

Brewarrina Central School News

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Primary Cross Country

& Infants Sport





Principal's News

The winter weather is now definitely upon us and it is timely to remind all students that the school has available very warm and excellent quality school jumpers and track pants available from the Front Office. The jumpers are maroon for the K-6 students and navy blue for the Secondary students. These are being sold at below cost for \$25 and have a hood and pockets. The track pants are black for the whole school and are \$10. All of these items will last for some years. It would be great to see students showing that they belong to the school by wearing the school shirts, jumpers and track pants.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations will be held in Week 10 Term 2, from Monday 1st July to Friday 5th July. A program will be sent home once it is finalised. However, we will be starting with the Flag Raising and Street March on Monday, 1st July at 10:15am. We would love to see you at these opening events and all other events.

Student safety is of prime concern at Brewarrina Central School. Recently we have had instances of students coming to school in the morning and then leaving prior to classes starting. It has to be remembered that students are not leave the school grounds prior to classes starting. Students with Recess and Lunch passes are able to go to the shops but must be back at school in time for class after those breaks. The Belmore and Young Street Gates are being locked except for Recess and Lunch in an effort to curb the exit of students during class time. We thank you in your support of this matter.

Mobile phones- while the school accepts that students may need their phones at school to maintain contact with families, if they are misused they may be confiscated for a period of time. They will be returned to the student at an appropriate time and definitely before the end of the school day. However, if the phone usage becomes a problem, families will be asked to support the school by ensuring that the mobile phones are left at home. Students are not to take photos or videos of other students and/ or staff, they should not be involved in social media such as Facebook/ Snapchat/ Instagram/ or Tic Toc etc during school time. They should not either make or receive phone calls during class time. Recess is between 11am to 11:30am and Lunch from 1:30pm to 2pm. This is the best time to contact students. We seek your active support to ensure that students are aware of the responsibilities involved in phone ownership and usage.

This week Brewarrina Central School is hosting the District Cross Country at the Geoff New Oval. I wish all the students from our school who are participating, the very best and hope they are able to gain a place in their age group. I would like to thank all the staff from our school who are involved in the organisation and running of the event as these events entail a great deal of work.

The school is also hosting the Annual Book Fair. If you would like to purchase books for your children or families, please visit the school Library to see all the bookish 'treasures' that are available. The Book Fair closes on Friday, 7th June.

Next week the Life Education Van is visiting Brewarrina Central School. Students have received notes about this event. I encourage all students K-6 to be involved as there is an emphasis on Healthy Living.

This week the PBL Focus is for students to be ON TIME and READY to LEARN. Students are being encouraged to be on time and have all that is required for learning. They also need to stay in class and not leave classes without their teacher's permission. Unfortunately we have a number of students who think that they can wander in and out of class as they determine. Again, we seek families' support to encourage their students to follow the reasonable expectations of the staff to focus on their learning, follow directions and remain in class. I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing Mid Term Break and that if you are travelling to appointments or family events, you travel safely. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on time and ready to learn on Tuesday, 4th June.

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

The cold weather has hit us in the mornings and it has been great to see children wearing jumpers. There are a few that have lost their owner and we are asking that all jumpers and jackets are labelled so we can help them find their way home.

This week we are hosting the District Cross Country carnival and we wish all the participants GOOD LUCK! Thank you to Miss Dove and Miss Murphy for their organisation, Aunty Kylie for running the canteen and Ms Morgan and the high school students for assisting on the day. Brewarrina Central School have dedicated staff that makes sure our kids are given many opportunities to excel.

Next week we have Healthy Harold visiting and all children are asked to bring in \$2 to attend. This is part of our PDHPE syllabus and is significantly funded by the school to cut down the cost for our students. In Week 7 we have a Forensic Science workshop and Regional Cross Country. Things are only getting busier!

Teachers are currently writing school reports, ready for Parent-Teacher afternoon on Tuesday 25th June. Please put the date into your calendar. We look forward to seeing you all then and speaking with you about your child's learning.

We hope you have a great fortnight and please feel free to call in and have a chat.

Secondary News

The term is just flying past us. Many exciting events have been happening in secondary along with quality learning and engagement.

Students have been involved in NAPLAN, Cross Country, Clontarf events, community activities and in class assessments for learning.

This week we have welcomed Mr Jone Rakesa who will be teaching Maths. Some of the community may know him as he has recently been at Currawah Education Centre. He is replacing Mr Brady Pudya who has taken a position at Quandialla Public School for the remainder of the year.

All students have been working with secondary staff to update their PLP – copies of these will be given out and discussed at the **Parent / Teacher Afternoon on Wednesday 26 June 2019.** Parents and carers are invited to come at the following times and meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress.

Year 7 & 8 – 3.30 -4.00pm Year 9 & 10 – 4.00 – 4.30pm Year 11 at 4.30 – 5.00pm. Year 12 Parent / Teacher afternoon was held in Term 1.

Next week Year 11 will have their Half Yearly exams for their preliminary courses – these are an important point in their progess and will give a good indication of areas of strength and those areas students need to develop. Senior Study Club continues on Monday afternoons for Year 11 and 12 to access individualised support for learning, homework & assessments. Thank you to the Secondary teachers making time each afternoon to support our students.

The second half of this term is very, very busy. **Clontarf** have a number of camps happening – students attending these are expected to maintain great behaviour and school attendance

Take care, Beck Williams

(before and after the camp), participate in all school activities and attend Clontarf training.

Students participated in a great school cross country – well organised by school staff and with excellent participation. Well done to the students who qualified for **Regional Cross Country** at Geurie on 12 June, 2019. Travel details and costs will be available this week for those selected. Our school Athletics Carnival is also coming up.



School Based Trainees had their final sign up completed on Monday with a visit from NSW Industry and the Shire to finalise their training program. We wish them all the best for the next 18 months as they complete their training.

Stevee & Kynan signing up and on!!

Secondary expectations – after mid term break all footballs / basketballs etc will be collected each morning at Roll call and stored in the secondary staff room. Students will be able to access them at Recess and Lunch – they are to be returned to the staff room at the end of each break and collected to take home each afternoon. We are finding that balls are causing a major distraction to learning, causing arguments and fights and students are being harassed by other students for their ball etc. We are asking for parent support in this matter.

We also seek parent and carer support with mobile phone use at school. Students can bring their phone to school however it is expected that the phone is only used at recess & lunch and if a staff member asks for it to be put away (including ear phones) that students follow the request. There have also been some issues again with FaceBook, SnapChat and TicToc – these cause trouble between students that is upsetting and distracting to learning. The best advice is to BLOCK & DELETE and not get involved in online harassment & bullying.

Class time is quality learning time.

Please call the school office (02 68392186) if you need to contact your child during school time and the office will give them a message. Thank you for your support.



Last week approximately 25 staff took advantage of having their flu vaccination at work – reduced illness and time off work makes operating our school less stressful for students and staff. Thank you to Katrina at BAHS and Dr with Bernie & Glenda for coming along to try to keep us all well.

Remember that we have a clinic on Monday, Wednesday & Friday for minor first aid if required by students.

NAIDOC Week is from Monday 1 July to Friday 5 July, 2019 – a great program is under development – keep an eye out for the events. All parents, carers and community are invited to participate.

No news from Mrs Trapman and her family of their new baby yet – we are all excited for the arrival. Whilst Mrs Trapman is on Maternity leave, Mr Daymond applied for and has accepted the Relieving Head Teacher role.

Parents are always welcome to see us about their child's education and work with us to achieve the best outcomes for our awesome kids. We wish all our families a safe and restful mid-term break.

Kath Hertslet

<u>Kinder love learning!</u>

Kinder have had a great start to the term! All students have been working super hard during literacy rotations. Students participate in a variety of activities to build their skills to read and write. Kinder have really developed a love for reading and the reading corner is one of the most popular spots in our classroom. Check out these awesome pictures of us developing our literacy skills!





Notice Board

Dates for this Term

- 12th June- Regional Cross Country
- 18th June- SRG Meeting 4.00 pm-Community Hub
- 25th June- K-6 Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 26th June- Years 7-12 Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 26th June- Aecg Meeting
- 1st- 5th July- NAIDOC Week
- 5th July- Last Day of term 2
- 8th-19th July School Holidays

Bookfair

Due to a few very busy weeks, we have decided to extend our Bookfair until Friday 7th June. Come on down to our Library and check out all the lovely books and gifts we have for sale.

REMINDER PARENTS

Nursing Staff from the AMS visit

our school every

Monday, Wednesday & Friday to

conduct

General First Aid

Brewarrina Central School

<u>School Reference Group</u> (SRG)

Expressions of Interest' are called for the SRG

If you would like to be involved in the 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 by 17th June, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

SRG Meeting will held on Tuesday 18th June @ 4.oo pm in the Community Hub