



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term 4, Issue 3- 2021*



## Year 6 Farewell



# Principal's News

Yaama,

Term 4 and 2022 is coming to a close, what an eventful year for Brewarrina Central School!

The beginning of the year started with the promise of moving past the Covid Pandemic, this wasn't long lived as Brewarrina found out in July with the lockdown of the state, learning from home became a new way of functioning again. The staff, students and community showed immense resilience and perseverance to work through this difficult time. The work produced by most students remained of a high standard and for that we thank our families for their support.

Term 3 also led to a change of leadership as Brewarrina Central School goodbye Ms Grieves from her Principalship at BCS and welcomed Mr Mark Hall who would lead the school for the term and implemented some positive projects such as The Aunties program, whilst focusing on supporting the staff to have a deeper understanding of the Strategic Improvement Plan developed in 2020.

Term 4 again brought a change of Leadership as Mr Hall returned to his substantive position within the Department. I have been extremely proud to have led this school throughout the past 11 weeks. The students and community have a lot to be proud of in this school. There are a number of programs that will be in effect from 2022 including the implementation of the MultiLit program to support our students with literacy

development, the planning for implementation of a Girls Academy, the Positive Pathways program that has been developed with the partnership between the school and the youth centre in preparation for Youth Week 2022 and, hopefully, an ongoing collaborative partnership with Brewarrina Shire to support the transition of students from school to work.

The search for an Executive Principal for Brewarrina Central School continues and whilst it is a challenging time for the school with the constant revolving door of Principals. It is essential that the panel take the time to ensure they get the right person in the position for the long-term sustainability of the school and support of the community.

I would like to take this final opportunity to thank all the staff, students and community for the support they have offered me over the past term and wish you all the very best for the Christmas break and for 2022, as outlined above there is much to look forward to for the school and wider community.

Have a Merry Christmas and stay safe!!!

Shane Garnett

## Infants/Primary News

We are in the final week of school for 2021 and things are not slowing down! Yesterday we had our PBL celebration to recognise all the student's efforts for being SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS. It was a lovely day at the pool with delicious food cooked by Aunty Julie. Everyone had a great time and thank you to the PBL team for your organisation.

K/1 Intensive swimming has come to an end. A big thank you to Ms Austin for instructing our students at swimming lessons and thank you to Miss S for taking Year 3 so it could happen. The students have made wonderful progress and have learnt valuable skills.

Congratulations to all the students who were recognised at the Presentation Day. Our new school captains for 2022 are Sanaa Kirby and Adam Ford. The Vice Captains are Jazmin Smith and Jharal Jackson. All of the Year 5 children did a great job writing their speeches and everyone should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Trapman for organising another lovely Presentation Day and well done to the students who were very respectful throughout the whole assembly.

Last week we had our Year 6 Farewell. It was an awesome afternoon at the pool with families. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are hoping this will become a tradition. The kids all looked lovely and after lunch all had a great time in the pool. Ms Rae, Aunty Raelene, Aunty Christine and Aunty Jenine all did a wonderful job organising and setting up food and decorations. Thank you also to Uncle Charlie and Uncle Doug for cooking the barbecue.

We are saying farewell to a number of staff in Primary. Ms Rae and Ms Morgan will be moving to new schools closer to their homes.

We also say farewell to Ms Braid and Mrs Devlin, who have been taking classes in Primary throughout Term 4. Mr Garnett and Jeremy will also be returning to the coast, closer to their families. Thank you from all of the staff and students at BCS for your time here and good luck at your new schools!

Have a very Merry Christmas from all of the staff at BCS. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a safe, relaxing break. I look forward to catching up with kids in the holidays at the pool!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Take care,

Beck Williams





## Secondary News

### Secondary News - 2021 - End of the Year

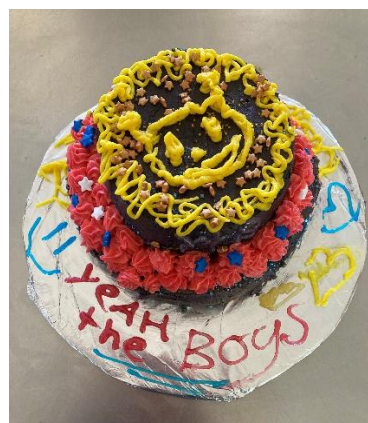
Welcome to our last newsletter of 2021. The year has flown by at an amazing pace and as always Term 4 has been very, very busy with quality teaching & learning happening in our classrooms, acknowledgement of student achievements, development & writing of student reports and planning celebrations that the end of the school year brings.

HSC exams have been completed. Five students from BCS prepared for the exams which were delayed by covid. **Congratulations to Kieran Boney, Lara Bennett, William Dennis, Chloe Gordon, Steven Salt & Clayton Walsh who completed their schooling at BCS and receive a HSC.**

2021 has seen a number of changes in staffing in our secondary department – some of those staff are leaving us at the end of the term – thank you for your work at BCS and best wishes for the future – Suellen Symons, James Peterson, Val Devlin, Angela Braid and Shane Garnett.

Year 6 have recently experienced a great **transition to secondary** school and teachers presented wonderful learning experiences for them over the three weeks of the program.

Year 9 & 10 have been busy cake decorating in **Food Technology.**



During Term 3 & 4 students have participated in **on-line tutoring** – delivered via Teams to support students through the Covid intensive learning support program – we are fortunate that – along with many other western schools we will be able to continue to support our students in this initiative in 2022.

As everyone is aware covid has interfered with onsite learning at school however all staff and students made the best of the situation and continued to provide great support with learning and through regular wellbeing check-ins. **Final reports** have been prepared and will be available at the end of term. All our learning in 2021 has been considered in preparing our end of year reports.

**RUOK and Battyr** - both organisations look after our mental health – students in Yr. 9 & 10 recently participated in a zoom presentation from Battyr and RUOK provided a pack of goodies including footy socks, drink bottle, stickers, keyring etc. As we were in lockdown during RUOK it was important to revisit the need for good mental wellbeing for all of us.



**Presentation Day** – another great opportunity to highlight the great things that happen at our school and acknowledge the students who make an effort in the whole school year. Mrs Trapman once again presented a highly organised event. There were some awards were not able to be presented due to the impact of covid however it was great to see so many students acknowledged for their work in 2021. Well done.



### Getting ready for 2022

Our planning for 2022 will support all secondary students to engage positively with their learning. All students will have the use of a new laptop every day at school – we have purchased one per students along with headphones. At the start of each school day there will be a process in place to collect their technology and the same at the end of the day to place their laptop in the charging station ready for the next day. At the beginning of the school year there will be an Agreement to sign outlining expectations of use and care of their laptop. Each student will also receive a backpack, bookpack, calculator, student diary and a Yondr pouch to ensure ALL students always have the required equipment for every class.

In 2022 BCS secondary department will again be a phone free zone – this year we introduced Yondr pouches – the interruption of covid caused some issues with them however the expectation in 2022 is that they will be fully integrated into our wellbeing

and behaviour policy. Any student who destroys their Yondr pouch will be expected to pay for a replacement. The pouch works by placing all phones, earbuds / earphones etc into the pouch – locking it – keeping it in your backpack and unlocking it at the end of the school day. As all students will have their laptop, phones won't be needed to find information, use as a calculator etc.

## A PHONE-FREE SHOW

### HOW THIS WORKS



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#### CASE

As you enter the venue, your phone will be placed in a Yondr case.



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#### LOCK

Once inside, the case will lock. You'll keep your phone throughout the show.



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#### UNLOCK

To use your phone, tap it on any unlocking base in the lobby.

**2022**

***School Captain***

**Savannah Gordon**

**2022**

***Vice-Captain***

**Dylan Rosser**

### 2022 School Captains

Last week it was a pleasure to listen to the speeches by the students who nominated for School Captain – putting yourself forward to speak in front of your peers and teachers is a huge step out of your comfort

zone. Both students wrote a speech that reflected themselves and their qualities.



Students (including Year 6 who will be Year 7 next year) & staff voted and at our Presentation Day our school leaders for 2022 were announced. Congratulations to 2022 School Captain – Savannah Gordon and Vice-Captain – Dylan Rosser. Both students will be fantastic leaders of our school and we wish them well in the role.

As we move into the last week of the school year, our secondary department express our condolences to the Hammond, Gordon, Hardy families on their recent loss.

We look forward to seeing all our secondary students back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Please seek support if you need it through all the agencies that are available to help and stay safe with the coming flood waters.

Best wishes and take care out there.

Kath Hertslet

Deputy Principal



## Secondary News

Things never seem to slow down, and we are all busy in the Secondary Department engaging our students as the end of the year closes in on us.

Year 6 to 7 Transition has now concluded. The Secondary teachers have had great enjoyment helping the Year 6 students get a taste of high school.

End of year reports for Years 7-10 will be out the mail by the end of term. It was great reading through them and seeing the feedback from teachers on how students can improve on their learning next year. The reports did highlight a common theme- the importance of attending school, and class, regularly. There have been many challenges this year, with the lockdown and trying to get our students back into the expectations and routines of school. This has been especially so for our HSC students, who sat their exams at a later date, but they got through it and completed their schooling. We wish them all the best as they move onto their next phase of life.

A massive thankyou to our students, as well as our dedicated and hardworking staff this year. Our secondary team is so fortunate to have the ongoing support of Clontarf, the Executive, parents and the community. We also have a number of staff leaving us and there will be new faces next year, which brings an element of excitement and enthusiasm for what we can achieve.

On behalf of the secondary staff, I wish all our families a happy and safe holiday period, and hope that your Christmas is filled with love and joy. See you all in 2022.

Mrs Trapman



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At our school we are
<b>Safe</b>
<b>Respectful</b>
<b>Learners</b>

Everyone is excitedly looking forward to the PBL Pool Day coming up. In 2022, the PBL team have many things we want to achieve. Thank you to a fantastic PBL Team, who are so dedicated and committed to improving practices and processes to support staff and students.

In 2021, all staffed were given ongoing professional learning in the foundations of PBL and understanding behaviour. This included training on trauma-informed practice. Staff also participated in the development of lessons and a scope and sequence that examines our core values of Safe Respectful Learners. We have a Behaviour and Wellbeing Policy that reflects the expectations that we have in our school and supports staff to ensure consistency of managing behaviour. We have a turnover in staff next year, so our aim is to ensure the maintaining of delivering professional learning that is relevant to our school context.

The PBL team has also been instrumental in the development of initiatives to increase attendance, improve classroom learning environments and the wellbeing of all students. 2021 also bought the introduction of the Student Voice Council which has been developing under the guidance of Mrs Turnbull.

A fantastic opportunity for our students to build their leadership skills and represent their peers as voice for change in our school.

The team looks forward to 2022 and wishes all students, staff and their families and very merry Christmas.





## Art News

Wayne Smith has created a wonderful series of paintings for the art room throughout 2021 on both sides of our COVID lockdown. He has maintained a high work ethic and I see a bright artistic future for Wayne if this one Year's worth of outpouring of creativity is any guide. Here is just a small selection of his work. I'm sure that should Wayne continue with art until HSC level we will see a blossoming of talent at a high level.

Ms Symns



Christmas cards celebration with designing their own cards as well as colouring in Year 4 & Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the Art Room in the high school.

Ms Symons





# Notice Board

## Dates for the Term

Staff Development Day – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Students return – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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Calling all Services, Organisations, Business owners, Industries and Career Paths to submit an EOI via email or call to attend Brewarrina's first ever

## YOUTH PATHWAYS Expedition



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**  
(During Youth Week 2022)

**ALL EOIS MUST BE EMAILED AND CONFIRMED BY 1/03/2022**



If interested in participating  
Contact: Danielle - Email: [cdo@brewarrina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cdo@brewarrina.nsw.gov.au) or Call: (02)68305137

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

