



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term 1, Issue 1, 2023*

Yaama! I would like to give a warm welcome back to all of our students and their families to start the 2023 school year. I hope your children are well rested and enthusiastic about starting the school year in new grades, with some students getting new teachers!

“New” is the theme for this week and beyond at Brewarrina Central School at the moment.

## **NEW STUDENTS**

We had our new Kindergarten enrolments start Tuesday of Week 3, and their first day of big school seemed to go really well. The ease that they settled in to class and the routines of school was lovely to see.

We have a new Year 7 cohort with many of our Year 6 students returning and the addition of several students from Weilmoringle and St Patricks schools making for a nice cohort of students in their first year of high school.

Welcome to our new enrolments who have also started this week. We have the addition of a few new and returning families which we are excited to see engage in our school.

## **NEW EDUCATORS**

We have new teachers and educators starting in different roles this year.

I would like to welcome Miss Madeleine Challender to the permanent position of Visual Arts in the High School. Madeleine was previously teaching at Redbend College in Forbes. Madeleine is a welcome addition to our teaching staff, and I am sure her creative talent and enthusiasm for Visual Arts will positively influence our student cohort.

In NASCA (Girls' Academy) We welcome Amy Gordon to the team, joining Marcia Bill as a mentor and educator for our High School and Stage 3 girls.

In Clontarf, we welcome Mat Simpson, joining Uncle Doug Gordon and Uncle Charlie McHughes as mentor and educator for our High School and Stage 3 boys.

Miss Caitlin Skinner is now a permanent member of our teaching staff and is teaching Year 6 this year.

## **NEW INFRASTRUCTURE**

One of the major physical changes to our school to start the year, is the addition of new automated gates at the front of the school and at the Belmore St carpark entrance. When fully operational, staff will access entry via swipe card and visitors or late arrival students will need to use the intercom to communicate with the office, who will open the gates from the office area. There are also over 20 new CCTV cameras that have been installed in the school to upgrade our security.

Many new air conditioners have been installed in classrooms and common areas and they have been a welcome relief for students and staff at the moment.

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our School Swimming Carnival was held on Monday, 13th February at the Brewarrina Olympic Pool.

## NEW UNIFORMS

Another New is the arrival of our new High School uniform. Students will be receiving one free shirt at the end of this week and will be able to purchase additional shirts at a cost of \$35.00. They look amazing!



## Enrolment and Attendance

If your child is intending on coming to Brewarrina Central School in 2023, and is yet to present at school, can you please make it a priority to get them back to school as soon as possible. For our staffing and funding to continue at the same level, we need all children to attend school as soon as possible to be counted in our enrolment numbers for 2023. Please do your best to get them to school.

If you are intending on enrolling your child at another school, please ensure you contact Brewarrina Central School to inform us that your child will not be returning to our school. This is really important for Child Wellbeing and Child Protection protocols.

If your child is sick for three or more days during the term, please make sure you obtain a Doctors' certificate to prove the illness and for the school to mark the child as a justified illness..

**Mr Shaun Graham**

**Executive Principal**

## Secondary News

On behalf of the Secondary Department, welcome back to a new school year!

Welcome to Ms Challender, who joins a fantastic Secondary team this year that is highly motivated to ensure quality teaching and learning. It is great to be working with our class SLSOs, NASCA and Clontarf- our students have all the tools and support to help them succeed. The staff have all been impressed with the lovely settled start to the term as students are respectful to staff and each other, remain in class, and give their best efforts- I must say I am really loving the vibe at the moment.

Book packs are available for students who need them. Many of our students were very well prepared on the first day of school. It is also expected that students have a backpack. This is a necessary part of high school life, as students need to keep track of all of their belongings and bringing a backpack to school shows they are ready to learn. A reminder that if students bring their phone to school, it must be in the yondr pouch all day. When there are no phones in the classroom, it reduces distraction and students can focus on what they come to school for- to learn. I have included in the newsletter the process for students that do not follow this expectation. It was met with much success last year, and a notable drop in referrals for misuse of mobile phone. Thankyou to parents for your support. There have been no issues with phones so far this term.

School uniform can also be purchased from the Front Office. All Secondary students are expected to wear uniform. We have lovely new school shirts- all students receive the first one free, then additional shirts can be purchased for \$35 each. The white polos can still be worn as uniform. Shorts need to be black or navy. Short shorts are not accepted as appropriate uniform for school. Clontarf shirts are also part of our uniform and students are encouraged to wear them with pride. With so many options, there is

no reason for wearing shirts that are not uniform, and students that do not follow the expectation will be followed up. A reminder that students must wear closed in shoes to school- joggers or canvas shoes are fine. Slide thongs, rubber thongs and sandals are not permitted at school.

Secondary Regional Swimming representatives- Congratulations to Deaken Boney, Cameron Fox and Riley Higgins who have qualified for the Regional Swimming in Dubbo in Week 7. We are very proud of your efforts and wish you the best of luck.

As Gidgee the Goanna says, "Give it a go!" and that is what we ask of our students every day. We have a very successful positive reinforcement system in Secondary, as shown by the number of students that consistently earn merits and other positive recognition. Here's hoping we can get all of our students to the reward at the end of Term 1.

COVID ILSP (intensive learning support) will continue for students in Year 7-9 this year. Students are placed in small groups for instruction by a teacher via Microsoft Teams. There was much success with this program last year.

As always, the Secondary Department welcomes feedback from parents and want to work with families to ensure the best outcomes for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

**Mrs Sarah Trapman**

**Head Teacher - Secondary**



## Primary News

Welcome back to school! It is lovely to see all of the students return to school, in their uniforms and ready to learn!

### **Our staffing for this year is**

**K/1/2M** – Miss J. Murphy, Aunty Jenine and Aunty Christine

**3/4A** – Miss S. Austin, Aunty Linda and Aunty Kylie

**5S** – Miss A. Skuthorpe (Miss S), Aunty Raelene

**6S** – Miss C. Skinner, Aunty Lynne and Bailee

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs K. Simpson

Release form Face to Face Teacher – Mr D. Kerrigan

Ms Moylan- McGuirk and I will continue to support students K-6.

Aunty Kim will be going out this week and organising times for PLPs in Week 6. We look forward to sitting down and discussing your child's learning.

I'm looking forward to a great term. Please feel free to call in and have a yarn or give me a ring.

Take care,

**Miss Beck Williams**

**Primary Deputy**



# Tuning Into Teens

*Tuning into Teens* is an evidence-based parenting program aimed at helping parents and carers support their teens to develop and strengthen *emotional intelligence*.

This program is for parents and carers who have teens and pre-teens aged 8 – 18 years.

All participants will receive a certificate at the completion of the program.

**THIS IS A FREE PROGRAM**

## Session Dates

Tuesdays  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 4<sup>th</sup>

Sessions will be held at Brewarrina Central School  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Please contact Belinda Cunningham for further information 68 721 551 [bcunningham@ccwf.org.au](mailto:bcunningham@ccwf.org.au)



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### (PBL)

Isn't it fantastic that students are able to order recess and lunch free of charge at school? All of our students have access to the basic need of a full belly, which then helps with a healthy body and brain.

### Focus Week 4- Bus Lines

Mrs Trapman

At our school we are	Bus
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Listen to staff and driver instructions</li><li>* Wait in the right spot</li><li>* Walk at all times</li><li>* Wait your turn to board the bus</li><li>* Stay away from the road</li><li>* Use the crossing</li><li>* Wear your seatbelt</li></ul>
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Speak and listen politely to others</li><li>* Be aware of younger students</li></ul>
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Follow staff and driver instructions</li><li>* Be an example for other students</li></ul>

K-6 students are expected to sit in their bus lines until the bell goes and they are escorted to their bus by the teacher. Students who ride or walk are also to wait in their lines until the bell. Secondary students are to leave their classroom at 2:55 and walk to the front gate with their teacher to wait until the bell. It is preferred for parents who are picking up their children to park their cars on Young Street, to limit the traffic and stop children walking onto the road.

Please model to our children the importance of using the crossing. We need everyone to be safe when crossing the road.



At our school we are	Canteen
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Line up</li><li>* Wait your turn</li><li>* Walk away when you get your food</li></ul>
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Use your manners</li><li>* Wait your turn</li></ul>
Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Put orders in on time</li><li>* Be prepared</li><li>* Line up behind the yellow line</li></ul>



## BREWARRINA CENTRAL SCHOOL

### PROCESS FOR PHONES AT SCHOOL

There are several options for keeping phones, airpods etc safe

1. Keep them at home
2. If bought to school, keep in a Yondr pouch OR in a bag during class time

**At our school we are SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS and follow this expectation**

What happens when the expectation is not followed in the classroom?

Teacher to give visual warning in class (ie name on board). Student to be given 3 warnings in class to follow the school expectation

If student follows this expectation, no further action required



3 warnings and student continues to NOT follow expectation

Referral to Executive

Executive to discuss with student

Executive to contact parent/carer

If student follows this expectation, no further action required

2 or more referrals within a week



Formal Caution (Warning of Suspension)

Discussion with student- supports in place if necessary

Parent/carer contact

Student continues to NOT follow expectations



2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Caution (Warning of Suspension)

Student continues to NOT follow expectations



Short suspension

To be reviewed April 2023



# Brewarrina Ochre Ribbon Colour Run

Ochre Ribbon Week is an indigenous-led campaign that is ran annually from the 12th to 19th February. The campaign was brought about to raise awareness of the impacts of domestic and family violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This year we will be having an obstacle course colour run to encourage the involvement of the children in our community with the aim to educate our younger generation to stop the cycle of Domestic and Family Violence in our aboriginal communities.

**Date: Wednesday 22nd February**

**Time: 10am—12pm**

**Venue: Geoff New Oval**



## Free Morning Tea Colour Run Guest Speakers



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## Dates to Remember

- Mid Term Break – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Books in Homes Assembly – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- NASCA Community BBQ – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February
- NAPLAN – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March



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