



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 1, Issue 3- 2021

Easter Hat Parade



Principal's News

It is astonishing to think that it is the end of Term 1, 2021. It seems like only yesterday since we arrived back at school as the term has certainly hurtled along at breakneck speed. But, the reality is we are in the final week and everyone is looking forward to having a well-earned break so that they can recharge, revitalise and return to Brewarrina Central School on **Monday 19th April for staff and Tuesday 20th April for ALL students.**

CAMERON FOX- Apology.

On behalf of the school, I would like to apologise to Cameron Fox and his family for any distress caused by the lack of acknowledgement of his awesome effort in making it to the Regional Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo recently. He was the only Secondary student to qualify for the District Carnival. He came 4th in the 50 metres freestyle event. This was a wonderful effort as students from all over the western district competed. I would like to congratulate Cameron on his achievement. I have met with his family to discuss the situation and organised compensation for the costs involved in his participation. Again, I would like to apologise for any distress caused to both Cameron and his family and undertake to ensure that this situation doesn't occur again.

Events and Happenings this Week and last week...

The Term 1 Assembly will be held on Wednesday 30th March at 10:15 am in the school Hall. Families are invited though they will need to register their attendance by going to the Front Office and signing in and registering their attendance by using the QR Code displayed in the Foyer. This is an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements across the school throughout the term. We look forward to seeing you there. However, if you are unwell please do not attend.

Easter Hat Parade will also be held on Wednesday at 11:30am. The students and staff have made a

great effort to decorate their hats with their individual flair and it will be wonderful to see the results.

Puppet Show for K-6 will be held on Monday with Outback Arts. Our Year 2/3 students will be involved in a Workshop on shadow puppets. There is also a community event being held this Monday at the Geoff New Oval from 4pm. This is the Far West Active Fest and I hope that many of our students and their families attend.

Year 12 Half Yearly Exams were held a couple of weeks ago and the students will be receiving their reports shortly. I would like to thank our Secondary teachers who continue to work conscientiously to ensure that our students are maintaining their focus on their HSC studies. It was a pleasure to read the students' reports that have been so thoughtfully prepared by our dedicated staff.

PBL Celebration Day was held last Thursday and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. There was a fantastic vibe around the school and it was evident that everyone had thoroughly enjoyed their scrumptious lunch and the many activities on offer. This was a wonderful team effort by all staff but particular thanks must go to the PBL Team led by Mrs Trapman and Miss Moylan-McGuirk. This is what makes Brewarrina Central School so special.

I-CAN Program also concluded last week with our K-6 students' fitness levels being measured by Michaela, James and Alex. This was a fitness and health program developed under the auspices of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation (IMF) which aimed at increasing the health, wellbeing and fitness of the students. From the pure delight experienced by the students who participated I could see that it had a tangible impact on our students. I would like to thank the I-CAN team, particularly Michaela, who involved our students. I would also like to thank the AMS for allowing Michaela to continue the program even though she was in another role.

Farewell to Staff...

At the end of Term 1 we will be farewelling two staff members. Jen Gunn, who has been the Counsellor at Brewarrina Central School, Weilmoringle and Bourke High School, will be returning to the Lismore district and Richard Stankey is pursuing other interests. We thank them for their contribution to our school and their support of our students and their families. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours. They will be missed.

Looking Ahead to Next Term...

COVID-ILS (Intensive Learning Support) is a **FREE TUTORING** program that is operating as a NSW Government and DoE (Department of Education) initiative to overcome any shortfalls in learning that occurred last year as a result of COVID.

At Brewarrina Central School this program will **begin on Monday 26th April (Week 2) and will happen every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4pm at the school during Terms 2 and 3.** Please see the letter that is included in this Newsletter. It will also be put on the BCS Facebook page and was sent home with the students this week. I would strongly encourage **ALL students from Year 1 to 12** to be involved in this **TUTORING** program where the students will be in **AGE APPROPRIATE groups of up to 5 students. They will be tutored by teachers assisted by AEs and AEOs.**

ATTENDANCE is the key to student success in education. Students need to attend school **REGULARLY and on time.** When they attend they need to **attend every class and be engaged.** Students need to accept their responsibility in their learning and that is to attend every lesson and make a genuine effort to do all that they are asked to do. The PBL focus for the last two weeks has been on getting students to follow staff's instructions. While the majority do this there are still some students who do not see they have a responsibility to do this. Again, I seek families'

support in having the talks with their children around the importance of doing as they are asked as we are all aware of the significance of involvement in education.

As this is the final Newsletter for this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and blessed Easter. I hope that everyone is able to relax during the break and I look forward to seeing everyone back at Brewarrina Central School for what will be an exciting Term 2.

Take care, be safe and be ready for Term 2 that starts on Tuesday 20th April, 2021 for ALL students.

Best wishes,

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

Congratulations to all our students on achieving the PBL celebration! It was lovely to see all of the students recognised for being **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**. Thank you to the PBL team, particularly the organisers Mrs Trapman and Ms Moylan-McGuirk, Mrs Hertslet for catering and all the staff for the activities. A great team effort!

We have started this week with a puppet show funded by Outback Arts. The kids had a great time watching the performance by Jenny. The K-3 children loved the shadow puppet workshop and were very excited to take their creations home.

Also this week we have the Whole School Assembly and Easter Hat Parade. Ms Kitson and Mrs Turnbull have been very busy organising the Colouring competition and prizes for the Easter Hat Parade. We are looking forward to seeing lots of families at our celebrations, now that COVID restrictions have eased. Thank you to Ms Kitson and Mrs Turnbull for your organisation, and all the staff and students for the enthusiasm and efforts in producing awesome hats! Don't forget to check

out the school's FaceBook Page for all the photos. All the staff would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter. We hope the kids enjoy the holidays and that parents and carers find some time to relax. We will see you all next term on Tuesday 20th April.

Take care, Beck Williams

Secondary News

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations were completed in Week 8, and Half Yearly Reports will head out to families at the end of term.

Congratulations to Cameron Fox, in Year 7, who competed at the Regional Swimming Championships. Cameron went to Dubbo with his family, and came 4th in his race, the 50m Freestyle. He should be very proud of his efforts.

We currently do not have a staff member in High school to help manage the school Facebook page, so apologies if there has not been too much on there from our end this term. Teenagers, as you know, are also a very elusive bunch and we have had to devise a few sneaky ways of capturing them on camera (that is- when they aren't looking). In a busy day, sometimes it's hard- but we will continue to try our best as we know that our parents love to see what is happening across the school.

It has been great popping into classrooms and seeing some quality teaching and learning happening as the end of term approaches. It has been a challenging term, as students have found it difficult to follow some of the expectations and routines. Thankyou to parents and carers for their continued support of their children. As we move into Term 2, the PBL Focus will be Right Place Right Time. Students should ensure they come to class on time, and stay in class for the whole period.

We had a wonderful end to the term with the PBL Acknowledgement Day- all students K-12 were involved in a range of activities and enjoyed a lovely lunch. It was great to spend time with students in a positive way, and see both staff and students all so happy and relaxed. The relationships with our students are very important to us, so days like that are perfect to reflect on a busy term and focus on what Term 2 will bring.

A reminder as we head into next term and the cooler weather- jumpers and trackies need to be navy blue or black. Navy hooded jackets with the school logo can be purchased from the Front Office for \$30- they are good quality and they look fantastic.

Wishing all of our students and their families a happy and safe Easter. See you in Term 2!

Safe Respectful Learner awards:

Well done to these students for displaying our school values and having a go at school.

Darnell Heatherill

Cameron Fox

Janayah Dennis

Jazz Mako

Maddison Gordon

Serena Walford

Sarah Trapman



News from the PBL Team

It has been a very busy start to 2021 and the students have been working hard to demonstrate the values of being safe, respectful learners at Brewarrina Central School.

The PBL focus over the last few weeks has been 'following staff instructions'. The student's hard work has paid off and both high school and primary were able to fill their buckets with lots of PBL tokens. Well done!

To acknowledge the student's safe respectful behaviour, the staff provided students with a BBQ lunch and an afternoon of fun activities last week. It was a really enjoyable event for both staff and students.

Next term when we return, the PBL focus will be 'right place, right time'. Staff will be looking for students who return or transition to class on time and are staying safe by remaining in the designated playground areas.

The PBL Team wishes you a safe and happy break.



K1K News

K1K have had a wonderful term at Brewarrina Central School. They participated in the I Can program where they learnt a variety of games and skills to stay healthy and fit.

In literacy, Year 1 have been expanding sentences in more detail and using punctuation in their writing. Kinder have been busy learning their sounds to begin blending sounds for reading and writing independently.

K1K love participating in mathematics daily and have been learning about addition and subtraction. On Tuesday when they have Miss S, K1K have been learning about length and time.

All the students in K1K have worked hard this term and deserve a restful break with their families. I look forward to another great term when we return!

Miss Kitson



6A

6A have had a great first term at school!

Students have been engaging in a wide range of learning activities in the classroom and have been working on ensuring that we show upstanding behaviours as we are now the leaders of primary school.

Year 6 did an amazing assembly item for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. It was great to see their role plays that showed what students can do if they witness someone being bullied. It has really great to have on going conversations in class about respecting the rights of others.

Home readers have been handed out. I encourage every student to do some reading at home at night. Please make sure you sign off when a child has read. Homework will begin in term 2.

We have so many exciting things to look forward to this year and we can't wait!



 Happy Easter 

English Happenings,

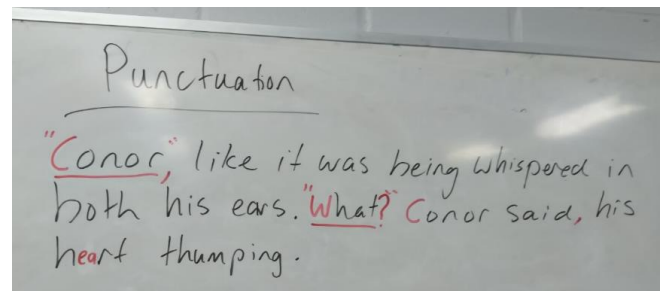
Term 1 2021.

English students in the high school are still settling in and understanding their strengths and areas for focus and development. With Easter just around the corner, they need to know that every lesson counts. Our PBL Focus across the school has been 'Following Instructions' with this supporting 'Classroom Expectations' that was our PBL Focus earlier in the year. Check-in and ask your child what the PBL Focus has been and what they think is the most important for their learning and engagement in the classroom.

English is the only mandatory subject in stage 6 for our year 11 and 12s. Year 12s are itching to get their schooling, "over already," as they say. I'm sure they will be missing us as soon as school finishes when they complete their 13th year! Alas, two terms to go until year 12 complete their HSC. However, our year 12s have just completed their half yearlies in week 8 and already have their eyes on the horizon.

Year 11 are well on their way with their participation in the Rural English Learning Exchange where we share our lessons with partner schools like Wellington, Ashford and other rural places. This is an exciting journey, especially since our students get to compare with other remote or rural schools. Let's expand their Brewarrina bubbles!

Each year our new year seven class study a unit called 'A Monster Calls' which allows them to experiment in critical and creative writing. We identify and work with various language techniques and devices such as punctuation, sentences, style and structure and study literacy in context. Below is an image of one of our works in progress. Punctuation task, where students have to hunt the hints such as where to use speech marks and other punctuation like questions marks that allow the reader to follow the story and meaning closely.



Students are concentrating on building their skills in vocabulary, sentence writing, and punctuation as well being confident in making creative decisions in their writing.

Year eight are writing a letter, biography, speech and a presentation for their summative assessment for their unit on 'Australian Heroes'. Each have chosen a different Australian Hero. See them in action below:



Our combined class for year 9-10 have been busy working on their media unit, studying how teenagers are portrayed in the media. They have analysed a range of media texts from the news to documentaries to see how different perspectives of teens are portrayed.

Looking ahead, we have 'Film By' visiting to revisit the local short documentary year nine last year were creating at the start of term two. Excitingly though, we could have ABC Heywire Remote Voices visiting towards the end of term two to visit our students and really hear their voices.

Year 9-10 exploring the new yarn circle as a way of a setting to explore their voices in context.



Cameron Fox – Year 7 - who came 4th in his event in the 12years 50m Freestyle at the recent Western NSW Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo – a great effort - Well done!!



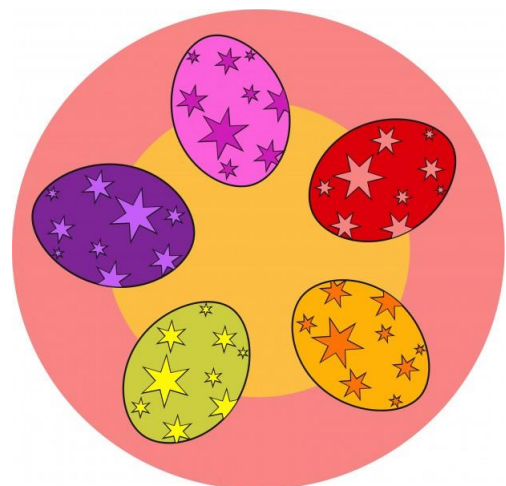
Australian Early Development Census

Between May and July 2021 Brewarrina Central School will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual throughout the data collection period, which will commence on 3rd May 2021.

The department seeks your consent to collect personal information about your child from our school, for the purposes of the AEDC.

If you consent to the collection of your child's information, you do not need to do anything. If you do not consent to the collection of your child's information, please contact Kathryn Simpson on- 02 6839 2186 before the 3rd May, 2021.



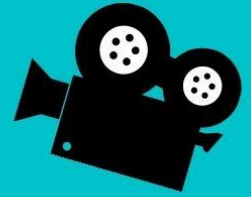
Whole School Assembly



BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS



SUNSET CINEMA



FUN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY



APR. 8TH- 6PM | SEP. 23RD-6PM | DEC. 16TH-7PM

Held on the bowling green at the Visitors Information Centre

**BYO BLANKET | CHAIRS | YOUR FAVORITE SNACKS | FAMILY
MOVIE | MOVIES TO BE ANNOUNCED | ALL AGES FRIENDLY |
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT |**



This is a drug and alcohol free event





Brewarrina Shire Council Youth Week 2021 *Together More than Ever*



DATE

ACTIVITY

For Ages 12-24 Years ONLY

TUES APRIL 13TH	<u>PCYC BBQ & Beats</u> - at the Community Hall, 6pm-9pm Canteen available, BBQ Dinner Provided
WED APRIL 14TH	<u>Comedy Workshops & Talent Quest</u> - Come along and take part in a comedy workshops at the youth centre 11am Start, Performance time:TBA
THURS APRIL 15TH	<u>Trip to Walgett Youth Week Event</u> - Permission Note Required, Limited Spaces, Leave 8am <u>Ladies Night</u> - Sexual Health Educational Workshop at the Youth Centre 6pm Start Dinner Provided
FRI APRIL 16TH	<u>Four Mile Fun Day</u> - Games, Rides, Relays, Sexual Health Education Activities, FUN FUN FUN, at the Fourmile, 11am Start
MON APRIL 19TH	<u>Mission Monday</u> - Fishing, Cooking, Yarns & Culture out at the Old Mission. Traditional Bread Making. Limited Spaces Leave 11am
TUES APRIL 20TH	<u>Oztag Comp</u> - at the Football Oval. BBQ Dinner Provided, and Give-Aways. Hosted By Clontarf 4pm-7pm
WED APRIL 21ST	<u>Movie Afternoon</u> - Blockers MA15 (Comedy), Dinner will be provided, Bus runs Available 5pm-9pm
THURS APRIL 22ND	<u>Youth Night In</u> - Icebreakers, Group Games & Educational Sessions. HAVE YOUR SAY, 6pm-9pm Dinner Provided
FRI APRIL 23RD	<u>Friday Cook Up</u> - At the Youth Centre. come along an make a delicious treat. Prize to be won, 3pm-6pm
SAT APRIL 24TH	<u>Yarn Up Night</u> - at the Fourmile. Camp Oven Dinner 6pm-10pm

| Bus Runs and Meals Provided | Prizes to be Won | Lots of Fun | 12 years + Only |



Drug & Alcohol FREE Events

Notice Board

- Last day of school is Thursday 1st April as it is the Easter Weekend
- School Holidays will commence 6th April.
- Staff return to school Monday 19th April
- All students Return Tuesday 20th April



*Happy Easter from
everyone at BLS.*

*We wish you all a safe
and happy holiday and
look forward to seeing
you all refreshed and
ready to learn next term.*