



# Brewarrina Central School News

*Term 2, Issue 2, 2023*

## **Principal's News**

### **Sydney Excursion**

It is wonderful to hear about the great experience our Stage 5 students have had in Sydney on their History/PDHPE excursion. They have visited the Jewish Holocaust Museum, the Australian Museum, went rock climbing at the University of Sydney and took a ride on the Manly Ferry, while enjoying the sites of VIVID and Sydney Harbour. Thank you to the staff for organising this great experience for our boys and girls in Year 9 and 10.

### **Word of the Week**

Our Word of the Week continues to be a smash hit, with many students participating in the video to introduce the new word each week. Our Director, Educational Leadership, had a 'cameo' appearance in this week's video, with the word **cameo** being the word of the week!

Keep an eye out for all our videos on Facebook.

### **Regional Cross Country**

Over 20 of our students will be travelling to Orange next Tuesday to participate in the Western Region Cross Country events for students in PSSA and CHS. Students and staff will travel on the school bus on Tuesday, leaving school at lunchtime. The Cross Country events will take place on Wednesday, with primary students starting at 8:30 and the High School students starting at 11:30. Students and Staff will then return to Dubbo and stay overnight on Wednesday, returning to Brewarrina by the end of the school day on Thursday.

### **Athletics Carnival Change of Date**

Our school Athletics Carnival for students in Year 2 to Year 12 will be held on Monday, 19th June. This is a change of date from the original carnival date of Friday, 9th June. We apologise if this is an inconvenience. Students will be able to order lunch and recess as normal for this day, and the canteen will operate at the carnival for chips, drinks, and snacks to purchase. This will be cash only purchases.

### **PBL Acknowledgement Day**

Our students have filled up the PBL Ticket tube across the school and will now be eligible to have a PBL Acknowledgement Day. This will be held on period 4 and 5 on Tuesday, 20th June. Students will participate in fun class activities during this time and will be served Nachos as a treat at lunchtime! Well done to all our students for being rewarded for excellent behaviour.

### **Long Weekend coming up**

Just a reminder that the long weekend is this weekend, and there will be no school on Monday, 12th June. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 13th June.

### **Staff News**

I would like to announce that our Senior Leader, Community Engagement position has been filled by Aunty Kim Hardy, who has been in the role since its inception. Aunty Kim will continue in the role until January 2024, when the Connected Communities Strategy will then be reviewed for further continuation.

We have a new teacher in the High School, with Kate Clancy joining our staff as a Generalist teacher for the remainder of the year.

Our amazing Clontarf director, Uncle Doug Gordon, is going to be leaving our academy at the end of the term. Doug will be sadly missed in this role, as he is an amazing mentor to our boys, and a great asset to our school community. We hope Doug can stay on at the school in some capacity to work in mentoring our boys and teaching all of us the value of positive respectful relationships. Good luck to Doug in his future endeavours.

### **NAIDOC Week**

Our NAIDOC week celebrations are being organised for the week starting 26th June. We have an array of activities planned throughout the week, with a flag raising ceremony and street march on Monday, 26th June and a big assembly and morning tea for our community on Wednesday, 28th June. Keep an eye out also for information regarding the photography exhibition that will be held at the Josiah Healing Centre throughout NAIDOC week.



*New Staff Member – Ms Kate Clancy*

**Mr Shaun Graham**

**Executive Principal**



# Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.





## Secondary News

Hopefully all staff and students enjoyed the Mid Term Break and used the opportunity to recharge as we head into the second half of Term 2. I also hope that everyone enjoyed the Bre Big Fish- many of our students had camping and fishing plans, and were catching up with family, so I hope this was a source of great connection.

We have had a number of opportunities present themselves this term, and it is through a dedicated staff that our students are able to participate in a variety of workshops and excursions. Behind the scenes it takes a lot of work- usually outside of school hours- to organise. Stage 5 students have been to Sydney this week as part of a HSIE/PDHPE excursion. Different groups of students have also been away on footy trips and career pathways with Clontarf and NASCA. The more time our students have with these opportunities, the more they can see what they are capable of achieving through education and a desire to work hard and reach goals.

Week 6 was also Reconciliation Week, and all classes worked through specific activities that recognised this special week and had the opportunity to reflect on the theme of Be A Voice For Generations. Education is key to ensuring our children make change for future generations. And really looking forward to NAIDOC celebrations during Week 10.

Half Yearly Reports for Years 7-11 will be sent out to parents at the end of term- if you would like to talk to your child's teachers regarding their report or how they are going, please contact the school to make an appointment. This term has been particularly settled for our high school students and I have noticed a more relaxed and happy vibe from both students and staff. This comes from following school expectations and coming to school to learn. The classes are doing some really great work at the moment and it has been a pleasure visiting classrooms- please feel free to come and see us if you would like to see what your child is doing.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

### Focus Week 6 and 7- **Active listening**

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**

Our data has shown us that a number of referrals have been for failing to follow instructions- if students learn how to actively listen, they are better equipped to follow given instructions. Students did a lesson on the importance of active listening and how it helps them be-

**SAFE- By listening** and following instructions, students are where they are supposed to be. They are not being dangerous or doing something that might make others unsafe.

**RESPECTFUL- By listening**, they are giving their full attention to who is talking- this shows respect

**LEARNERS- By listening**, they are understanding what is being explained and they are able to follow instructions to help them learn.

### Focus Week 9- Cyber safety

In line with the term focus of SAFE- cyber safety lessons will focus on the increasing need for students to be aware of safety while online.

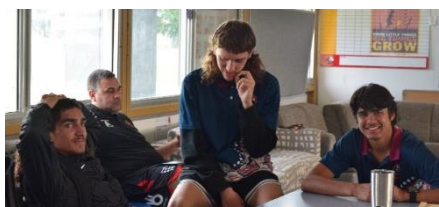
There are so many online platforms nowadays, and as our children get older they get increasingly exposed to harm through these avenues. As parents, we can support our children by monitoring the sites they use, and limiting screen time and certain apps.

**Mrs Trapman**

**Head Teacher**



# NSW Driver's License Research Project





## Dates to Remember

- Athletics Carnival – 19<sup>th</sup> June
- King's Birthday Public Holiday – 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Regional Cross Country – 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Naidoc Celebrations Week 10, 26<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Last Day of Term – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

# WEAVING WORKSHOP



**Come join for a yarn and  
weaving workshop with Maddy  
from Kapata Dreaming**

**Senior Citizens Room  
Sandon Street Brewarrina**

**10am-12pm  
Monday 19th June 2023**

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