths & Marriages)

- Medicare Number
- Immunisation History Statement – up to date (from Community Health
- Proof of students residential address
- Health Care Card or Pension Card (with child's name on it)
- Contact Phone Number
- Court Order Documents (if any in place)

PLEASE NOTE

UNTIL ENROLMENT FORMS ARE COMPLETED AND THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS ARE SIGHTED BY THE SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD WILL **NOT** BE ABLE TO START SCHOOL.

For more information please call the school on

(02) 6839 2186





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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

General Assistant

Closes Friday 18th October at 4.00pm

Duration: Term 4, 2019 with the possibility of extension

Hours: 7 hours daily

Start time: 7:30am-12:00pm

Lunch: 12:00pm-1.30pm

Return to work: 1:30-4:00pm

To be considered for this position you must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Maintain and care for school grounds
- Carry out minor maintenance of buildings & equipment
- Maintain and distribute stores
- Monitor school security systems and report faults to appropriate authority
- Excellent communication skills
- Be able to maintain confidentiality, punctuality be responsible and respectful
- Understanding of WH&S principles
- Perform related duties as directed by the Principal

It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration, Consent to Employment Screening Check and a Current Working with children Check is completed.

Expressions of interest of 1 A4 page (maximum) addressing the criteria with 2 contactable referees to be addressed to:

Executive Principal

Brewarrina Central School

Locked Bag 2

Brewarrina NSW 2839

For information please contact the school on 0268 392 186



Notice Board

Too Deadly News with Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service (BAMS)



BAMS do a school health clinic at Brewarrina Central School on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our friendly staff will be at the admin building on those mornings.



Joseph Gordon joins us at BAMS as a Trainee Aboriginal Health Worker. Welcome to the team Joseph.



Farewell Darleen Appo, who has returned home to family in Darwin.

2019 Doctors Roster:

There is now a doctor available at BAMS Monday to Friday.

Dr Chandra Jinabhai – 23rd September to 4th October

Dr Rob Way – 8th to 25th October

Dr Mervat Malek – 28th October to 8th November

Please ring 6839 3333 for appointments.

Position Vacant

Casual Cleaner required at Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service. Please contact Katrina Ward on 6839 3333 for further information.

**We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and
look forward to seeing you all refreshed and
ready to learn for the last school term for
2019.**

- **Staff and Students return Monday 14th
October**