



Brewarrina Central School News

Term 4, Issue 1, 2022

Welcome back to our students, teachers and support staff, after a hectic and rain-soaked spring holiday. I trust that some of you got to take in the Koori Knockout on the South Coast, or at least get to Dubbo the weekend before. Lots of footy over the holidays! I hope your children were also able to get rest and take time out from what was a busy Term 3.

Congratulations to Brody, Jayden, Mythys and Kobi who received their farewell graduation pack at our school assembly last term. We wish them all the best in their HSC exams. See timetable below.

HSC exams for our Year 12 students

Wednesday, 12th October – English Paper 1

Thursday, 13th October – English Paper 2

Tuesday 18th October – Aboriginal Studies

Thursday 20th October – Maths

Friday 28th November – Industrial Technology and Biology

1st November – Visual Arts

2nd November – PDHPE

Year 4, 5 and 6 student visit to AMS

On Thursday, our Primary students in Year 4, 5 and 6 had a visit to the AMS for vision and hearing checks. They also participated in some craft activities and enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch.



State Athletics Carnival Representative

Congratulations to Tashahn Waites in Year 6, who has qualified for the NSWPSA State Athletics Championships in Sydney next week. We wish Tashahn all the best in his events. He will be running in the 100m and 200m events, as well as the Long Jump. Good luck mate.

Community visits – Maitland Christian School

We have over 20 high school students from Maitland Christian School coming to visit on Thursday, 13th October. They will be participating in some tabloid games with K-2 students in the morning and part of the middle session, and then having lunch with our Year 9, 10 and 11 students, before participating in games with them on our oval and basketball court area.

COVID isolation requirements

From 14 October 2022, it will no longer be mandatory to self-isolate at home if you test positive to COVID-19.

Until 14 October, you must continue to self-isolate if you test positive for COVID-19.

Household and close contacts must follow the guidelines.

Additional Staff Development Day at end of Term 4

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.

Mr Graham
Executive Principal

Primary News

Welcome back to school. We are in for a very busy term with many great things happening! We have two new staff across the K-12, Miss Caitlin Skinner and Ms Tania Monrroy Alvarez. We hope they enjoy their time at BCS, I'm sure all of the students will make them feel welcome. This week we have students from Years 4, 5 and 6 visiting the AMS for fun activities and health talks. Students with signed permission notes will also have vision and health checks. Thank you to the AMS for supplying lunch for all of the students. Next week we have Tashahn Waites from Year 6 attending the State Athletics Carnival. This is an awesome achievement, and we wish Tashahn all the best!

KinderStart will be commencing in Week 3. Miss Caitlin Skinner and Aunty Rosie Gibson will be

teaching KinderStart this year. They will be visiting Preschool this week and going out to see parents and carers next week. Please feel free to get an enrolment pack from the front office or preschool and contact the school with any questions. Book Week Parade and Halloween Disco are coming up on 27th October. A flyer will be going out soon, keep an eye out and start getting costumes ready! Notes will be going home for Primary swimming. Please bring them in as soon as possible. I hope you have a great fortnight! Please feel free to call in and have a yarn.

Take care,

Beck Williams
Deputy Principal

Secondary News

Welcome back to all our students! It has been so great to see everyone return, and I hope it was an enjoyable holiday break.

Term 4 is as always very busy. We wish Year 12 the best of luck as they head into their Higher School Certificate Examinations. Our Year 11 students now move into their Year 12 studies, as so far they have shown commitment to a good start. It is vitally important that students ensure they attend school and attempt all required Assessment Tasks in order to gain their HSC.

The Year 12 Farewell will occur during this term, and it will be fantastic to see our Year 12 students before they move onto their next adventure, whatever it may be.

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.

A reminder that students are not permitted to have phones in class- thank you to parents for their ongoing support in regard to this. It is difficult to tear teenagers away from their

screens, but to get access to quality education the first step is paying attention and focusing on what is being taught.

We have some more trips for students and some special guests visiting our school across the term, so looking forward to what is to come!

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

Mrs Trapman

Head Teacher

Student Voice Committee

Welcome to Term 4! What a busy term we have planned for our students to enjoy as we head into Summer and Christmas festivities. The team were busy at the end of term 3 identifying some areas that need support and assistance. They have created a sport shed roster that will be shared amongst our primary SVC students. As part of this role, they will be responsible for ensuring equipment is out and collected during play times and accounting for any unreturned equipment.

The team has started planning fun activities for students to enjoy over the term with many ideas being discussed. Our fortnightly meeting begins this week with action plans for the ideas brought up last term, it makes me so proud to have so many students sharing their ideas and having the confidence to take action on them. I am very excited for this term and cannot wait to support our team to host the various events coming up!

Mrs Turnbull

Student Voice Co-ordinator

Deputy News

Welcome back for Term 4. I hope all students and families had a great holiday even though the rain and flood water has stopped us from doing a number of things. Rain is better than a drought!!

Please take care out there as the mozzies and flies are building up in numbers and can carry infections – stay covered with light clothing and repellent.

The term is a very busy one with many activities happening for the secondary students. We welcome back Mrs Trapman who had some leave at the end of term 3.

Best wishes to Kobi, Jayden, Brody and Mythys as they sit for their HSC exams. The exams began yesterday and I was most impressed the students were ready – early – for the exams. The Presiding Officer is Clare Kesby supported by Barbara Zimmer as Supervisor. In 2023 we will be looking for a supervisor for the exams – you need to be available on the days of exams, and have a valid working with children check for paid employment (casual). Positions are employed by NESA (not Brewarrina Central School). If you think you might be interested and don't have any close relatives sitting the HSC exams in 2023 then please let Clare or Kath Hertslet know so we can work together at this time of the year in 2023. A Farewell will be happening for the HSC students prior to the end of their exams.

The start of the term is a great time to reset and make sure that our students come to school prepared with equipment, a back pack and NO phones. It is also important that students are in school uniform as that makes us a team and everyone looks good in uniform. Navy or black shorts (short shorts / tights are not acceptable uniform) school shirt – white, navy PBL or Clontarf shirts. Year 6 shirts, football shirts etc are not BCS uniform. Navy or black hoodies are the preferred jumper / jacket. The days are still cool at times so please dress for the weather – keep an eye on the news for the weather forecasts. Please see Mrs Trapman or Mrs Hertslet if you need help with uniforms. Shirts etc are available for sale at the Front office.

I heard plenty of people were away at the Knockout on the South Coast – crazy weather but a great time for everyone and plenty of opportunities to catch up with family & friends and people who used to live in Bre. Also, congratulations to Sharon O’Connell – past principal who got married in the holidays.

Coming up this term we have some sporting days, Clontarf events and PBL Acknowledgements. School reports will be issued for Yr 7 – 10 at the end of the term. Presentation Day is on Wednesday 7th December and is always a great chance to acknowledge the wonderful achievements of all our students. Parents & carers are welcome to attend.

It is really important that all our students are attending everyday. Any absences cause gaps in learning and make it difficult to catch up missed work. Our target is for 90% attendance of all students and students with poor attendance are referred to the Home School Liaison program for support. Please contact the school Attendance Team (Ms Williams, Mrs Hertslet) if you need help with your child’s attendance at school. Missing one day a week = 10 days a term = 2 weeks of the term. Two weeks every term = 8 weeks (almost a whole term if you have more than a day away each week).

Please always contact the school if you have any concerns (02) 6839 2186.

Mrs Kath Hertslet



Year 6 Shirts

The Year 6 Shirts have arrived and look fantastic. The students couldn’t wait to try them on!! Thank you and well done to Miss Moylan for her hard work in organising the shirts.

Aunty Sue



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 doing their best to display our school values of **SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**

Mrs Trapman

Head Teacher





CONNECTION, COUNTRY, COMMUNITY, CULTURE

ART EXHIBITION

**OFFICIAL OPENING
MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
6:00-7:30PM**

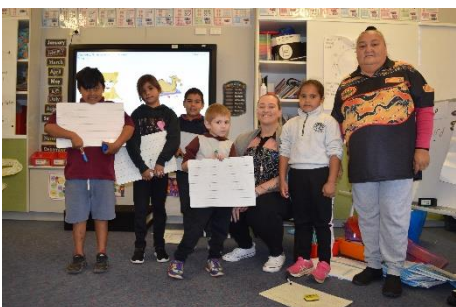
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Light supper provided



Yarrva
KIMBERLY LEE THORPE

Around the Traps



Dates to Remember

- Thursday 27th October – Book Week Parade and Halloween Disco for Primary
- 11th –15th November –Mid Term Break
- 29th November – Questacon
- 7th December – Presentation Day
- 8th December – Year 6 Farewell

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