

# Brewarrina Central School News

Term 4, Issue 2- 2021

# Welcome

# Kindergarten 2022

























New Kinders for 2022 had a productive day of learning.

They enjoyed being at school and engaging with K-1 students.



# Principal

Yaama,

Week 7 at Brewarrina Central School and the end of year is drawing closer.

Staff are busy organising the end of year activities including presentations, student reports and finalising the school planning documentation and Annual reports.

Already we have had the Clontarf Awards afternoon, congratulations to all those who received awards, it was a great celebration of student achievement at Brewarrina Central School. All students enjoyed the afternoon, and the staff present were suitably impressed with the student behaviour and attire.

Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 restrictions still have some impacts on the operations of the school. Including restrictions of visitors to events such as presentation days.

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.
- Fully vaccinated visitors such as volunteers, allied health partners and other external providers, and nonschool-based Department of Education staff – are allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations that maintain student cohort

QR code sign ins are required by all visitors+

We will continue to notify you of any updates as they come to hand.

On the upside, the school photos have been rescheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> November, whilst it is a quick turnaround these are obviously an important marker in the school year. Which we did not want to miss the opportunity to celebrate in pictorial style. Hopefully, this is enough notice for families to coordinate around.

As we near the end of the year with the warmer weather, we know that some families will be looking to take some holidays away from Brewarrina. Whilst we believe that Brewarrina Central School is the best place for the young people in our community, if you are looking to take some time away could you please discuss this with the school prior to you leaving. This way we can put in place things to support the learning needs of all students.

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

Welcome to our Kinderstart students and good luck to our Year 6 students! Transition has started for both groups this week and we wish them all the best!

Over the last few weeks we have had our Book Parade, which was a wonderful success. The kids had a great time and many thanks to the staff and families for organising costumes. Thank you to Ms Akunyare for her organisation of the parade.

Aunty Sue and Aunty Rebecca have been holding a Book Fair in the Library. Students have been saving up their money and buying posters, books and novelty pens. Thank you to everyone for supporting Book Fair and the school Library.

Swimming starts this week for Years 2 to 4. Students are expected to bring their swimmers and towel plus a plastic bag to put their wet swimmers in. Pool entry is free and the pool canteen will be open for students to purchase snacks or a drink.

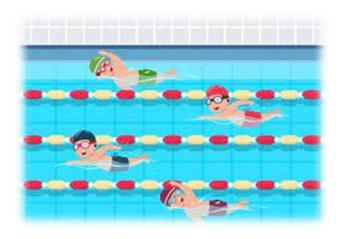
As we are moving through the term it is really important that we all work together to support student success and upholding the school values of being SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS. Inappropriate language has been making its way into school and is impacting the learning, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff. It would be great if we could all send the same message to our kids – SWEARING IS NOT OKAY! Families will be contacted if this continues, to work on a plan to ensure everyone is safe and learning.

Our Year 6 Farewell is coming up. Invitations will be going out soon and we look forward to celebrating their time as Primary students!

Have a great fortnight! Take care,

**Beck Williams** 







## **Secondary News**

Hard to believe we now moving into the second half of Term 4 and talking about Christmas! Even though my children have been talking about Christmas since August, haha.

Students have continued to settle back into the routines of school, and despite some minor issues around being on time and focusing on work, it is pleasing to see how resilient our students can be after such a challenging time. We are currently still operating under Level 3 restrictions, and students are still required to wear masks in class. This may change- indeed, it could have changed by the time this newsletter goes to print. It is therefore important to keep up to date through the school Facebook page and NSW Health.

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. Effective learning happens when students are on time to class- we expect all our students to return on time after breaks and to be at school ready for learning at 8:45. We have an Attendance Team that monitors attendance. If you need support getting your child to school, please reach out.

Year 6 to 7 Transition is to begin in Week 7this year it will go for three weeks and give
our future Year 7 students a taste of what to
expect in high school next year. This is
always a highly anticipated program for the
students, and we are pleased to be
welcoming them into the Secondary
Department and hope they find the
experience enjoyable, so they look forward to
next year. More information will go home to
parents towards the end of the year regarding
what students will need when they start high
school.

Our Year 12 students have now officially begun their Higher School Certificate Examinations. We wish them all the best for their success.

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

Mrs Trapman

Head Teacher



# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Weeks 6 & 7- Inclusion

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.

This fortnight through PBL lessons, students will be learning about how to be inclusive of others. This is important for all students to get equitable access to learning.

Inclusion is ... A sense of belonging; Feeling respected, valued and seen for who we are.

Teachers are able to differentiate their lessons so that all students feel included. But it is also an important life skill for all students to know how to include others and make them feel valued and respected. Every student is an individual. Every student has strengths and weaknesses and by working together, they can build on their strengths while also helping others to build up theirs.

By following our school expectations, students are showing they are ready to learn. By including everyone, it makes lessons, learning and play all the better!

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 approaches, it is important students continue to come to school to fit in as much learning time as possible before the holidays. Especially given the amount of learning missed during the lockdown, we want to see all of our students at school every day. And if there is a barrier for students in getting to school, let us know and we will do what we can to help.

We also have an awesome end of year PBL celebration coming up in a few weeks' time and hope to see all students there.

The following students have been recognised as Safe Respectful Learners this week:

Nathaniel Nixon

Faris Tawfik-Townsend

Liam Trapman

Kahu Mako

**Teirah Nicholls** 

Yma Morris

Vanessa Vincent

Lauren Gordon

Well done to these students for displaying our school values.



# Attendance reward for weeks 7, 8, 9 & 10

# For ALL students who have at least 80% attendance each week

Want a FREE prize or

treat every Friday?

# Easy!

- 1. Be at school and in class before 8:55am
- 2. Be At school for least 4 out of the 5 days each week

### **ATSIMA Staff Training**

ATSIMA training has started at B.C.S. The Aboriginal math training up skills Aboriginal staff, teachers and executives across the school using storytelling and symbols underpinned by culture and community. Staff will use Aboriginal resources and knowledge learnt from the course to engage students in maths lessons within their own classroom setting.



Staff enjoyed using examples supplied by the ATSIMA team and then collaborating to make relevant activities for our students.

This is an ongoing project supported by Connected Communities and the Department of Education.

Cheers,

Miss S.







# Clontarf Award Night 2021













#### **Student Voice**

What a busy few weeks! The team have been busy planning and acting on a few issues identified by students, including ensuring the constant supply of toilet tissues and hand soap. We now have 4 Primary monitors checking the bathrooms throughout the day to ensure they are kept tidy and well stocked. They have also met with Mr Garnett twice to discuss potential strategies to ensure the bathrooms are always sticked. Well done guys!

Our team have also been discussing and started the planning a few wellbeing whole school activities and rewards. We have also had weekly volunteers assisting Aunty Kimmy with her Morning Tea's, whom have been a major help with these! Our meetings are still held fortnightly and there has been an increase in attendance of Student Voice Representatives which is great to see. The team have been learning some of the many processes of meetings and how to act on identified issues and ideas they have. 2021 has had its many challenges due to COVID but our team are taking it in their stride and working together with the vision to make our school the best it can be.



Mrs Turnbull

**Student Voice Coordinator** 

### **REVAMPED ARTROOM**

to make art we love

Tierah Nicholls, Yma Morris, Lauren Gordon and Vanessa Vincent from Year 7 all pitched in to clean out and up the Art room which had been messed up in the name of making great art that morning (Wednesday 10th November) and they did a superb job. Thank you, girls!



Left to right: Vanessa Vincent, Yma

Morris, Lauren Gordon and Tierah Nicholls show how it should be done.

# Notice Board





### **Dates for the Term**

Presentation Day - 8th December 2021

**Last Day for Students - 16th December 2021** 

Staff Development Day – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Calling all Services, Organisations, Business owners, Industries and Career Paths to submit an EOI via email or call to attend Brewarring's first ever By attending this youth careers pathways expo you will give our local youth the opportunity to consider their future and interact with various avenues of employment, training and/or further education while exploring and connecting with organisations, businesses and industries. Expected Date: Tuesday 5th April 2022 ALL EOIS MUST BE EMAILED AND CONFIRMED BY 1/03/2022 If interested in participating

Contact: Danielle - Email: cdo@brewarrina.nsw.gov.au or Call: (02)68305137

Together we can help our Future Leaders choose the right path for them.



Brewarrina Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

#### **2022 OFFICE BEARERS**

President-David Kirby Vice President-Morris Sullivan Secretary-Danielle Boney Treasurer-Kelsie Lovett Delegates: Dianne Hardy, Deiann Kennedy Congratulations to Everyone

2022 Meeting Dates: To Be Advertised

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