



# Brewarrina Central School News

**Issue 1 Term 3 2023**

## **Principal's News**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students and families who have returned for Term 3. This newsletter is coming a little bit later in the start of the term than I had anticipated, but nonetheless, here we are in Week 3 already!

We are already super-busy, heading in to the third week. Read on as I share with you the great things our school does for our kids!

### **Staff Professional Learning**

Our Term 3 Staff Development Day was an absolute ripper, as the majority of our staff went out to Gundabooka National Park for a cultural experience with two of our very knowledgeable elders in the community. Staff had an amazing experience exploring the natural beauty and spirituality of this special place. The experience paves the way for further understanding of culture in our community for our staff

### **Secondary Athletics**

Several of our secondary students travelled to Dubbo late last week for the Western Region Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Uncle Bruce and Miss S Murphy for transporting them and looking after them on the trip. A great experience for the group of students.

### **Primary Athletics**

The District Primary Athletics Carnival is being held on Wednesday, 16th August in Bourke. Keep an eye out for information leading up to this event.

### **Secondary exams**

Our Year 12 students will be participating in trial HSC exams in Week 4 and 5 this term, from Monday, 7th August.

### **Rugby 7s - Primary**

Our Year 3 to 6 boys and girls travelled to Walgett on Friday to participate in the St Josephs Rugby 7s tournament. Thank you to Miss Skinner, Mr Kerrigan, Aunty Linda and Aunty Kylie for supporting our kids on the day. I trust that they had an awesome day of fun and competition.

### **NASCA**

3 of our NASCA girls recently visited Dubbo for a Careers expo and regional experience. A good opportunity for them to gain insight into career paths post-school.

### **CLONTARF**

As noted last term, Uncle Doug Gordon has resigned from the role as Clontarf Director at Brewarrina Central School. Clontarf Academy recruitment has successfully employed a new director for our school. Will Foristal will begin at Brewarrina Academy in Week 5 this term, hopefully kicking off his duties on Monday, 14th August. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Will and really hope he has a positive impact on the lives of our boys in this community.

5 of our Clontarf boys in Year 10, 11 and 12 will be attending a Sydney University Information week at the end of this week. They will have an opportunity to explore cultural links at the University and gain an understanding of employment and study opportunities at University. They will also take a side trip to the Sydney Cricket Ground to watch the Roosters vs

Manly game on the Thursday night. A big week for them!

### **Goodooga Indigenous Games**

20 of our students and a few staff will be travelling to Goodooga on Thursday, 3rd August to participate in the Goodooga Indigenous Games day. Mr Graham, Miss Skinner, Auntie Janice and Uncle Charlie will be attending the Games with the students. We wish them all the best for a great day. We might even win a prize.

We had a great visit from the Connected Communities consultation team last Wednesday. Led by Nathan Towney who is based at Wollotuka Institute at the University of Newcastle, the team yarned with school community parents, students, staff and community, as well as our Senior Leader and our AEOs. The feedback provide to the team will add to the Connected Communities Strategy evaluation that will be finalised early in 2024.

### **P&C Establishment**

Thank you to the Parents and Citizens who attended the school information night at the Visitor Information Centre on Thursday night. I presented the idea of the school community establishing a P&C and the group had their chance to vote for or against it. The vote passed unanimously as a YES. In the next couple of weeks, we will be inviting people to participate in a working party meeting to establish constitution and formation of our own school P&C. Looking forward to this exciting chapter.

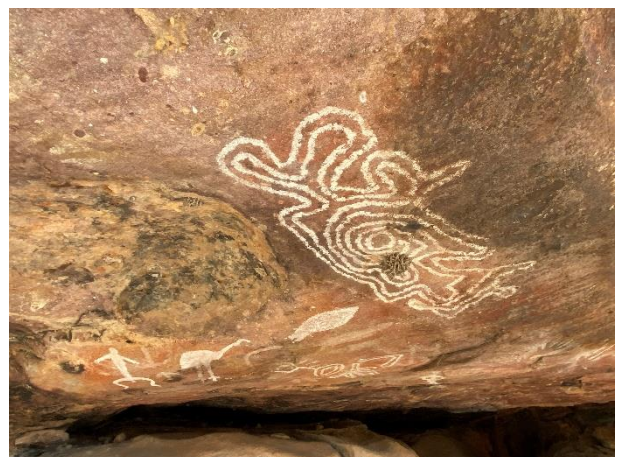
### **Mid Term Break Date**

A big reminder that our Mid-Term Break is coming up, from Friday, 18th August, until Monday, 21st August. Write it in your calendar.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A big reminder that our front office is selling school uniforms. There has been quite a significant drop off in students wearing school uniform, so if you are running a bit short come in and grab a few more items. If any high school students require another new shirt, please call

in to the office to buy one. We want our kids to feel proud of their school and this starts with our uniform.







**Year 6 have received their Year 6 Shirts and are looking awesome**

### **Primary News**

Welcome back everyone! Term 3 has started off at a fast pace!

Last week students represented Brewarrina Central School at the St Joseph's Rugby Gala Day. The students had a great day and played well. Thank you to the staff who accompanied the kids- Aunty Linda, Aunty Kylie, Aunty Marcia, Mr Kerrigan and Ms Skinner. Thank you to Ms Skinner for her organisation.

The COVID ILSP tutoring program continues this term. All students in Years 3 to 6 participate in this program for three hours per week. This program is funded through the DOE and is used to complement the teaching programs currently in place, as well as fill the gaps from our COVID isolation periods. If you would like to know any information in regard to this, please feel free to contact the school.

This week we have Indigenous Games at Goodooga and next week we have the Jenny Wright netball and Ricky Walford football. Lots of sport coming up this term!

Attending school everyday is really important. We understand when a student is sick and needs to stay home. Please contact the school and let us know if your child is away. If you are unable to contact the school, our Sentral system will send out an SMS each day asking for an explanation. Please feel free to respond to this message. If you receive an SMS and the student

is no longer in your care, then please contact the school to change the student's details.

Please keep an eye out for any notes going home and make sure you check out the Facebook page. There are lots of awesome things happening at Brewarrina Central School.

Have a great fortnight and take care,

Miss Beck Williams

Deputy Principal

### **Secondary News**

Welcome back to Term 3 to all our students and staff who support secondary.

Everyone has settled back into the routine and it has been great to see students working well in class.

This term is a particularly busy one for our Stage 6 students, with Trial HSC exams for Year 12 students and Year 11 Yearly Examinations in the next few weeks. Yearly reports for Stage 6 will be going out at the end of this term, with Year 12 receiving them at our Whole School Assembly in Week 10. It is vital that students attend school

and attempt all Assessment Tasks in their subjects. We have some great support systems in place to help students achieve this, but we need them at school.

Both Clontarf and NASCA have some upcoming events with students, including career days and university visits. It is great to see our students participating in the different opportunities on offer.

Well done to our students displaying the school values and giving a go. Students need to keep collecting their tokens in class to be in the running for different prizes, as well as contribute to the whole school Acknowledgement.

Our school community values the importance of wearing a school uniform. It creates a sense of identity and belonging. Assistance is also available from the school to help cover the costs of uniform items. All secondary are supplied with a new school shirt and can buy more from the Front office.

Students in Year 11 and 12 have ordered their senior hoodies – these are a great memento of the time at school as a senior student.

Brewarrina Central School currently has an 'off and away' mobile phone procedure. This means students should only use mobile phones if permission is given by a classroom teacher and it is being used for educational purposes. To help with this, we ask that if you need to contact your child during school hours, you leave a message with our front office, and this will be passed on to your child. Our office can be contacted on 02 68392186. From Term 4, mobile phones will be banned in NSW public high schools. Mobile phones are already banned in primary schools. The ban on mobile phones will apply during class, recess and lunch times, as is the case in NSW public primary schools. Students will be allowed to carry their phones while travelling to and from school. More information regarding changes that will take place at Brewarrina Central School will be communicated to students and families in the near future.

Every day at school matters, and when a child is absent from school, an explanation should be provided. You can do this by contacting the school or replying to the text message sent to you regarding your child's absence. To help support your child, our school office may contact home to check in with you regarding your child's absence.

The 2023 HSC timetable has been released. Students can access a personalised HSC Timetable at Students online at: <https://studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au>. Each year 12 student has been given a copy of the timetable. The exams begin in October.

Wow – we have some talented students at BCS. Last week a small group participated in the Western Region Athletics carnival. Both Kik & Taniqua have qualified for the state carnival later this term. Well done to all those who qualified for the regional carnival.

Great news also that the small but enthusiastic dance group (along with some students from Goodooga Central School) have been accepted for the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble for School Spectacular in November. Lots of rehearsals, training & fundraising coming up for these girls.

Raquel Ford & Taniqua Morris auditioned for the Aboriginal Dance Company earlier in the year after a workshop at Narrabri. Taniqua has been selected for the Associate program as part of the Dance Company. She will attend rehearsals in August in Sydney and also be a part of School Spectacular with the other girls. Congratulations everyone.

Just a few of the events & happenings that have already taken place. Plenty more planned for the rest of the term.

As always, please contact Mrs Hertslet or Mrs Trapman (02 6839 2186) if you would like to discuss any matter for secondary.

**Mrs Kath Hertslet & Mrs Sarah Trapman**

## PBL News

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

#### Focus Weeks 1 & 2- All areas

Ongoing focus all term is **RESPECT**

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.

By following our school rules, students are demonstrating respect for themselves, respect for staff and respect for the school. We link this to following rules in the community and at home. Rules are in place to ensure all students have access to learning, that they are safe and feel valued.

Respect can be defined as allowing yourself and others to do and be their best. At Brewarrina Central, we want to create a mutually respectful atmosphere between all individuals within our school.

We have been focusing on a new expectation in the Primary area and shared Oval space. Students are now to play in this area during second half, in order to make it safer for student play as well as improved supervision. Students have been going well with following the new expectation.

Secondary students earned a reward in Week 1 after having zero mobile phone referrals in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 2. Well done to all students and thankyou to parents for being supportive of the expectation.

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**

**Mrs Trapman**

**Head Teacher Secondary**



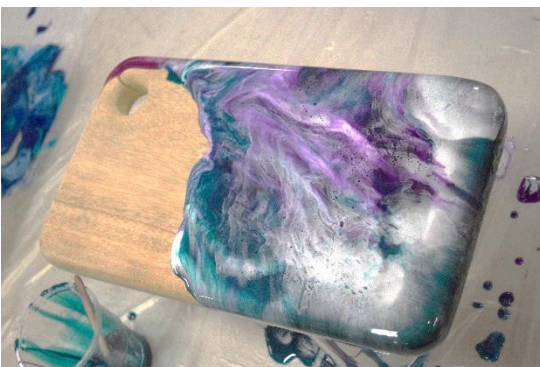


# Around the Traps





# NASCA Resin Workshop



## Dates to Remember

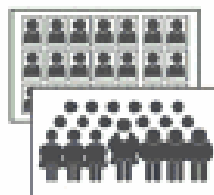
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July P & C Community Meeting 5pm at the Visitor Information Center
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Regional Athletics for Secondary Students in Dubbo
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Rugby 7's Walgett for Primary students
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Goodooga Indigenous Games
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August Ricky Walford Shield for Primary
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August District Athletics Bourke for Primary
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August is Mid Term Break
- School Photos – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

If any parents or carers have recently changed their contact details, please contact the school so our records can be updated.

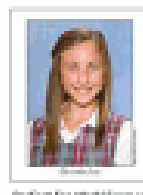
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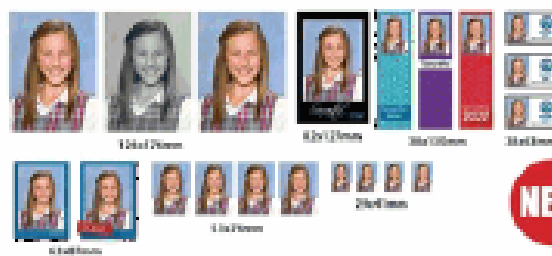
## school photographs are coming up soon



Group presentation format is chosen by your school. Parents may vary from options shown.



Portrait for individual frames



48 Personalised Stickers

**Please note:** Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## how to order

### order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal.

#### STEP 1

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet.

#### STEP 2

Enter your school code:

**7F3 1RQ NB8**

In the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.

### cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

#### STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

#### STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

#### STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

**Please note:** You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 8 weeks after the day of photography.  
Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

#### IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)

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# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

## Brewarrina Central School

Day of Photography

**7/9/2023**

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography  
- Go to **www.advancedlife.com.au** and enter this code:

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3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact **advancedlife** directly:  
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