Brewarrina Central School News

Swimming Carnival 2016
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Well, here we are at the end of Week 5 of the school term! We have crammed so much into the first few weeks that the time is rushing by.

Already our new kindergarten students have settled into routine and are learning new sounds, words and numbers each day.

Students in all the other classes have settled in brilliantly to school and we are pleased with the settled start to the year.

The students in the Clontarf Academy had a wonderful trip to watch the Indigenous All Stars and we are planning various activities to help engage all our students throughout the year.

Please make sure your child comes to school in SCHOOL UNIFORM each day. The school uniform helps set the tone of the school and creates a sense of belonging. If you need any information or assistance with the school uniform, please come into the office and see the staff.

As we know education is a partnership between teachers, students, parents/caregivers and the community. At Brewarrina it is evident that we operate as ONE community. As we progress through 2016 we will continue to maintain the high standards which have been established. “Coming together is the beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” Henry Ford.

I look forward to working together to achieve success for all our students.

Have a safe mid-term break.

Ms Nada Dukic

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Infants/Primary News

We have had a fantastic start to the year and all of the teachers have been commenting on the students’ commitment to learning and great work ethic. We are continuing to build our own knowledge base and are currently being trained in Focus on Reading, Taking Off With Numeracy and Positive Behaviour for Learning. If you would like any information on these programs please feel free to drop in and have a yarn with the staff before or after school.

Congratulations to the District Swimming team. The children showed good sportsmanship and put in a great effort.

In the next few weeks staff will be organising times to meet with you about your child’s learning and complete Personal Learning Plans. We look forward to discussing student goals and preparing for the year of learning.

Beck Williams

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Primary Awards

Kinder: Sanaa Kirby, Deakin Boney, Javantae Boney

Year 1: Nikeisha Bloomfield, Myah Williams, Tiffany Frail, Barran Lord, Minya Lord, Georgjette Orcher, Chelsea Sullivan, Michael Trapman, Dekeam Waites, Sidney Coffey

Year 2: Respect- Lauren Gordon, Safety- Raquel Ford, Class Awards- Kirk Eyre & Cameron Fox

Year 4: Mason Scott, Alexandra Kirby-Byrnes, Charlotte Sullivan, Respect- Mason Scott

5/6 Pirates: Sienna Kirby, Karl Knight, Shakiah Salt

5/6 Comics: Cecil Mintern, Janayah Dennis, Keelan Nicholls
Secondary News

Absences
A reminder that if your child is absent, to please let the school know. For extended absences, we are happy to provide work for your child to catch up if you let us know in advance.

Uniform
Student uniform in the high school is a white polo and navy or black shorts. Clontarf, GirlFit, Year 6 and 12 polos and PBL shirts are also part of the uniform. There are a handful of students that are not wearing the uniform, and this stands out. Uniform shows that we are a team, and that we are all here for the same reason. Uniform can be purchased from the Front Office. Please let us know if you are having difficulty obtaining uniform for your child.

Mobile phones
Students are not to have mobile phones at school. They are a barrier to learning and cause unnecessary conflict. The majority of students very sensibly leave their phones at home. If phones are brought to school, they are to be put away. The school would appreciate parents support in regard to this.

Swimming Carnival
Thank you to Mr MacNamara and his team for the organisation on the day. Though it was very hot, it was great to see students get involved and enjoy themselves in the competition. I am sure there will be photos to come.

Secondary Assembly
Thursday 25th February. All welcome! A great opportunity to recognise student effort and achievement for the term so far.

If you have any questions regarding your child at school, please feel free to contact us at any time.

In Term 1, we are focusing on reinforcing the school’s values of SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS.

To do this, we teach lessons K-12 on expected behaviours in all areas of the school. When students return from the Mid-Term break, we will be focusing on the CANTEEN.

The school would appreciate the support from home in encouraging positive behaviour by all students at the canteen.

Sarah Trapman
Clontarf News

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal men and by doing so, equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.

General Comment:

Week 3: We have really started the Term on a positive with the Academy fellas working hard on the Targets we set in our values meeting. I would like to encourage all staff to talk to the fellas about these values. This is a great ice breaker and shows the boys your interest in the program.

Monday and Tuesday we were visited by our employment officer who during the breaks did some employment plans with our seniors to map where they can strengthen their pathways to employment during and after Year 12. The fellas also enjoyed a couple of training sessions and a hearty breakfast with Mark.

The school swimming carnival from all reports was a ripper with all the kids and staff enjoying the day. The efforts of all involved are appreciated.

The All Stars Camp was one of the best we have ever experienced with the fellas enjoying the Footy and the atmosphere was unbelievable. I was really impressed with the way in which all the fellas represented our school and Academy. I’m sure they will all be talking about this one for years to come.

Week 4: It was a great start to the week with the fellas all in school and producing some quality work. The feedback from teachers has been positive and from what we have seen in the classroom visits the standard for the tear is being set higher than ever.

Tuesday morning’s training was one of our best with over 20 starters. This makes for a great experience with all the boys having a fun session. The afternoon was hot but it was great to see the fellas get stuck into the Bus cleaning as the maintenance of our equipment is essential to what we do. The group also gave the room a good clean and set up for the next day.

Wednesday we had a quick visit from the Dubbo South Academy we shared a lunch some stories and a few Table Tennis games with their Year 7 Induction group. The Bre fellas were very impressive with their manners and firm handshakes to welcome their new brothers into the Clontarf team.

Thursday we had our own Year 7 Induction Camp and due to the hot weather we camped within the Academy room. Our Bourke brothers were also on hand to share this first overnight Clontarf camp. The group was kept very busy with learning the Clontarf way of doing things. The fellas prepared delicious healthy meals and were involved in team activities over the whole camp. The mornings super training was again and the fellas hotly contested the challenges set out.
WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK:

- Crossfit Madness 3-4pm
- Training Tuesday and Thursday
- Tuesday Bus washing
- Wednesday Little Champions Training Yr 5-6
- Chazza’s Challenge and Camp Packing.
- Year 7 Induction Camp Thursday/Friday

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- Training Tuesday & Thursday
- Crossfit Challenge Workout 3-4pm Monday.
- Homework Heroes 3-4pm Tuesday.
- Thursday 100% attenders Smoothies
- Yarning Circle
- Mid Term Break

COMING UP

Week 6:

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Week 6:

| Yr 7-12 | Clean Up Australia Day 4th March |

MORNING TRAINING TIMES (incl. pick-ups) Staff welcome!
Tuesday @ Football Oval, 7:00-8:00 – Football focus followed by healthy breakfast
Thursday @ Football Oval, 7:00-8:00 – Fun focus followed by healthy breakfast

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (incl. drop-offs)
Crossfit Challenge, Monday after school.
Homework Heroes, Tuesday after school.
Chazza’s Challenge Cup Cooking Thursday after school.

CONTACTS
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Dates to Remember For this Term

- 3rd March – Primary Regional Swimming
- 26th–29th Feb – Mid Term Break
- 15th March Moorambilla Choir
- 21st–25th March – Big Picture Exhibitions
- 21st–23rd March – Year 12 half Yearly Exams
- 25th–28th March – Easter
- 6th April – Whole School Assembly
- 9th April School holidays

REMINDER
PARENTS
Nursing Staff from the AMS visit our school every Monday, Wednesday & Friday to conduct General First Aid

Mid Term Break
26th-29th February

School holidays
Begin 9th April
Finish 26th April