Welcome Back
It is great to be back. We have had a very bright and busy start to the year. Students have returned refreshed. They look great in their uniforms – really work ready.

All classes were straight into their work. Reading groups were started, student learning plans kicked off and sporting sessions fired up. It was solid work from day 1.

We welcome back Kath Hertslet who relieved as principal at Goodooga for 2014. It is great to have her deep knowledge and experience back here for 2015.

University bound
We are very excited and proud to advise that two of last year’s Year 12 have gained placements at University.

Anjelinah Bennett received 5 offers! She chose Medical Science at University of Western Sydney. She has had a burning desire to study in the medical field since she was a little girl. The UWS staff remembered her from 5 years ago when they visited Brewarrina.

Anjelinah’s determination was always evident at school as she always set high standards and applied herself. She worked through the holidays at the Integrated Child and Family Centre to cover the initial costs and set herself up for the year.

Nathan Johnson will be studying for a Fine Arts degree at the University of Newcastle. He gained entry following a series of interviews and the presentation of his folio of work. Nathan’s artworks have been outstanding for years. His talents lie in geometric, architectural drawings. He also does great sketches and life studies. His HSC major work was exceptional.

Nathan was school captain in 2014 and provided calm, assured leadership. During the summer he was involved in tennis coaching and modelling to set himself up for 2015.

Our school community is thrilled at the success of these two fine graduates. They have set a new benchmark for the peers who follow them. We wish Anjelinah and Nathan good luck and look forward to them coming back to school to inspire others with their stories.

New Staff
Five new teachers have started this Term. Sam Daymond is a permanent Science and Maths teacher. He is from Bathurst and taught for a year at Bourke High School. He is interested in re-establishing the school Ag Plot. Sam will be working closely with Cassandra Jones who is also teaching Maths and Science. Cass taught at Nyngan High last year and has brought great commitment to the school.

Sheri Bird has come from the Cooks Hill Campus in Newcastle. This is a 100% Big Picture School. She
brings deep understanding of BP and will help us build more rigorous programs. Sheri will be also teaching the Special Education class while Sarah Trapman is on leave.

Sandy Hayer and Jess Pratt are new teachers seeking a great start to their careers and they have chosen Brewarrina. Jess is the Learning and Support teacher K-6, while Sandy works K-12 as relief teacher.

All are excited to be part of our team. They have really embraced the culture of our school and joined in enthusiastically.

Swimming Carnival
We had an outstanding day at the pool last week. The participation, enthusiasm and energy students put in both in the pool and outside was fantastic. Our senior students led by example, swimming and cheering. They had fabulous support from the younger ones. The organisation was terrific thanks to Tom McNamara, Chantelle Dove, Kevo and all school and pool staff.

Late in the day the teachers’ relay teams showed the golden oldies still had something in the tank. I guess it helps to have the students swimming all day first!

Who won? Before final results were in, Gidgee led in the pool and Mulga led in team spirit. The final result ….. a great day for the school. Well done all.

Welcome back to the new school year. There were lots of students very excited to be back at school and meeting their new teachers last week. All classes have been very settled and it is already shaping up to be a busy term. The students look great in their uniform of maroon shirts and black shorts.

We would like to welcome our new staff to the Primary Department for 2015. We are very excited to have Aunty Christine, Aunty Raelene and Ms Pratt join us for the year.

Class Organisation for 2015

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Introducing Kindy 2015

Barran

Michael

Minya

KF's Word Wall

Chelsea

Nikeisha

Myah

Jarvis

David
Getting to know us

Hi I’m Darnell and I’m in 1S.
In the holidays I liked going to the pool.
My favourite thing to do at school is writing.

Hi I’m Luke and I’m in 1S.
I had the best Christmas!
In 1S I like playing with the new toys.

Hi my name is Serena, I’m in 2S. I enjoy playing the Wii on my holidays. In class I love to write stories.

Hi my name is Deshaun and I’m in 2S. I love watching tv and playing smart board games with Mr Smyth.

Hi my name is Shakiah. I’m in 3/4 C. I like going to the beach and writing stories.

Hi my name is Rehannah. I’m in 3/4C. I enjoyed going to the circus in the holidays. I like my class because we get to play cool games.
Hi my name is Austin. I am in 4/5C. I like playing Xbox and drawing.

Hi my name is Raymond. I’m in 4/5C. I like playing PlayStation. I enjoy drawing and art in my class.

Hi my name is Steven. I am in 5/6B. In the holidays I went to Dubbo. At school I like maths games.

Hi my name is Mia-Rae. I am in 5/6B. In the holidays I went to Sydney. In 5/6B we have an awesome teacher!
Secondary News

Welcome back to the new school year. The year has begun with most of our students ready and prepared for learning. Staff are very impressed with the settled approach in the classrooms and playground. Our senior students are already making progress with their senior studies and taking all opportunities with open arms.

Welcome to the new secondary teachers. Ms Sheri Bird (covering Mrs Trapman’s maternity leave). Ms Bird is teaching the MC class and Big Picture. Mr Sam Daymond is one of our new Maths/Science teachers and has been appointed to Ms Shanahan’s position. Mrs Cassie Jones is also teaching Maths & Science for this year. I have returned to the Head Teacher position after being Acting Principal at Goodooga CS last year. Mrs Fiona Close is covering Mrs Trapman’s head teacher duties while she is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to the Trapman family on the arrival of Emma, a daughter for Sarah & Bob and a sister for Liam and Noah.

It was great to see a high level of participation at the swimming carnival yesterday. Well done to the organisers and the great team spirit that was evident.

The majority of students have been in school uniform—pleasing to see. Students need to wear covered shoes for safety. This week Liam Rose has been participating in a leadership program with Clontarf—well done. Next week the senior students (10–12) will also participate in an in-school program with guest speakers focussing on leadership, resilience and personal opportunities.

A reminder to all secondary students and their families about the uses and dangers of social media. Social media can be a great way to keep in touch with family and friends but it is very important that our students keep themselves safe and are aware that if you use social media it is open to the whole world to see. Settings on Facebook should always be private and know who you are inviting to be friends with you. If you are not sure—block and delete.

Parents and carers are always welcome to make an appointment to speak to a teacher or support staff member. Please contact the Office (68392186) to make a time convenient to all.

Thank you

Kath Hertslet- HT Secondary

Notice Board

Uniforms

An order has arrived for more uniforms.

We have White shirts for Secondary and Maroon Shirts for Primary starting from $4.

We also have shoes for $5 per pair

REMINDER PARENTS

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

Mid term Break for this term will be

27th February – 2nd March
Principal’s News

Start up meeting

A start up meeting for Brewarrina Central School’s major capital works will be held this Friday at 9:00. I am very pleased to confirm that David Payne Constructions (Dubbo) has won the contract for the $2+ million project. All tender submissions went through a thorough and robust evaluation process with David Payne’s submission demonstrating a good technical understanding of the project and the requirements for working in our school. They have strong experience working in western NSW. For some further information on the company please have a look at their website http://davidpayne.com.au.

Secretary’s Visit

Michelle Bruniges, Secretary of the DEC and Michele Hall, Executive Director of Connected Communities, visited the school briefly last week. They met with members of the AECG and the Reference Group before visiting classrooms.

Michelle Bruniges said they could see and feel the changes to our school and its learning culture. They also commended the school for its performance in improving literacy and numeracy, especially in K-2. Another aspect she mentioned is our excellence attendance data.

We have beautiful children at Bre Central, and a fabulous team of teachers, Aboriginal educators and support staff.

Healing Foundation

Last week workshops were run here at school by the Healing Foundation. Dr Cliff Leung from the Murri School in Brisbane gave a series of workshops to staff and community agencies on trauma. A Healing Team has been established in the school to support the program over the next two years.

Connecting to Country Workshop

A planning workshop was held this week with the AECG, school reference group and elders. We are aiming to have them run a three day program for teachers and Aboriginal staff on language and culture. This is an important part of the Connected Communities schools program. More in the next newsletter.

Primary News

All students in K-6 have been working very hard. They have started to settle into their new class and learn their new routines. It was lovely to see family members come into school on Tuesday for a meet and greet and an opportunity to discuss with staff the Personalised Learning Plans.

Personalised Learning Plans give families, students and staff an opportunity to discuss various aspects of school and learning. Throughout the year there will be many formal opportunities for families to visit but please feel free to come in at any time and join in with the class. At Brewarrina Central School we have an open door policy, so please don’t hesitate to come in.

Congratulations to the children who participated in the District Swimming Carnival. We have some students going to Regional in Dubbo and we wish them good luck.

Fundraising has started for the year and we have had our very first icy cup day. It was a great relief to many hot people! Fundraising money will be going towards excursions.
In 2 Scorpions we wrote a story together. We presented our story at the K-6 assembly last Friday. The kids all worked fantastically well together and had a number of different and great ideas. Here is our story for you to enjoy.

**Friends Forever**

A long time ago there was a very hungry scorpion looking for yummy juicy bugs. The scorpion was searching for food in the forest when she saw a caterpillar in the distance. The scorpion licked her lips. She saw a bright colourful caterpillar. The scorpion crept closer and closer to the caterpillar. The beautiful caterpillar got scared. The scorpion said "I am so hungry you are going to be my dinner". The caterpillar said "Don't eat me, I'm not your dinner, I'm a caterpillar." The caterpillar told the scorpion "I know where we can find some food, follow me." The hungry scorpion and the beautiful caterpillar walked and walked and walked until they came to the biggest tree in the forest. "Here is the most tastiest food you will find" said the caterpillar. The scorpion replied "I don't eat leaves they are yucky, I only eat juicy bugs and caterpillars." So the scorpion and the caterpillar went searching for bugs. All they could find was more and more leaves but nothing for the scorpion. The caterpillar came up with a great idea. "Let's go and look under some logs". The scorpion was too weak to walk anymore he was too hungry, so the caterpillar helped the scorpion by going and getting some bugs from the closest log. The scorpion was very grateful "you are the best" said the scorpion". The scorpion, who wasn't hungry anymore, and the beautiful caterpillar, who turned into a fantastic butterfly, remained friends forever.

A story by 2 Scorpions

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**5/6 Booglies**

Wow!! What a beginning to Term 1, in 5/6 B. We have had a fast and furious start to it. We set straight to work and have started some new and fantastic projects in the classroom.

In English we are looking at Discussions. We are learning that there are many different opinions to many different topics. We are using our knowledge to support our arguments in a logical way.

In Maths we are getting back into the swing of things, with number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We are a little rusty after our long break but improving each day.

In Sport, we are back into the pool of a Friday. We are trying to improve our swimming and water safety. We are having lots of fun especially with this hot weather of late.

All the staff in 5/6B are excited for a big year of activities. We have lots of new and exciting things planned for the rest of the Term and the rest of the year. Family are always welcome to visit the classroom and see what we are doing and have been up to.

It certainly has been a great start to the Year and Term for the 5/6 Booglies, Aunty Sherrie, Aunty Linda and myself. Please feel free to pop into our classroom for a yarn anytime.
**Swimming Carnival 2015**

“It was a splashing good time” said Mr Cooper at the end of the swimming carnival. Smiles, laughter and an abundance of great races were on show at the annual 2015 BCS swimming carnival.

It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and adding points to their houses. The war cries at the start of the day sent shivers down the spines of several staff members.

A glorious sunny day assisted in the success of the carnival, and all involved in the organisation of the day made it the best carnival BCS has seen in years. Thank you to all the volunteers.

The enthusiasm of staff and students created a positive vibe that lasted well into the evening. Oh how clean the pool was at the end of the day. Thank you to all friends and family that came to cheer along the swimmers.

All of us here at BCS are looking forward to further success at these carnivals and congratulate all the athletes who qualified for district and regional carnivals.

**Primary District Swimming**

On Friday the 20th of February 20 students attended the district swimming carnival in Bourke. Everyone competed to the best of their ability throughout the day. Many of our students had to swim in multiple races without a rest in between. They showed great stamina and sportsmanship. Their never give up attitude was a great reflection on our school. Well done every one.

A special mention needs to be given to Rhae-Kye Waites, Ty Boney and Kieran Boney for making it to Western NSW Regional Swimming in Dubbo on the 6th of March. Good luck!
What a busy fortnight – Mr Rossi has enjoyed some well-earned Long Service Leave touring around NSW and Victoria on his motorbike with some mates – he has returned ready for the rest of the Term.

Senior students participated in a fantastic leadership workshop which saw them engage with very experienced people to develop a plan for some community activities. Students worked through the process after learning the steps needed to develop a plan. Keep an eye and ear out for their proposal.

Year 7 students were immunised last week – no tears and they were very brave!! Well done.

This week Xanthe Eyre and Kynan Heatherill are competing at the Western NSW Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo – a fantastic effort. Good luck.

Student uniform – most of our students are wearing school uniform and look great. A reminder that students must wear covered shoes – thongs are not acceptable. We encourage all students to wear shorts that are an appropriate length. If you have difficulty providing uniforms for your children please make an appointment to discuss it with the principal. The school has uniforms for sale at very reasonable prices.

With the really hot weather we are currently experiencing it is important students have plenty of water to drink. The school canteen has water for sale at recess and lunch – students need to be staying in the school grounds. Our canteen also has good quality healthy food options at reasonable prices – make an order – you will be surprised how yummy it is!!

The remaining weeks of term are very, very busy. Please make sure your children are attending every day and if they need to be away for some reason let the school know. If you let us know in advance it is always appreciated. The school has a dedicated Attendance Team who monitor attendance every week with roll checks, home visits and referrals to the Home School Liaison team if necessary.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Kath Hertslet- Head Teacher
**Circus, Dance & Puppetry Workshop**

Monday to Friday

Puppetry 3pm Weekdays at the Youth Centre

Circus & Dance

Juniors Kinder to Year 6 (4.00 pm – 6.00 pm)

Seniors 13 + (4.00 – 6.30 pm)

@ Brewarrina Community Centre

Big Show 3\(^{rd}\) & 4\(^{th}\) April

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**TENDER**

2010 HILUX UTE

78,000Kms

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Some panel damage- right rear and tailgate, also damaged grille

Tenders are to be submitted in writing to Brewarrina Central School by 27\(^{th}\) March 2015.

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**Welcome to our 2 new staff members**

Gillian Gordon, our new Canteen Manager & Tahnee Skuthorpe our Learning Support Officer

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**The town Library is conducting a survey please feel free to log onto the link below for your chance to win an iPad mini.**

Library User and Non-user survey

Enter to win an iPad mini

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**Principal’s News**

**Great success with Literacy and Numeracy**
The progress of our K-2 students is very exciting. At the end of last year we were one of the best performing schools in the state. Our data showed over 70% of students reaching state standards in both literacy and numeracy. The state average is just under 60%. This is a strong indicator that the *Early Action for Success* program, led by Ms Tonya Kellett, is having a dramatic impact. Congratulations to her, Erin Faricy, Beck Crowther and Angie Skuthorpe.

The program started from day 1 this year. Even in our new Kinder class. If you would like to come and see it, contact us and we will arrange a time.

**National Study Shows success of Big Picture**
As you all know, we are using the *Big Picture* Learning design here at Bre Central. A three-year research project into the design has just been completed.

It showed that Big Picture students compared with mainstream students were more likely to have similar or better student outcomes, higher attendance rates, fewer discipline issues and much lower rates of suspension as well as greater parent participation in the school community.

The research was funded by the Origin Foundation and conducted by Professor Barry Down, from Murdoch University, and Associate Professor Debra Hayes, from the University of Sydney.

**Attendance up, suspensions down**
We are really proud of our students and strive to give them exciting learning experiences. As a consequence, our attendance rate for 2015 is 94.5%. Our kids love coming to school. Thanks to families for supporting them to get here every day.

In 2014 suspensions were by far the lowest they have been for a decade. Over the past five years they have been declining. In 2014 they plummeted by over 50%, due the high level of engagement & active learning in the school.

*Peter Morgan*

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**Primary News**

Congratulations to all the students who are coming to school every day and wearing school uniform. Our school attendance is currently 94.5% and this shows that we are all committed to our learning at Brewarrina Central School.

Well done to Rhae-Kye Waites, Ty Boney and Kieran Boney for participating in the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. Thank you to Aunty Courtney Boney and Aunty Doreen Waites for accompanying the students. They were very well behaved and cheered each other on. Great job!

**Puppets**

Chris and Maria from Gracie Productions (NITV - Yarramundi Kids) are visiting Brewarrina Central School presenting puppetry workshops across the K-6, preparing puppetry work for the *Brewarrina Festival of Biami Fish Traps on the 3rd to 5th of April*.

In weeks 8 and 9 we will be having *NRL visit* the school to do football workshops with Years 3 to 6.

Bullying has started to occur again and we are working very hard to stamp it out. We all need to work together to stop bullying at Brewarrina Central School. If any parents have concerns
about bullying or any other matter, please contact the school. Let’s work together to stop bullying.

**Attendance news**

Our school is reviewing the way we record attendance and follow up with student absences.

One way that other schools have found as an effective form of communication is the **SMS system** and we would like to trial this at Brewarrina Central. The school will send an SMS to your phone and you can reply with a reason for your child’s absence. This will then cut down on paperwork and home visits; however, for this to be successful we need up to date information and contact phone numbers.

*Attached to this newsletter is a contact detail sheet. Please fill in and return to the front office as soon as possible.*

This week, Aunty Lynne and Aunty Bim have been going out into the community to see parents about attendance and sign notes. If you are unable to be contacted we will be sending home verbal notices for you to sign and return to the school.

*Rebecca Williams- Primary Deputy Principal*

**Secondary News**

The term is flying past us very quickly. The past week all students have been focussed on their learning in class. It is very pleasing to see that the majority of our students take their learning seriously and are always prepared to have a go.

Our focus is on all students really engaging with their classes, teachers, peers and the content in the lessons. Students in Big Picture are preparing for their Exhibitions in the next few weeks and we will be *welcoming parents and carers* into the school to participate in these. You will receive notification shortly of the times and dates to attend with your student.

As it gets a bit cooler uniform is becoming an issue. Students need to dress for the weather so if you feel the cool in the morning you will need a **navy blue jumper** or top. Please encourage your students to buy and wear school uniform.

**Uniforms save time and money and show pride** in our own and our school appearance. Hopefully, as it gets cooler that will also see the end of the shorts issue. It is inappropriate to wear short shorts or singlet tops to school and any students wearing them will be taken home to change. The school has uniform items for sale at very reasonable prices. Please see the Front Office.

Our of our rules is Respect. This means treating others fairly and kindly, even though we may not like them. That’s why we work hard to protect students from harassment, graffiti and bullying. If it happens to your child, let us know so we can support them and deal with it. We are a school of **Safe Respectful Learners**.

We encourage all students to “give it a go” and support others to do the same.

**If your children have a Facebook account it is also important they have their settings set to PRIVATE and if there are requests you are not sure about BLOCK & DELETE**
ANZAC Day is the first weekend back of Term 2. It would be great if as many students as possible could participate in the March. More details next term. Students in my classes will also be making Anzac biscuits for the morning tea after the 11am Service at the VIC on 25th April, 2015.

As always, please make an appointment if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about your children.

Kath Hertslet - Head Teacher Secondary

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After a slow start to the year Girlfit is finding its feet this month! We have an amazing trip organised for the end of May plus many other fun things leading up to this.

On Thursday 5th March ‘Girlfit’ held a year 7 orientation. It was a fun night which included a training session with fitness testing, a cooking session and a movie. The girls learnt how to cook healthy versions of Nachos and Beef Stroganoff with the senior Girlfit team members Stella McHughes and Rikkia Nicholls. We then enjoyed a movie and had popcorn. It was an awesome night with a lot of laughs and it was great to see the girls getting involved. Below is the training schedule for the rest of March.

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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 6 Highlights were attendance of the Academy. After a quick Term 1 review we are happy to have the whole Academy sitting on a combined 93.7% well done to all the fellas and keep up the great work!

Friday the 100% attenders this Term were rewarded with lunch in the room and it was really exciting to have such a large group to cook and enjoy a meal with.

This week we also sent out an invite to parents regarding a bike building activity after school Wednesday. Any school staff are welcome to pop in after the meeting.

WHAT HAPPENED IN WEEK 6:
- Bus Washing
- Gym Training. After school
- Training. Morning
- 100% Attenders Lunch Friday
- Table Tennis. After school

WHATS ON THIS WEEK
- Training Tuesday & Thursday
- Chazza’s Art Attack Tuesday after school.
- Gym Training. Tuesday & Thursday after school 5pm.
- Bourke Visit & Bike building. After school Wednesday.
- Bike Building in Bourke Thursday after school

COMING UP
Week 7: Bike Building

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

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (incl. drop-offs)
- **Chazzas Art Attack and Gym Tuesday & Thursday after school**
- Bourke Visit Bre & Bike Building Wednesday after school
- Bourke Trip Thursday after school

CONTACTS
(Adam Close Director) 0419 260 028; (Charlie McHughes Operations Officer) 0428 985 81
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A friendly reminder to all Years 2 – 6 parents that swimming for sport is still happening every Friday. Please send your child/children to school with swimmers, towel and 50c (for entry to the pool).

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS-

START GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL &

BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY 20TH APRIL
**Building work commences**

Our $2.5 million building upgrade is underway. Sheds and builders have appeared on site this week. Stage 1 is in the high school, building the new art room, covered outdoor learning areas and learning hub.

*Davie Payne Constructions are looking to employ local people.* Please keep an eye out in this newsletter, the Brewarrina News and via Alana Hardy at EMPREC about opportunities and requirements.

**Student Exhibitions – 21 Century Learning**

Years 7-10 have completed their Big Picture exhibitions for Term 1. These are important for many reasons. Students have to organise and present their work for the Term. This includes a portfolio of tasks completed, a project and a journal of their learning. In the exhibition they have to show their knowledge, explain what they have learned and answer questions. This tests their thinking and communication skills.

Parents also attend exhibitions. It is a chance for them to see what their children are learning and what they can do. We also look to them to have a say in the next phase of their child’s learning.

**Connecting to Country**

Members of school Reference Group and AECG have put in many hours to prepare a three day program for teachers to connect them to Ngemba country, it’s many people, culture and history. The days will be held at the river, the mission and at the school at the start of Term 3 (12-14 July)

We are looking for people from all sections of the community who would like to take part, tell their stories, help with crafts and art and jonny cake making. Especially elders who lived on the river, at the mission and can yarn with us about their lives.

Speak to Kimmy, Aunties Lynette McHughes, Mary Waites or Doreen McHughes if you would like to be involved.

*Peter Morgan*

**Term 2: Students return Monday 20 April**

There is no school development day at the start of term.

**Primary News**

Moorambilla Choir rehearsals happened last week. Families will be notified soon if your child is invited to participate. This week we will be having Backyard Rugby at Goodooga. Children who have been working well in class and doing the right thing in the playground will be eligible to attend.

There will be our first whole school assembly for the year at 12.30 on Tuesday. During the assembly we will be having our Easter Hat Parade and we hope to see many parents.

**Lunch passes**

Children are encouraged to stay at school during recess and lunch. Our canteen has a credit system where families can put money on a tab for children to access and order their food. If it is necessary for a child to leave at break time and they are in Year 6, they must have a lunch pass to leave school grounds. Notes can be collected at the front office. Lunch passes are not offered to younger students.

We hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 20th April.

*Rebecca Williams*
Kindergarten Fireflies have been working hard in literacy this term. In our literacy session we do a rotation of fun and engaging activities that help us to learn and identify our sounds, spelling words and to develop our skills in reading and writing. These photos are of some of the fun activities we have been completing in class.

Learning our alphabet

Guided writing

Independent reading

Concentrating on puzzles

We have had an awesome first Term in 3/4 Crayfish. We have been very busy with literacy and learning a new approach to incorporate our reading, spelling, writing and fun literacy games into our morning session.

In maths we have been learning about measuring in centimetres and millimetres. Talking with children about how long an item might be also shows how maths is used in everyday life. We have also been very busy practising our two and three digit addition. Every day we have number drills where everyone is becoming much faster and answering correctly!

Fridays have been pretty hot so swimming is a great way to cool down and refine our swimming skills for sport.

You may have had your child asking questions about what life was like growing up in Bre. This Term we have been looking at Communities and comparing Bre 30 years ago to the present and how communities change. We have discussed the role of Council and how important our history is with the Fish Traps and the significance these will play for the future of Brewarrina and tourism.

Our school has been fortunate to have volunteers come to work with the students making sock puppets. So remember don’t throw out that odd sock as it could make a mighty fine puppet with a little bit of imagination.

Aunty Christine, Uncle Bruce and I were extremely proud of how the students had been preparing for our assembly item last week. The students sang the song from the movie Frozen ‘Let it Go’ and they sang beautifully and most importantly everyone gave it a go! Congratulations 3/4C you rock!

Please remember our classroom is always open for you to visit. If there are concerns that you or a student has please come and have a yarn so that any issues
are sorted out as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting more parents during Term 2.

Kind regards,

Aunty Christine, Uncle Bruce, Trish Ceulen and the students of 3/4 Crayfish.

This term 4/5 Circus has been very busy. We have been completing random acts of kindness. Have you received one yet?

As a class we performed our item at assembly with style. We learnt the song Wakka Wakka by Shakira and Miss Crowther taught us a dance to go with it. We loved our costumes and face paint.

Congratulations to the secondary SRC students who implemented a new format for the secondary assembly last week. The student led assembly will be held every fortnight on a Thursday morning at 9 am in the school hall. Parents, carers and community are welcome to come along and support the students. Awards will be given and reports of what is happening will also be presented.
Mrs Close is working with the SRC students to develop a strong student voice in the secondary department. From last week’s assembly they will develop into a great team to bring benefit to themselves, their peers and the school.

NSW Police invited two senior students – Glenn Rose and Deaken Bennett to participate in a youth exchange to the Newcastle area this week. It is a great opportunity to meet other young men from our Local Area Command and from the Newcastle area. They will participate in leadership activities as well as sport and personal development activities. Thank you to NSW Police for supporting this initiative.

Anzac Day – the first weekend back of the term. It would be great to see as many students join in the March as possible. If you are interested in participating please make the effort to come along on Saturday 25th April, 2015 in uniform (Clontarf, GirlFit or school uniform). Meet at 10.30 at the Police Station for the March.

Thank you to everyone who has taken an interest in Secondary this term. We look forward to a great term 2. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s education.

Best wishes and have a safe and Happy Easter holidays.

Kath Hertslet

**School Of Ants – Citizen Science Program**

Last Wednesday year 7 completed a training and ant activities day with Dr Kirsti Abbott (not Tony Abbott’s wife as the students discovered after a rigorous interrogation). This day was run to give these students the skills to be able to conduct their ant collections as part of a citizen science project that Mr Daymond will be running at the school this year.

Citizen science projects are research projects where the scientific research is conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or nonprofessional scientists. This means that in 2015 Year 7 will be collecting data for Dr Abbott and her team at UNE.

During the morning session Year 7 set out ant traps and went about hand collecting different species of ants so that they could view them under a microscope after recess.

Upon the completion of the ant collection Year 7 all went and collected the ant traps and placed them in the freezer to humanely kill them. These ants were then placed in a postage bag and sent back to UNE.

In the middle session students viewed the ants they collected under a microscope and learnt all about different species of ants, aboriginal totems (from Aunty Bim) and the anatomy of ants that are in this region. They rounded out the day by learning about silk screen printing and used this method to create their very own ant t-shirts. The final activity of the day was an “ant picnic” game where the students needed to work together to make their way around the room using only picnic mats.

Year 7 will now complete ant collections once a month until November which will provide data on the food preferences of ants throughout the year.

A big congratulations to all of the students who took part in the activities and a special thanks to Aunty Bim for coming in and assisting with our research and Aunty Amy for helping out throughout the day.

Sam Daymond
Clontarf Foundation

Brewarrina Academy (BA)

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 8 started with good numbers at training again with over 20 boys attending the morning session. Well done to the fellas for their commitment!

The Senior Rugby League Carnival for the NSW Academies was held in Inverell and the Bre/Bourke Westies came very close to securing a birth in the final only to miss out by a point. This was a huge effort despite only having thirteen players. The real highlight was to see the legend Charlie McHughes in full flight in the Clontarf Gift a relay over 100 metres. Charlie really showed the young fellas how to move although I believe he may have intercepted the ball on the 20m line.

Wednesday to Monday Charlie and I are away on Clontarf PD we will be only contactable via email. We will try to get back to any issues ASAP.

WHAT HAPPENED IN WEEK 8:
- Bus Washing
- Gym Training. After school Tuesday.
- Training. Tuesday Morning. Thursday in Tamworth
- Senior Rugby League Carnival Inverell.
- Thursday Bunnings Partner Visit.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK
- Training Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Chazza’s Art Attack Tuesday after school.
- Wednesday BBQ at pool morning training.
- Wednesday-Monday Charlie & Adam away Clontarf PD

COMING UP
- Week 9
  - Closey’s Cooking Class 100% attenders Lunch
  - Thursday Lunch

- Week 1 Term 2:
  - 100% Attendees
  - Chazza’s Chill Out. Friday Afternoon

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

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (incl. drop-offs)
- Chazza’s Art Attack Tuesday after school
- Gym Tuesday after school

CONTACTS
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New Primary Winter Uniforms Have arrived -
Maroon jumpers - $10
Black Tracksuit Bottoms - $10
We also have summer uniforms in stock -
Maroon Shirts - $5
Black Shorts - $10
All uniforms are to be purchased from the front office.

We also have a new stock of shoes in all sizes ranging from an infants size 8 to a men’s size 12. Shoes are $5 per pair (All shoes are sold in the Library)

Where: Goodooga
When: Wednesday 1st April
All students are required to have a mouthguard or they will not be able to play.

Students must also bring -
- Football Boots
- Water Bottles
- Lunch & Recess as there may not be a canteen on the day
  - Hat
  - Sunscreen

School Holidays
Start Good Friday 2nd April
All staff and students back to school 20th April