



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 4, Issue 1- 2021



Welcome Back



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Principal's News

Yaama,

Welcome back to term 4. The finish line for 2021 is in sight!

Another term brings another change of Principal. As a new set of eyes, it is fantastic to see such an amazingly supportive community of parents and carer, school staff and students. Having been around several different schools over my career I am extremely privileged to be leading Brewarrina Central School for the remainder of the year.

The progress around gaining a substantive Principal is progressing and hopefully the panel can identify a successful candidate from the latest advertisement. This process is in its final stages and a result should be known in the coming weeks. The new Principal is then likely to start fresh at the beginning of next year.

The school was pleased to welcome back students from the beginning of this term after an interrupted Term 3 due to Covid and the stay-at-home orders implemented by the NSW government. We are hopeful that we continue to have students at school for the remainder of the year and some of the restrictions around visitors can be lifted, however, these things are unfortunately out of the school's control.

At the current moment Brewarrina Central School is operating at level 3 restrictions which means

- Masks are mandatory for all staff and high school students in classrooms and other indoor settings.
- Visitors are restricted to essential visitors
- QR Code Sign In required by all visitors
- Unfortunately, the following things are restricted including-

- Assemblies
- Sport (Except for organised PDHPE classes)
- School performances
- Excursions
- Community events (fetes, grandparents' days etc.)
- Playgroups
- P&C activities, including meetings (unless held online only)
- All external providers and specialist programs not directly related to educational outcomes and support, including Community Use of School Facilities (such as markets and all after school activities) unless delivered online only

This has some impact on the day to day operations of the school, however the staff are working hard to maintain as much normality for students as possible. We appreciate the support that the community has offered throughout the start of this term.

As more information comes to hand we will update the community through our social media pages and other correspondence.

Looking forward to a fantastic end of 2021 with lots of positive engagement and learning throughout Brewarrina Central School.

Stay Safe and Take care,

Shane Garnett
Rel. Executive Principal

Infants/Primary News

Yaama! Term 4 is starting to get away on us and before we know it Christmas will be here! Welcome to Mr Shane Garnett our new relieving Executive Principal, and Ms Angela Braid and Mrs Valerie Devlin who are both joining us as Relief teachers to cover staff absences. We hope you all enjoy your time at Brewarrina Central School!

It has been wonderful to have students back on site and they have been making great efforts to get back into the routine after such a long absence. The staff are asking that all students bring back their 'Learning from home booklets' so they can have a look at them for future planning. The students can return the books even if they haven't been attempted or are partially completed, and they will get a chocolate to say thank you.

This term you may receive a phone call from Aunty Lesley in regards to attendance. Each day Aunty Lesley will go through the daily absence sheet and call families to ask why their child is absent. This is an initiative we are using to cut down on unexplained absences, and to also give families an opportunity to have a discussion about ways we can help kids come to school. We offer Breakfast Club each morning and Aunty Kimmy will be doing a 'Cook up' one day each week. Clontarf also have regular cook ups for Academy members. Our canteen is open daily and if a child forgets their lunch or needs a feed then we have 'Emergency lunches'. Sometimes kids say they can't come to school because they need new shoes and can't get to Dubbo. The school sells uniforms including shoes so that everyone can attend and not miss out on learning. Being at school is really important and we would like to work with you to make sure all kids have an opportunity to learn.

In Week 5 we will be having our Book Week parade. All K-6 classes will be involved and we will be livestreaming it on Facebook, as we did last

year. Further details will be going home soon. Thank you to Ms Kitson and Ms Akunyare for their organisation!

COVID tutoring has started again this term and will be going until the end of Week 7. Thank you to all the participating staff for providing this opportunity for our kids and to the families who encourage them to come.

K-6 are currently trialling a new way of doing Bus Lines. This has been going very well and there has been a vast improvement in the way children interact with each other on the way to the buses and the crossing area. All children who are crossing the road are expected to cross via the pedestrian crossing, which is overseen by a staff member. Parents and carers are encouraged to park in Young Street so that children are not required to cross the road, and there is more space for parking.

Finally, we were very sad to say goodbye to three staff during Lockdown. Ms Nicholls has retired from her permanent position at BCS to spend time with her family. Ms Nicholls has been at the school for many years and she will be greatly missed by everyone. We are hoping that she will come back to do some casual work in the very near future. Ms Kitson has moved to Sydney to follow her passion of Special Education. Her class were very sad when they got back to school and she was not here to greet them. Mr Hall has returned to his position in Armidale and we would like to thank him for his time as Executive Principal at BCS. He guided us through an unsettled term with his sense of humour, level head and vast experience and we hope he will come back and visit soon. We wish Ms Nicholls, Ms Kitson and Mr Hall all the best for the future!

Secondary News

Welcome back to all our students! It has been so great to see everyone return. Staff are working hard to support students as they make their return to face to face learning. It will take some time to get used to the routines again, but everyone is trying their best and it has been wonderful to see smiles on students faces. We also welcome Ms Braid and Ms Develin, who are our new day-to-day casuals for the rest of term.

Year 7 and 8 students have resumed the intensive online tutoring sessions- small groups of one hour blocks on Mondays and Thursdays. This term, the Year 9 and 10 students are also participating in the tutoring, on Tuesdays and Fridays. This program is highly supported by the school as a valuable resource to help our students learning, especially since they have missed a lot of school in the past few months through no fault of their own. A reminder that students can also access the after school tutoring for an hour Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays.

We are asking all secondary students to adhere to the NSW Health expectations that all students 7-12 must wear masks at school. This may change in the future, but at the moment it is vital for us all to follow these expectations so we are safe and we keep our community safe.

This term the whole school PBL focus is LEARNERS- this term we will be working with students to develop skills needed for effective learning- such as organisation, being prepared, inclusivity, being creative and developing study skills. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared to learn- with a backpack, books and materials. These are available to purchase from the Front Office.

Some of our regular Term 4 programs will look a little different this term, due to restrictions in place. We will try as hard as we can to make experiences valuable and positive for all.

Please contact the school if you would like to discuss your child and their learning.

Mrs Trapman

Head Teacher



Secondary Students return to school for Term 4

Welcome back everyone. It has been great to see almost all students return to BCS and into class. The majority of students have settled back into our school routines really well. Unfortunately, there are a small number who are having some issues with being back in the school routine but hopefully the next few days will see everyone happy & settled.

It is time to get back into uniform – students look great in our uniform. Please support your students to be wearing their white school polo or Clontarf shirt with black shorts and covered shoes and socks.

Tights (long or short) and short shorts ARE NOT part of BCS uniform. Students dressed inappropriately will be taken home to get changed.

A few more reminders to get good routines happening:

Attend every day on time and return from recess & lunch on time

Come with a backpack with all the equipment you need for the day

Use your YONDR phone pouch for phones/earpods etc. (having your phone in your pouch reduces distractions, disruptions, social media use and allows you to concentrate in class). Parents & carers – we need your support with this – if you need to contact your student the front office will take your calls (02 68392186) and pass on a message.

Be in school uniform and be proud of our school

It would be great if students could also return their Learning From Home booklets to their teachers – who will look at them and provide feedback. This will help us to continue supporting students with their learning.

If our school should have to go into a snap lockdown situation (due to Covid in our community) we will continue with Learning From Home booklets which will be delivered. Teachers already have these resources prepared.

Year 12 2021 HSC

Congratulations and well done to our students who have completed their schooling after 13 years. We are now waiting for the HSC exams to start on 9th November 2021.

Congratulations to Kieran Boney, Steven Salt, Clayton Walsh, Lara Bennett, Chloe Gordon and William Dennis. Completion of school is a very big achievement and we wish the students well in their future. They will be farewelled at our school Presentation Day in December.

Apply for the 2022 **Regional Youth Taskforce** and make a difference in your community

The Regional NSW Youth Taskforce is a Ministerial advisory group that advises the Minister for Regional Youth on issues that affect young people living in regional NSW. The Taskforce provides young people from all corners of rural and regional NSW with a unique opportunity to meet with government and inform decision making that will have flow-on benefits for their peers, communities and hometowns.

The Taskforce is comprised of 18 diverse members, aged 12-24, with two members representing each of NSW's nine regions. The Taskforce will meet four times throughout the year either online or in person. Travel costs and accommodation will be covered for Regional Youth Taskforce members travelling across NSW for meetings.

The Taskforce is an initiative by the Deputy Premier and Office for Regional Youth, headed by the State's first-ever Minister for Regional Youth, the Hon. Bronnie Taylor. The Office for Regional Youth is responsible for delivering a broad range of strategic programs to address regional youth issues and ensure young people have every opportunity to live, work and thrive in regional NSW.

If you want to make a difference to your community, we encourage you to apply. Being part of the 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce connects young people and will engage you on issues such as entering the workforce, mental health and public transport in the regions. The Taskforce will provide you with the ability to influence important decisions the Government makes on these topics and many more.

Applications are open now and close at midnight Sunday 21 November 2021 and young people aged 12-24 from regional areas are eligible to apply. The third Taskforce will be appointed from January 2022 until 31 December 2022.

To find out more or apply, visit nsw.gov.au/RegionalYouthTaskforce. or see Mrs Hertslet for more [information](#).



Student Voice Committee

Welcome back to classroom learning! What a busy, different, unusual and unpredictable term 3. At our last meeting in Term 3 (the day before lockdown was announced), the Student Voice Committee assisted with the planning of the Bre Central Olympics. Unfortunately, due to the Covid Lockdown, we were unable to run the event. There were many excited representatives practising their lines, assisting staff prepare the equipment, booklets, and food preparation to name a few. I can't wait until the Committee is back and in full swing.

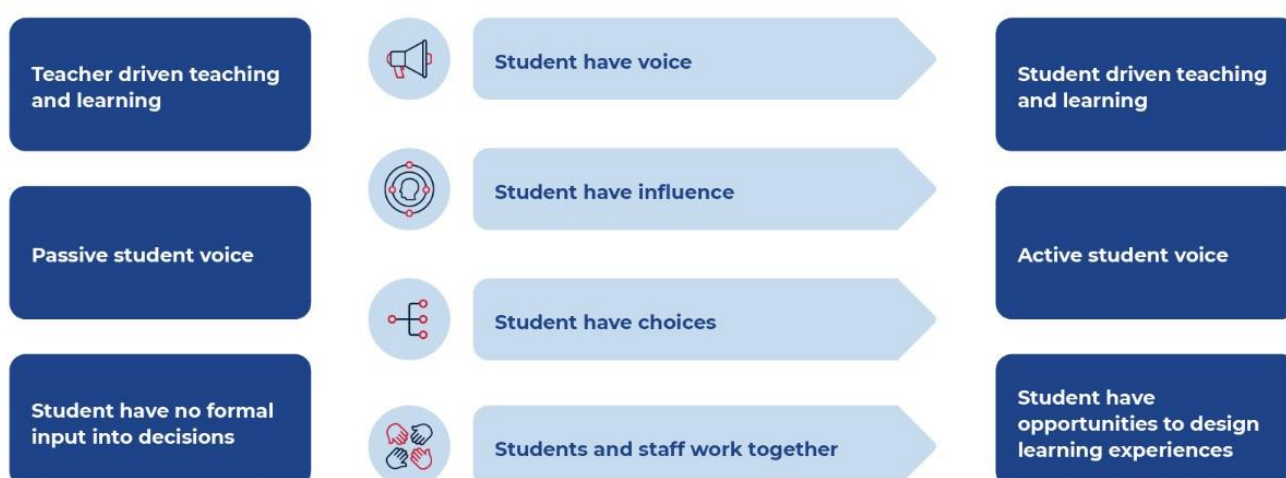
From week 3 this term students will once again have their meetings where, as a team they will be going through the processes of a Student Council and plan for a few activities they can host, fundraise, and assist with for the remainder of the term. Due to current restrictions some of their original ideas will have to be changed or pushed back until the restrictions ease again. Meetings are held during the Lunchtime break and food/ drinks are provided for the students.

Thank you,

Mrs Turnbull

SVC Co-ordinator

Student voice, participation and leadership in NSW schools

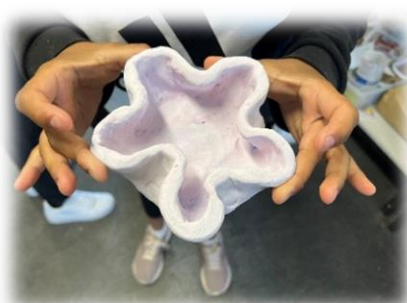


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YEAR 4 VISUAL ARTS CLASS with Ms Symons



Year 7 Visual Arts- Ceramics



Positive Behaviour for Learning

(PBL)

Focus Weeks 2 & 3- Organisation

Ongoing focus all term is LEARNERS PBL lessons are delivered in class every week to teach students the expected behaviour.

Positive behaviour is then reinforced through our school-wide token system and in-class rewards systems.

It is important for all students to be at school every day for their learning- academically, socially and emotionally. It is expected that when at school, students are timely in returning to class after breaks. This fortnight through PBL lessons, students will be learning about how to be organised as a learner.



Students can be organised for school in a number of ways:

- Being on time to school and back to class after breaks
- Having their learning equipment ready
- Dressed in uniform
- Making sure they have everything they need for the school day ahead of time

- Help your friends be organised too and follow the expectations together

By following our school expectations, students are showing they are organised and ready to learn. School runs on set times and structured learning and play times. When everyone follows this, it allows for maximum learning time and maximum fun.

Gidgee the Goanna says “Give it a go!” and we love to see all our students going their best to display our school values of SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



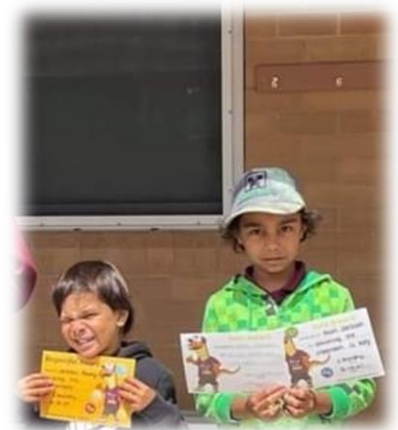
Year 2 News

Year 2 have had a busy start back to Term 4!

In English, students are currently writing their own poems. We have been writing an acrostic poem on water safety at the river and pool. Students did a great job presenting their posters at the week 2 assembly. This week we have been looking at the Dreamtime Story, *Tiddalick the Frog*, and created our own Haiku poems.

In Maths, we are using a new online program, Splash Maths.

Students have been loving doing more of their learning activities



Year 3

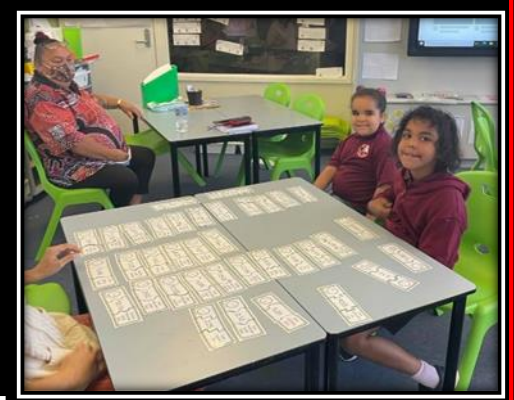
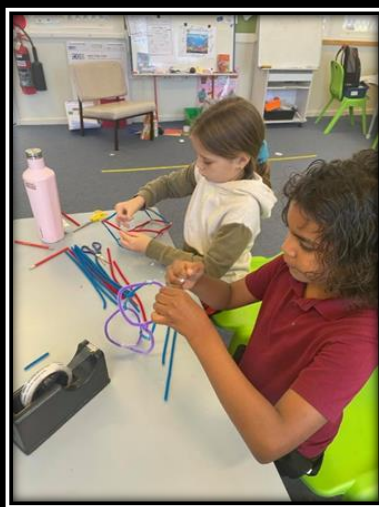
Year 3 have had a fabulous start to Term 4.

In Writing, we are focussing on persuasive texts! We have written to persuade people to think that 'Learning from home is better than learning at school, and that 'Learning at school is better than learning at home.'

In maths we are doing lots of work on our times tables. Year 3 know that multiplication is just repeated addition. We have been working super hard and solving all the problems correctly!

Last term we did Drama for Creative Arts. This term we are doing Art. Students love using the paints and diluting the water. They can use different colours to represent different temperatures!

Year 3 are lucky enough to still be doing PDHPE lessons with Year 2. We are learning about water safety this term, so that we are prepared for summer!



School Photos at BCS

As Brewarrina Central School is operating under Level 3 restrictions we are not allowed to have visitors on site (this includes parents / carers/ school photographers etc)

School photos for 2021 are postponed until further notice.



Dates for the Term

Book Week Parade – 3rd November 2021

Mid Term Break (Enterprise Weekend) - 5th November to 8th November 2021

Presentation Day – 8th December 2021

Last Day for Students - 16th December 2021

Staff Development Day – 17th December 2021