



Brewarrina Central School News

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Principal's News

I would like to send out a warm welcome to our new school enrolments who have started at Brewarrina Central over the last couple of weeks. You have settled in really well and we hope you are enjoying making friends and getting to know the routines of your classroom and in the playground. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for making our new students feel comfortable and welcomed in their new school.

Word of the Week

If you haven't caught up with our Word of the Week videos on Facebook, please check out this week's video, with Luke G as acting Principal, while introducing this week's word, **ATTAIN**. I must thank Mrs Turnbull and the children who have been making these videos each week. They are gold! Keep an eye out for the new word early next week.

District cross country

Thank you and congratulations to all our students for competing in the District Cross Country on Monday. Our school staff did an amazing job coordinating this carnival for all our schools in the far west region and our students had a lot of success in their races. Several of our students will be making their way to Orange for the Regional Carnival on Wednesday, 14th June. Well done Miss Murphy on a great result.

Clontarf excursions

Our Senior boys are in the middle of a Central West employment camp, travelling through Dubbo and on to Sydney to visit various locations and get a taste of employment in several industries. Thank you to Uncle Doug for taking the boys to this awesome opportunity. It should be very memorable for them.

NRL 7s

Our Clontarf staff will be taking several of our under 16 boys to a Rugby League 7s Gala Day next Wednesday in Dubbo. They will be staying overnight on Tuesday, before participating in the Gala Day on the Wednesday.

NASCA Visit AND excursions

We had a visit from the Coonamble High NASCA academy on Thursday. The girls participated in cultural activities with Uncle Brad, visited the museum and played a game of footy against our girls in the afternoon. A lovely experience for all involved.

Several of our NASCA girls will be travelling to Sydney for the Career Fit expo next week. Aunty Marcia will be taking the girls and joining up with other NASCA academies for a week long experience in career opportunities. We hope you have a great time girls!

Staff professional learning

Our staff have been undertaking Professional Learning in several areas this term. Our whole school is continuing to embed explicit teaching practices in the use of vocabulary (including the Word of the Week) and several of our Primary teachers are developing their skills in Numeracy strategies on a Tuesday afternoon. Our secondary staff have just begun an online learning process to develop and enhance their skills and knowledge in ADHD and the Primary teachers are focusing on Understanding and Supporting Behaviour. The school staff also have had a major focus on the Aboriginal Education Policy and putting this into action across the school.

Mid-term break

I would just like to remind the community that our school Mid-Term break is on Friday, 26th May and Monday, 29th May. There will be no school staff on site on these days.

Staff Movement

I will be out of the school on Monday, 22nd through to Wednesday, 24th May 2023, attending the Connected Communities Principal Conference in Sydney. Miss Williams and Mrs Hertslet will be leading the school in my absence.

Mr Rakesa continues his leave through to the beginning of June. Thank you to Miss Monrroy for continuing to teach our secondary maths classes in Mr Rakesa's absence.

School Athletics Carnival

Save the Date! Our school Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 9th June at Geoff New Oval. More information will be coming soon.

Mr Shaun Graham

Executive Principal



Primary News

We have had a busy few weeks in Primary, hosting both School and District Cross-Country Carnivals here in Brewarrina. Congratulations to those students who qualified for District, and to Kyle and Darnell who won the bikes in our lucky draw! Many thanks to Miss Murphy and Miss Murphy for their organisation, as well as the many other people who made the event a success on the day. The Regional event will be held in Orange this year; students will be notified in the coming weeks if they have qualified.

Our netball team had their second-round game in the PSSA Knockout Competition last Friday 12th May. Both teams played incredibly well but Cobar came out on top with a 13-10 win. Afterwards the players enjoyed a lovely lunch in the park and made some new friends – well done to all our students. Thank you to Miss Austin and Aunty Kylie for your organisation of the trip and coaching our team.

Next week there will be a Rugby Sevens Tournament here in Brewarrina; students from Years 2-6 have been invited to play on Tuesday 23rd May at the Geoff New Oval. Thank you to participants who have returned their note promptly.

Our students recorded messages for Mother's Day which were played at our Morning Tea last Friday. Thank you to all those who were able to attend, and to our wonderful teaching and support staff who organised the refreshments and gift stall. We hope everyone had a great day on Sunday.

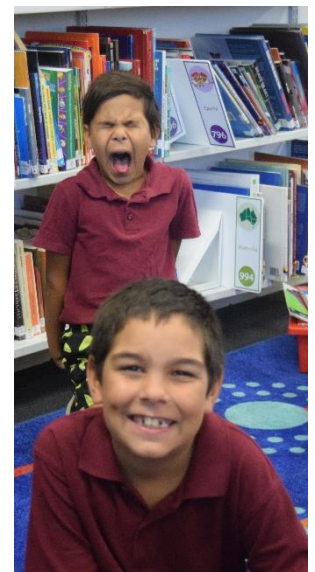
Attendance continues to be a focus for us all, and despite some illness we have still achieved 100% in some classes in the last few weeks – well done to Year 3/4 who celebrated their first 100% attendance day last week with a hot chip lunch!

Just a reminder as the weather turns colder, students are wearing jumpers to school which can be lost easily if they are not labelled with the

child's name. Please remember to label any new clothing so that it can be returned to its owner.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and school events – have a great week!

Miss Moylan-McGuirk



Secondary News

It is vital that Assessment Tasks are completed by students to avoid N-Determination letters. These letters are very serious and may jeopardise completing the course. Teachers contact parents/carers in regard to these letters and how to address them. Please remember that if your child has been sick or on leave when an Assessment Task is due, a form needs to be completed and a medical certificate needs to be provided to the school.

I am very grateful for the support parents give regarding phones at school- phones can be a huge distraction to learning and are not permitted in the classroom. We have been consistently sticking to the flowchart and students have responded positively to this.

Year 12 Half Yearly reports are now in the mail. This term, Year 7-11 reports will be completed by teachers.

Our students are often off on different extra-curricular activities and excursions. Clontarf and NASCA have provided students with opportunities for camps and in-school cultural activities in the past few weeks. There are major excursions being planned by both academies to encourage our young people. There will be a Stage 5 excursion to Sydney later on this term, which will be a fantastic learning opportunity for all.

Well done to the following students who were drawn out of the PBL box for canteen vouchers-

- Matthew Barker
- Ashton Simmons-Biles
- Ty Boney
- Emilee Byno

Student names were also drawn out for little prizes such as squish balls, handballs and yo-yos. It is great to see students getting tokens for positive behaviour in class.

Parents are more than welcome to come into school or give us a ring if you have questions or concerns about your child- this term has started

very busy and will continue to be so. It is important to us that your child feels supported at school and it has been great catching up with parents.

Mrs Trapman

Head Teacher, Secondary

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Focus Week 4 and 5- Right Place Right Time

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**

During Term 2, we will be focusing on the core value of **SAFE**. Part of being safe is ensuring students are in the place they are supposed to be - in class during class time and in designated areas in the playground during play time. This fortnight, staff will work with students to teach them the expectations for being in class when it is time for learning, following the correct procedures for sitting at the silver seats, and staying in the right areas for play time.

Mrs Trapman



Mother's Day Morning Tea



Dates to Remember

- Mid Term Break – 26th May – 29th May
- Athletics Carnival – 9th June
- King's Birthday Public Holiday – 12th June
- Regional Cross Country – 13th June
- Naidoc Celebrations Week 10, 26th June – 30th June
- Last Day of Term – Friday 30th June

Tell Them From Me student survey: Information for parents and carers

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

As well as providing our school with feedback from our students, the survey has a broader purpose. It provides the Department of Education, through the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, with insights into student wellbeing, engagement, and effective teaching practices for ongoing school improvement. This is done by using non-identifying student data from across NSW.

This survey is confidential, and staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses.

To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Information is only reported where five or more students answer a question.

The survey is online, takes 15 to 30 minutes, and will take place at school during school hours.

Participating in the survey is voluntary. If any survey questions make your child uncomfortable, your child can skip the question or can choose to stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not** want your child/children to take part in the survey, please contact the school -0268392186.

Mr Shaun Graham