



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term 1, Issue 2, 2023*

Yaama. We have had a very busy start to the term, with the students engaging in sport and extra-curricular activity alongside classroom learning.

I hope our families were able to enjoy the four-day mid-term break and perhaps catch up with family and relax a bit.

## **Swimming Carnivals**

Our School Swimming carnival was a wonderful success, and many of our primary students attended the district carnival in Bourke on Friday, 17th February. Thank you to Uncle Charlie, Aunty Linda and Miss Austin for taking the kids over to Bourke for the day.

Our Regional Swimming Carnivals, for secondary and primary, will be held in Dubbo next Thursday and Friday. Next Wednesday afternoon, our secondary group will be travelling with Uncle Doug Gordon and an Aboriginal educator to Dubbo for the secondary carnival on Thursday, 9th March. On Thursday afternoon, our primary students will be travelling to Dubbo with Miss Austin and an Aboriginal educator for the primary regional carnival on the Friday, 10th March. Good luck to our awesome swimmers!

## **NASCA**

We had a wonderful NASCA launch barbecue last Tuesday night. It was great to see our girls and their families come along and enjoy the evening. Thank you to the Bourke academy for coming over and joining with our girls in a game of touch and some socialising. Thanks to Tessa, Blake, Marcia and Amy for your hard work in organising the evening events.

## **New Security Gates**

Our new security gates have been installed. If you are visiting the school, you will need to press the button on the bollard outside the gate, to call to the office. Office staff will then confirm your visit and open the gates for you.

If secondary children wish to leave school at recess or lunch, they will need a note signed by a parent or caregiver to indicate that you give permission for them to leave school at break times. They will need to sign in and out when leaving and returning, and the office staff will open the gate for them.

The gates will be open from 8am-9:30am each morning, and from 2:45pm-3:30pm every afternoon.

## **Clontarf**

Our Year 8 and 9 boys are heading off to Bourke this week for a touch footy carnival over two days, on Thursday, 2nd and Friday, 3rd March. We wish them all the best on this excursion. Do your best, boys!

## **Tuning in to Teens Parent Workshop**

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. Every Tuesday in the school community hub from 7th March – 1:30pm-3:30pm. Come along and share your stories!

## Personalised Learning Pathways

Our teachers have been busy meeting with families this week to design the students' PLPs for 2023 this week and last. It is great to see such strong engagement from parents in this process, helping your child develop goals and strengthen their learning. Thank you for coming along on the journey with them.

## Primary Assembly

Our Primary Assemblies are held every fortnight in the school hall, from 11:30am. The next assembly is this Friday, 3rd March. The next Assemblies will be Friday, 17th March and Friday, 31st March. Come along and support our students.

**Mr Shaun Graham**

**Executive Principal**



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### 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)

Focus Week 6 – asking for assistance

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

PBL lessons are delivered in class every week to teach students the expected behaviour. This term, we have been focusing on behaviours around our core value of LEARNING. One behaviour that students need for effective learning is being able to ask for assistance. This means students need to feel confident in class, feel part of a positive learning environment and be able to know who to ask for help.

Focus Week 7- Front Office

<b>At our school we are</b>	<b>Front Office</b>
<b>Safe</b>	* Enter and exit sensibly
<b>Respectful</b>	* Wait your turn * Use your manners
<b>Learners</b>	* Speak and listen politely * Return promptly to class

Now, with our new gates, there is an extra step when coming into school if students arrive late or leave early. Any visitor to the school, including students, need to use the intercom to the Front Office to be let in. Speak clearly and politely, then wait patiently. Sometimes the Front Office can be a busy place- anyone coming into the Front Office needs to wait their turn and be respectful of others. Aggressive or loud behaviour will not be tolerated at any time.

Mrs Sarah Trapman

Head Teacher - Secondary

**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**



## Secondary News term 1 2023

Welcome to the 2023 school year at BCS. It is wonderful to see our students & staff return and be so keen to get back into our school routines and learning.

**Staffing** - We are currently advertising two positions which we hope will attract quality applicants that proceed to interview. These are for an English teacher and an Industrial Arts teacher. We also welcome back Ms Tania Monrroy who is our day to day teacher across K-12. We want to also thank Ms Jen Smith (Hewitson) who was with us in Term 4 last year. In great news Ms Smith received a permanent appointment to a school in Sydney at the start of this year.

**New secondary school shirts** – secondary students have a new uniform shirt which looks very smart. Each student has been given one new shirt and secondary students can buy more at the Front Office @ \$35.00 each. All students are encouraged to purchase a couple more shirts to have one for each day. The white polo shirt with or without the school logo are still able to be worn. Clontarf shirts can also be worn. Both boys and girls should wear black or navy shorts. Shorts that are too short, and tights are not acceptable school uniform. Students can buy shorts at the Front Office for \$15.00. BACK TO SCHOOL vouchers can be used at school – download your vouchers from Services NSW website or app.

**PLP'S** - Personal Learning Pathway plans have started with Mrs Turnbull (Yr 7), Mr Gray (Yr 8) and Ms Challender (Yr 9) starting the conversation with our students and then with parents / carers to develop learning goals and strategies to support students to work towards achieving those goals. Year 10,11 & 12 PLPs will also be completed in the next few weeks.

**Swimming Carnival** – Congratulations to all the students who had a go at the Carnival and have made it to Regional in Dubbo next week. Congratulations to Deaken Boney, Cameron Fox and Riley Higgins. This is a great effort by all involved.

**Coming up** – This term we have plenty of activities happening in secondary and across the school. There will be a PBL Acknowledgement sometime in the term. Year 12 students will begin TAFE courses, and have their Half Yearly exams in Week 8 of this term.

We expect all students to come to school everyday with their backpack and books for all lessons. BCS has provided many of our students with new backpacks and book packs to support their learning. Students will be issued with a Yondr pouch and all phones and earpods etc are to be in the pouch. All students are reminded of the Phone Expectation at BCS. The automatic gates are now in action and if students are late they need to use the intercom to have the gates opened by the Front office. The gates remain open from 8.00am until 9.30am and again from 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

Our term is short with this already being week 6 on the DoE calendar. School term finishes on Thursday 6th April for the Easter break and school holidays.

Please make sure to contact the school (0268392186) if you have any questions or concerns about your children.

Take care out there.

**Mrs Kath Hertslet**

**Deputy Principal**



## **EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**



# Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

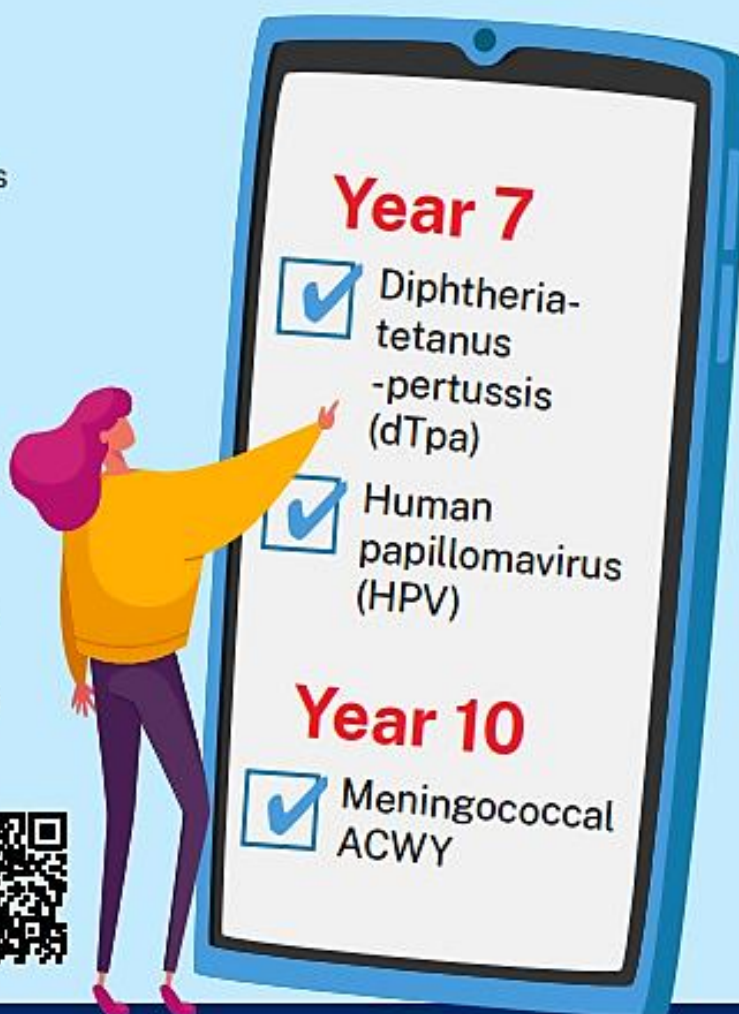
## Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

## To provide online consent, you will need:

- to visit: [nswhealth.service-now.com/school](https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school)
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.



For more information on vaccination visit:  
[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)

## Dates to Remember

- PBL Reward Day 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Regional Swimming Dubbo 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Books in Homes Assembly – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- NAPLAN – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- AECG 4<sup>th</sup> April
- Last day of Term 1 6<sup>th</sup> April



## Primary Assembly

