



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 2, Issue 2- 2021

Rehannah Russell becomes a member of DOVES –

Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools.

Last week Rehannah (Year 9) and Mrs Hertslet travelled to Sydney to join twenty six other students from across NSW as part of the inaugural Education Minister Sarah Mitchell's Student Voice Forum. The selected students had submitted a video application to the Minister's delegates and completed an interview process to be selected. Rehannah and two other students (Amelia Whyman – Wilcannia CS & Mia Nalder – Coonamble HS) will represent Connected Communities schools for the next two years.

Rehannah & Amelia presented the Acknowledgement to Country in Ngemba, Barkinji and English. Minister Mitchell was very impressed with their presentation and it was a highlight for her of the morning. Each student was presented with their badge of Office. We enjoyed morning tea with the Minister who chatted to all those present. A ferry ride back to Parramatta on a beautiful day and we were back into student workshops and high powered discussions.

During the afternoon both girls were interviewed by Josh from the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper, filmed with Jenetta Bates-Quinn from NITV and the following morning spoke by phone to Noni from 2WEB.

Rehannah will meet with the other students and face to face at least once per term over the next two years. During that time she will seek feedback on all things education and school to share with the Minister.



With The Honorable Sarah Mitchell –
Minister for Education



Acknowledgement to Country in Ngemba /
Barkinji and English



NITV interview with Jenetta Bates-Quinn



Nailing the 2WEB interview



Heading for home.....

Principal's News

We have now passed the mid-point of Term 2. There is so much happening at school and so much more to come. As I sit in the office looking over the playground, it is wonderful to see our students happily engaged in the I-CAN program with Michaela Skuthorpe. This program is run under the auspices of the IMF (Indigenous Marathon Foundation) and supported by the Brewarrina AMS. It promotes a healthy attitude to life through physical activity and team building. It recommenced after NAPLAN this term and the K-6 children are really enjoying it.

NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 went really well with all our students approaching the assessment seriously. It is important all our students are involved in NAPLAN and the Check in Assessments for Years 4, 6 and 8 as they provide teachers with information on where they are with their learning in all aspects of Literacy and Numeracy and provide guides to inform teaching.

Tutoring- COVID ILS (Intensive Learning Support) is happening at the school every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3 to 4pm. I would like to thank all the students who have been attending regularly. The staff involved have been providing quality programs to support the students overcome any learning gaps in Literacy and Numeracy and supporting students with the completion of any missed class work. I would encourage you to support your students' attendance at Tutoring as often as they can.

The Brewarrina Central Cross Country was held earlier in May. It was a glorious event held on a delightful autumn day. All the students who participated tried their best and over 30 Primary children made it to the District Cross Country which was also held at Brewarrina on yet another beautiful day. I would like to sincerely thank all the Brewarrina staff who were involved in the organisation of this very successful event. Miss Jessika Murphy and Miss Romana Moylan-

McGuirk oversaw the organisation assisted by many of our staff. Well done to all involved. The Regional Cross Country will be held in later in June in Geurie. We will have over 25 students eligible to participate. I wish all our students involved in the Regional all the very best and hope that they all achieve their personal best.

DOVES which is the student voices in the Department of Education developed by the Minister of Education and involving students from all over NSW met in Sydney in Week 5. Rehannah Russell was selected to be part of this group and used her voice to convey some of the challenges faced by students in rural and remote areas. She was accompanied by Mrs Hertslet, DP 7-12 on her trip to Sydney and both thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Student Voices at Brewarrina Central School is being facilitated by Mrs Turnbull by establishing a representative group of students who will be given the opportunity to voice their opinion on a range of matters impacting on students with a view to improving what happens at Brewarrina Central for all students.

National Reconciliation Week was celebrated at Brewarrina Central School with a number of in class learning activities and an excursion to the Brewarrina Yarning Circle down by the river for K-6 students. While they were there Aunty Jen and Miss Nicholls spoke to the children about their experiences and what Reconciliation means. Many of our classes have posted their work on the school's Facebook site and children have been given the opportunity to be involved in a Reconciliation Colouring Competition through Mission Australia.

Year 11 Half Yearly Exams are occurring this week. We wish all our Year 11 students the best in these exams. **Half Yearly Reports** for all students Kindergarten to Year 11 will be distributed in the final week of this term.

White Cards were completed by 15 students 15+ facilitated by Robinson College based in Broken Hill. This is an awesome achievement for these

students and I would like to thank Mrs Hertslet for her organisation.

Girls on Fire Camp was held over the last week and 13 girls from Years 7 to 10 participated. There were 32 girls in total with the other girls coming from Bourke, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. They were mentored by Emergency Services including the RFS, the Fire Brigade, the Department of Parks and Wildlife in a wide variety of activities. These services were supported by a myriad of other services including the SES and NSW Ambulance. It was an empowering and learning experience for all the girls involved. Congratulations to them all for taking on an unknown experience and taking the opportunity to learn new skills. I would also like to thank Miss Simone Murphy for supporting the students over the course of the weekend.

Beautification of Brewarrina Central School continues with decals on the playground showing the school's logo and motto, timetables, numbers and many more that you will notice when you visit the school. They have already been incorporated into outdoor learning activities and used by the children when they play.

Up Coming Events include:

- **BCS Athletics Carnival 16th June**
- **NAIDOC Celebrations Week 10, 21st June to 25th June**

Meanwhile all the usual teaching and learning continues with students engaged in a multitude of activities to enhance their learning. Please remember we are still operating with COVID safe procedures. We look forward to having you join us at the various events that are happening at the school in the near future. If have any concerns, please contact the school to speak with Miss Williams DP K-6 or Mrs Hertslet DP 7-12.

Best wishes,

Christine Grieves.

Infants/Primary News

Primary has been extremely busy over the past few weeks. Last week we hosted the District Cross Country Carnival. There were over 100 participants from schools across the district, including 32 from Brewarrina Central School. It was an awesome day! A big thank you to Ms Jessika Murphy and Ms Romana Moylan-McGuirk for their fantastic organisation. The event ran smoothly and it was great to see everyone give it a good go. Thank you also to all the staff and Clontarf for their support of the event including running the canteen, being on checkpoints and supervising students. 10 students have been successful in being selected for Regional Cross Country in Geurie and will receive notes very soon. Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day.

Last week we commemorated Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week by walking down to the weir park and listening to Aunty Jen and Ms Nicholls discuss Sorry Day and Reconciliation. The students then had morning tea and stood talking about the river and enjoying the sunshine. Years 5 and 6 will also be attending the Reconciliation BBQ hosted by services within the community to mark the importance of Reconciliation Week.

Tomorrow our K-2 students have been invited to attend Gainmara-Birrilee Preschool to launch the Aboriginal Children's Early Childhood Education Strategy. The Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell will be attending and this will be a great event to celebrate education within our community.

Coming up later in the term is NAIDOC celebrations, Outback Challenge (Football) in Bourke, Regional Cross Country and Brewarrina School Athletics Carnival plus more. So please

keep an eye out for any notes that go home or check our Facebook page for upcoming events.

We hope you have a great week and please feel free to call in or ring if you would like to discuss anything regarding your child.

Take care, Beck Williams

Secondary News

Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations are in Week 7. They essentially now only have 14 weeks left of the Preliminary course before moving into the HSC course. It is vitally important that they attend school every day in order to keep up with assessments and course content. Also, with the availability of tutoring after school Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, I encourage our Senior students to use the opportunity to get intensive support.

We have 21 Secondary students that qualified for Regional Cross Country- to be held in Geurie on the 9th June. Notes will be going home with students in the coming week. We wish all the students the best of luck.

Now that it is getting colder, students should ensure they wear appropriate clothing for the weather. School jacket hoodies are available for purchase from the Front Office. The uniform requires black or navy tracksuit pants.

Welcome to Uncle Dougie Gordon, as part of the Clontarf team supporting our boys.

The secondary girls were given the opportunity to participate in the Girls on Fire camp, and from all reports they had a fantastic time. Great to see.

The PBL focus for the next few weeks will be "Being prepared for learning"- Secondary students are expected to bring their own equipment to

school. Students show responsibility and that they are ready to learn when they have all they need. This includes a backpack, pens and books. Book packs are available at the Front Office for purchase. Students who come to school with nothing are showing that they do not intend to participate in learning. We have supplies at school to support students that have a genuine reason for not bringing their equipment. However, it is not a huge ask to bring required materials and it avoids a lot of unnecessary disruption to a class.

Our rule regarding footballs and scooters is still in place and over the past few weeks students have been very responsible. Scooters and bikes are to be placed in the Secondary Sports Store at the beginning of the day and students can collect them at 2:55. Footballs, and other balls, are not permitted during class time. They are collected at the beginning of the day, or students can leave them in the Clontarf Room or Secondary staffroom and they may use them at break times.

Safe Respectful Learner awards:

Week 4

Darnell Heatherill, Yma Morris, David Gibson & Tierah Nicholls

Week 5

Vanessa Vincent, Lara Bennett, Mythys Grant, Colin Gibson, Zeke Hardy, Sheree Morris, Liam Trapman & Jarcinta Bennett-Gibbs

Canteen vouchers

Kahleb Byno, Jessie-Maria Walsh, Matthew Barker, Jenette Boney & Steven Salt

Year 8 Check in and Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN



Students from Year 7,8 and 9 have recently completed assessments for their
Check-In or NAPLAN.

Most students made a good effort this year which was pleasing to see. You will
remember there was no NAPLAN in 2020 just a Check-in which has continued
for Yr 8 in 2021.



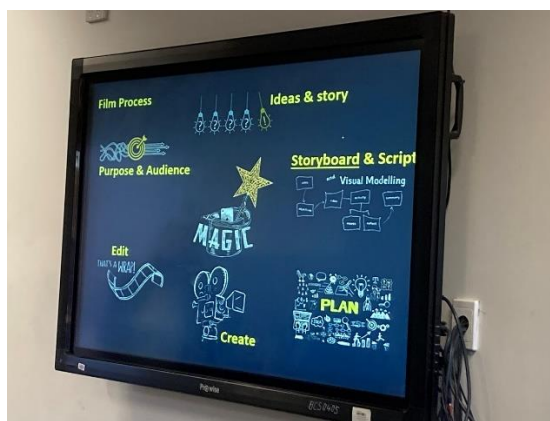
Secondary girls will have the opportunity to participate

in the Narran Lake Open Day on Friday 11 June 2021.

Keep an eye out for the Sign up Sheet to put your name down.

See Mrs Hertslet for any questions.

Visit by FilmBy.....with Glen & Karen



FilmBy – a DoE initiative visited us a few weeks ago – they made a presentation to students about media and film. The second day was spent at the Weir with 9 /10 English /PDHPE. Students made a short film which has been edited and will be entered in the competition “A day in the life....”

Glen & Karen will be back in term 3 to spend time with the students opposite who have expressed interest in learning more!!

District Cross Country



Congratulations to all our competitors at today's District Cross Country event! Thank you to all involved in organising and running the event, including our fantastic canteen team ❤️



Girls on Fire Camp

This camp has been a great opportunity for our girls.

Brewarrina Central School would like Thank all services involved especially Bronny Mackintosh and team and also Burra McHughes and team for organising this AMAZING experience!!!



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IPROWD (Dubbo) TAFE NSW Flexible Delivery

12th July – 24th December 2021
6 x 1 week residential blocks

Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways



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| Code | 10586NAT |
| Duration | 24 weeks |
| Cost | Fee Exemption for Eligible candidates apply |
| Location | Dubbo |

WHAT YOU CAN BE

The Indigenous Police Recruitment Our way Delivery Program (IPROWD) supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join the NSW Police Force or other Justice and Emergency Service Agencies.

Course outcomes include:

- Communication
- Information Technology
- Writing and Presenting Information
- Ethics and Workplace Responsibilities
- Aboriginal Studies
- An excursion to the NSW Police Academy, Goulburn, NSW.
- Support to reach the fitness levels required to meet the NSW Police Force Recruitment standards.
- Support with applications for Charles Sturt University, NSW Police Force or other Justice and Emergency Service Agencies.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be of Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander descent, and to self-identify and be accepted or known by your community. *(Proof of Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander may be requested)*
- Have no serious prior criminal history or serious driving offences. (All applicants must give approval for a basic Police screening to be conducted)
- Be a minimum age of 17 years 10 months at commencement of the course.
- Have or be able to obtain a NSW Driver's Licence.

Program Details: Flexible Delivery mode

Block 1 – 12th Jul – 16th Jul 2021
Block 2 - 9th Aug – 13th Aug 2021
Block 3 - 13th Sep – 17th Sep 2021
Block 4 - 11th Oct - 15th Oct 2021
Block 5 - 15th Nov – 19th Nov 2021
Block 6 – 13th Dec – 17th Dec 2021

READY TO BE BOLD?

Join our information session.

Contact Brooke O'Connor
Email Brooke.oconnor15@tafensw.edu.au
Phone 02 6883 3402 or 0438 638 490
Address TAFE NSW Myall St Dubbo Campus

Apply Now: www.tafensw.edu.au/iprowd



For the flexible delivery programs, if you reside more than 90 minutes from the training location and are ABSTUDY eligible, you may be eligible for support with travel, accommodation and meals via ABSTUDY Away from Base funding. If you would like further information, email awayfrombase@tafensw.edu.au

RTO 90003. Terms and conditions may apply.
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Notice Board

Dates for the Term

- 31st May–4th June– Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
 - 9th June– Regional Cross Country
 - 16th June– Athletics Carnival
- 21st–25th June– NAIDOC Celebrations
 - 25th June – School Holidays

Reminder

Parents/Carers

DON'T Forget COVID ILS Tutoring is still happening. Please remind your child/children to stay at school on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday for extra tuition. It's a great chance for your child to catch up on some things they may have missed whilst being at home during the COVID restrictions.