Building work

We are all watching the new high school learning hub and art room emerge from the construction site. Covered outdoor learning areas spread out from the hub like wings. We hope students' learning will fly under their cover. Fingers crossed that in a month we will be moving in. Then work will start on the Community Hub.

Kinder Start

We are starting our transition program from preschool to school one term early this year. Ms Tonya Kellett is leading the program. Ms Sandy Hayer and Tahnee Skuthorpe will be the teaching team. Our aim is to have students well and truly ready to start kinder in 2016 knowing the patterns of work that are bringing so much success with our 2015 Kinder group.

NAIDOC week

This will start on Monday 3 August with a flag raining and art exhibition. The march and assembly will be held on Tuesday, starting at 11:30, with activities in the afternoon. The sports day will be on Friday from 11:30 – 1:30. See you there.

Writing and researching

Exciting developments are emerging in the areas of writing and project work. Students in Year 2 have made great leaps in the quality of their writing through new approaches implemented by Mr Smyth with the the support of Ms Kellett. They are now writing with greater creativity, in more depth and self editing.

A key to this improvement is a strong focus on planning what they write and a ‘give it a go’ approach. The work has been studied by teachers right up to Year 12 as an example of work with the qualities we want in all writing.

In Year 4/5 Miss Crowther has her students doing independent research tasks on animals. The students are very engaged in their work and will be exhibiting it with Year 7 next week.

These are two examples of how key innovations in literacy teaching in K-2, and Big Picture in Years 7-10, are spreading across the school.

Peter Morgan
Executive Principal

AECG Meeting

The meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon 28th July at 3:15 at the school. We really encourage parents to come along and have a yarn with us about school and their children’s learning. Hope to see lots of you there.

Peter Morgan
Executive Principal
Welcome back to Term 3! It looks like it’s going to be another busy Term. We have PBL rewards coming up, school photos, netball and the Indigenous games in Goodooga, just to name a few.

Attendance

At the start of the term, some children were absent due to the postponement of Connecting to Country. If your child did not attend school please come to the front office and sign an exemption form. The Attendance Team and Regional HSLOs have been reviewing attendance and there has been an increase in Unexplained Absences. If your child is sick or unable to attend due to family commitments out of town, please ring the front office and they will fill in a Verbal Notification sheet. Aunt Lyn will be making phone calls each afternoon to follow up some of the absences.

Uniform

It’s great to see so many children in school uniform. With the cooler weather children need to wear jumpers. Please make sure names are on clothing. Any lost property is being recycled and given to children who are cold.

Please feel free to come up and make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher if you would like to discuss anything.

Rebecca Williams

Mrs Trapman has returned from her maternity leave and will be working with Mrs Close in secondary. Mrs Pearce will be taking a transfer of duty to the Newcastle area for a few weeks – we hope to see her back towards the end of the term.

For the remainder of the year I will be sitting in the deputy principal’s chair doing the role done by Mr Rossi.

Attendance of students at school is very important. You need to let the school know every-time one of your children is absent. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Have a great week
Kath Hertslet

A settled start to the term

Students have returned from their break raring to go, and despite the construction site, classes are humming along nicely.

Attendance

Please ensure you let the school know if your child is absent from school. Attendance at school every day is vital to meeting required outcomes.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

A number of students earned the Term 2 reward, which was held last week. Mrs Close and her team of helpers did a great job organising the reward and the success provides ongoing motivation for all students to work towards...
earning PBL awards. It is wonderful to see so many Safe Respectful Learners. Have you received a positive postcard home about your child? Keep an eye out.

**Homework Club**

A Homework Club has been started by staff, to be held on Tuesday afternoons. A note has been sent home. The Club allows students to get work done with the support of staff. Lifts are available to take students home once the note has been returned to school. This is a great opportunity for all students 7-12.

**Clontarf and Girl Fit**

The school continues to value the support of the Clontarf Foundation and Girl Fit. There are a number of events coming up for students that are part of these groups. What a wonderful way to encourage personal and academic development for our kids and a continued positive image in the community.

**Year 12 students**

Our HSC students are now into their final term. There are final assessments still to be completed, and lots of study to still be done. It is a stressful time for students and their families and if you feel you or your child need support from the school in any way please don’t hesitate to let us know. This term, plans will start to unfold for the farewell and a team will be formed to get plans underway. The farewell will be held towards the end of Term 4.

_Sarah Trapman_

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS...**

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

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Give your child every chance to succeed... Every day counts!

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**MIXED JUNIOR NETBALL**

NETBALL HAS ALREADY STARTED
FROM 3.30PM TO 5PM AT BREWARRINA CENTRAL SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS

Cost $20

The program will run for 6 weeks on a Thursday from 16th July until 27th August. It will include netball skills and games.

*Parents must give permission for registration*
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

Background to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

In May 2013, all Education Ministers from Commonwealth, state and territory governments endorsed the implementation of a nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability in all Australian schools (government, independent and Catholic).

The nationally consistent approach to data collection will provide all Australian schools, education authorities and the community with a clear picture of the number of students with disability in schools and the adjustments they are provided to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is being phased in over a three year period. The first limited data collection occurred in October 2013 and the second in August 2014. Selected schools in Australia were chosen to participate in the 2013 and 2014 data collections.

From 2015, all Australian schools will participate in the NCCD, with the first comprehensive collection occurring in August 2015.

Authority for the collection of information for the purposes of the NCCD

The information that approved authorities must give to the department, is in relation to each student with a disability at a school

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s category of disability (i.e. physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the student’s level of adjustment (i.e. support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment).

The information will not identify individual students, and no information that could reasonably enable the department to identify individual students will be provided by approved authorities to the department.

Contact

For further information about the collection, use or disclosure of information for the NCCD please contact: SWDPolicyTeam@education.gov.au.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact: Rebecca Williams at Brewarrina Central School – (02) 66392186
Last term 4/5 Circus had been writing up a storm.

We had been writing information reports and are currently working on our own animal projects.

We have been working these projects with our partners and cannot wait to display our work.
Mexican Fiesta
Wed 29th July

Nachos—$5
Tacos - $5
Soft drinks - $2
Chocolates—$1

Food available at recess. First in first served.

All proceeds go directly to support Girlfit and Clontarf.
Clontarf Foundation

Brewarrina Academy (BA)

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 1: This week has flown with the BA fellas all back on deck. It was great to see the Academy back and buzzing with smiling faces.

This week we introduced the Catch Up Club and this will be valuable for all the fellas to keep on top of their due dates this Term.

The Chazza’s Master Class was postponed due to rain but the fellas hung around and played some Table Tennis after school and the talent level is quickly improving.

The Academy room was utilized for the PBL rewards lunch and it was very pleasing to note the number of Academy members that had received these awards for their efforts in the classroom.

Training numbers were impressive even with the cold weather and confusion around school starting.

WHAT HAPPENED IN WEEK 1:

- Training Tuesday & Thursday
- School returned
- Breakfast Club
- Catch Up Club Tuesday after school
- Master Class Table Tennis
- Bus Cleaning

COMING UP

- Week 3
  Yr 11-12 Employment Forum Dubbo

- Week 4-5
  Yr 6-10 NRL Indigenous Engagement Camp

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- Training Tuesday & Thursday
- Catch Up Club 3.30-4.30pm Tuesday
- NAIDOC Activities St Pats Friday
- Friday 100% attenders Smoothies
- Thursday Afternoon Netball Volunteering
- Wednesday Thursday Mental Health First Aid Adam/Charlie

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)

Bus Cleaning Monday
Catch Up Club Tuesdays after school.
Netball Thursday Afternoon
Friday NAIDOC St Pats

CONTACTS

Adam Close- Director -0419 260 028
Charlie McHughes- Operations Officer -0428 985 812
Notice Board

**REMINDER**
**PARENTS**

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

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**Dates to Remember**

- 29\(^{th}\) August Mexican Fiesta
- 29\(^{th}\) July Years 11 & 12 Clontarf Boys Careers In Dubbo
- 3\(^{rd}\)-7\(^{th}\) August NAIDOC Celebrations
- 5\(^{th}\) August Jenny Wright Primary Netball (Walgett)
- 6\(^{th}\) August Indigenous Games (Goodooga)
- 8\(^{th}\) – 10\(^{th}\) August Years 6-10 Clontarf Engagement Camp Newcastle
- 6\(^{th}\)-16\(^{th}\) August Various Camps with Morrambilla
- 14\(^{th}\) – 17\(^{th}\) August Mid Term Break

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**Uniforms**

Maroon jumpers - $10

Black Tracksuit Bottoms - $10

All uniforms are to be purchased from the front office.

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

(All shoes are sold in the Library)

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**NAIDOC WEEK**

We will be celebrating NAIDOC Week this year in Week 4 (3\(^{rd}\) – 7\(^{th}\) August).

We will have further details in our next Newsletter.
This week Bre Central Celebrated NAIDOC week starting with our Opening and flag raising on Monday.

We participated in many activities throughout the week, including our annual march, assembly, Art Exhibition, Secondary cook up and Indigenous Games.
There were many highlights to our NAIDOC week celebrations. The Art Exhibition was fabulous on Monday evening, with about 50 people joining us for the grand opening. Miss Nichols led the flag raising, students and community enjoyed the march and activities were a great success. Many students received awards at the assembly for their learning, respectful behavior and attendance. For me the highlight was the sports day on Friday.

Students, parents and teachers all jumped for joy at Friday’s NAIDOC sports day. For the first time we were able to use our beautiful new oval. It has been many many years since Brewarrina Central School had a good school oval.

When I came to Bre in 2013 as part of Connected Communities, we asked “what is the number one priority for our school?” the overwhelming response was a NEW OVAL.

Last Friday as part of NAIDOC week we used our oval for the first time, and our spirits soared. The day involved all students K-12, all staff and St Patricks school participating in Indigenous games plus and modern sports.

The sun shone, senior students led by example, and we had a real sense of community. Well done Sports Committee, your organisation was just fantastic. The day finished with a great BBQ.
Read with your kids – *YES I CAN!*

Many parents want to give their kids more support with their learning. The Literacy for Life Foundation has now begun its adult Aboriginal literacy campaign at Blessings, the backpacker’s building opposite the culture centre. Using a model from Cuba called *Yes, I Can!*, local facilitators Janelle Frail and Norman Coffey will be helping adults improve their reading and writing.

Literacy has positive effects on health, employment, general wellbeing your children. Parents who have participated in the program in Bourke, Engonia and Wilcannia have been very happy. Many can now read to their children and help them with their homework.

If you are interested in the program or know someone else who might be, please call the local coordinator Mary Waites on 0474 992 894.

Everyone is invited to come to our launch at 11am on Wednesday 26th August at the Ngunnhu traps at Weir Park. This will be followed by a BBQ at Blessings in Darling St.

**Focus on Reading**

Teachers from Years 3-10 are involved in new literacy initiative called *Focus on Reading*. The program enables teachers to target each individual child’s comprehension and teaches the skills required to be a better reader. Not just reading aloud but understanding what they are reading and being able to talk and write about it.

The first strategy is to help students connect what they read to their own lives and what is happening in the world. This makes reading real and meaningful and ties in with our 8 Ways Aboriginal Learning design.

**Attendance**

Attendance at school has an immediate and long term affect on the health, future employment, and general wellbeing your children.

Getting your child to school every day gives them their best chance in life. Not doing so can lead to a life of boredom, poor health and possible illegal activity.

SO…..

**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**
We've had a great start to NAIDOC week! The march was a fantastic success and the assembly showed off our kids achievements and talents. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work in organising the events and thanks to families for coming along and supporting our kids. The wonderful art exhibition is still on if anyone would like to come in and see the lovely work on display.

Primary girls went to Walgett on Wednesday for Netball and Football and had a great time! Mr Morgan and Aunty Lynne were impressed with the big effort the girls put in and they did BCS proud.

All the teachers at BCS are currently being trained in Focus on Reading. This is a Years 3-10 literacy program that focuses on comprehension and personalising learning. I have been very lucky to have a number of children come and show me their work and read to me.

It is great to see the positive learning experiences students are having in class. We are working really hard to transfer this to the playground. If you would like to come in and see your child’s work, please feel free to contact the teacher and organise a time.

A number of children have been complaining of having itchy heads. Unfortunately nits are on the move again. Please check your child’s head regularly and provide treatment if necessary. Remember to treat all of the family.

A big thank you to parents who have been contacting the school when your child has been away. If you are planning leave or your child is sick, please feel free to ring the front office and let us know.

Ms Bec Williams

3 / 4 Crayfish have had a very busy first few weeks of Term 3. Our focus has been how to make our writing more interesting by describing and extending how much we are writing. Currently we are reading and writing Information Reports and finding out fun facts about animals.

We have also been increasing out fitness and as part of maths last week we timed our fitness run by collecting data of our times. Then we created a graph to show the times for our laps of the basketball court.

Aunty Christine, Uncle Bruce, Trish Ceulen and the students of 3 / 4 Crayfish.
5/6 Booglies

It is almost halfway through Term 3 already, 5/6B has been working extremely well, that we think it is only the start of Term.

We have been focusing on our Reading and Comprehension skills. We are all doing really well and showing that our hard work and persistence is showing off.

In Maths, we are still focusing hard on our four operations (Addition, Subtraction, Division and Multiplication). We are enjoying hands on activities in Math Groups. By the end of the Term we are hoping to know most of our Timetables.

In Sport, we are still doing various activities in different locations of the school. We are using the Community Centre to play Hockey, Indoor Football and some newly invented games that we are enjoying. We had some amazing challenges with some of the Year 7 and 8’s last term but can’t wait to beat them again this term.

All teachers involved in 5/6B are excited for another Term of fun activities. We have lots of new and exciting things planned for the rest of the Term and the rest of the Year. Families are always welcome to visit the classroom and see what we have been up to and engage in student activities.

Our Artwork was on show at our annual BCS NAIDOC Art Show. It was great to see a few students and parents there enjoying the atmosphere. It certainly has been a great start to the Term for the 5/6 Booglies, Aunty Sherrie and Mr Beames. Please feel free to pop into our classroom for a yarn anytime.

Mitchell Beames

Secondary News

Attendance

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

For the next fortnight, the PBL focus will be on the canteen for K-12. Our secondary students have the opportunity to be leaders among their peers, modelling the correct behaviour when at the canteen.

Have you received a positive postcard home about your child? This is another initiative that we use to communicate with parents and carers about their child’s positive behaviour at school.

Homework Club

Homework Club is held Tuesday afternoons after school in the English room. It is a great opportunity for students to finish assignments and get help from staff to complete their work. It was pleasing to see some students there this week working on Big Picture projects with help from Mrs Jones, Mr Daymond and Mr Cooper.

Art Club

An Art Club is to be held on Monday afternoons in the Art Room. Students can see Ms Nolan for information.

Construction development in Secondary

Our students have been amazing in dealing with the obvious problems that arise with a construction site right in the middle of the high school. The grass has been put down in the quad and there will be more room for movement.
Sporting trips

Mr MacNamara has been busily organising sporting trips for our students, including the Indigenous Games in Goodooga and Regional Athletics. I am sure you will get some feedback regarding these events. It is wonderful that we have so many opportunities happening for our kids.

UWS Visit

During the last week of term, students from University of Western Sydney visited and spoke to secondary students about their experiences of being at university. The students were from a range of faculty areas including education and nursing. Ethan Johnson also came along and spoke to the students. UWS provided a sausage sizzle and morning tea.

Later in Term 3 the university will be back to support our Year 12 students prepare for the HSC and encourage students in year 9-11 to consider their options for further study.

Mrs Trapman & Mrs Hertslet

Big Picture

Each term Big Picture holds a fundraiser for their chosen organisation to demonstrate community spirit and contribute back to society. Last Term Yr. 9/10 Big Picture raised funds for the Brewarrina Youth Centre. The students baked cupcakes and slices, within 20 minutes they had sold everything and made $94. The students presented a cheque to the Mayor of Brewarrina, Angelo Pippos and his councillors to pass onto Jenny Shearer to buy more supplies for the youth centre.

From L-R Jenny Shearer, Jazzlyn Pearsall, Linda Maguire, Mayor Angelo Pippos, Ms Sherri Bird, Ashalye Cochrane & Tamika Nicholls.

Ms Sherri Bird

“Congratulations” to Miss Angela Skuthorpe (Miss S.)

20 Years of Service with the Department of Education.
NAIDOC WEEK - SECONDARY COOK UP!

Indigenous Games
Notice Board

Dates to Remember

- 12th August – School Photos
- 13th August District Athletics Carnival (Bourke)
- 28th August Regional Athletics Carnival (Dubbo)
- 6th – 9th September Clontarf Ross Kelly Cup (Sydney)
- 14th – 18th September Clontarf ADF (Williamstown)
- 21st September School Holidays

REMINDER
PARENTS

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

14th-17th August

MID TERM BREAK

School Holidays Start 21st September

School Resumes 6th October
On Wednesday 26th August many of the secondary students went to Bourke for the Ronnie Gibbs sporting carnival. The school entered an under 14’s girls netball team, an open girls netball team and two boys rugby league teams.

The open girls started the day off well winning their first two games but then were beaten by Nyngan and Baradine.

All the girls played extremely well and showed off their natural ability. The under 14’s only won one game but played very well considering most of them were in Year 7 and this was their first year competing.

The boys played well in their league games with the opens combining with Cobar High to form a team. Edward McHughes pulled off some big hits and used his size to his advantage. Kaylan Murray played well and caused a few sore heads for the opposition. In the under 14’s Alii Pakutoa was a standout along with Diondre Murphy who captained the side. The boys should be proud of their team work and how well they played.
**Connected Communities Field Day**

Last week we attended the Field Day in Coonamble. We had a display and presented a workshop. Our presentation was very well received, with most interest in the work of our Aboriginal Educators and how we empower them in the classroom.

*Kimmy and Tonya Kellett with the Secretary Michelle Bruniges.*

**Farewell Year 12**

This week our Year 12 students completed their formal classes. It is now up to them to navigate the exams. They will have full access to staff and out facilities to ensure they can do their best. Good luck Stella, Burra, Glen, Aytash and Josh.

**Homework Club**

The Club has been operation each Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 0 4:30. Up to 25 students are attending each week, completing individual tasks. They are supported by most of the high school teachers, who provide 1:1 tutoring. We are looking to increase it to two days a week next Term.

**Phase One Construction Competed**

We are thrilled that the High School building work will be completed over the holidays, with final painting. Students have already moved in and are enjoying our beautiful new facilities. There will be lots of photos in the next newsletter.

During the holidays, work will also commence on an upgraded to our basketball courts, which will be completed in week 2 of Term 4.

*Peter Morgan
Executive Principal*

Let’s get back into **summer uniform.**

*If your child does not have a uniform please come to the office where they can be purchased at very big discounts.*

**Infants/Primary News**

Wow, what a busy term!

We have had a great term of learning. Many of the staff have undertaken professional training to help our students become better learners in the areas of reading, writing and number. Participating in the home reading program is a valuable way that you can support your child with their reading. Please see your child’s teacher for home readers over the holidays.

Congratulations to all the children who represented our school in netball, football, athletics and Moorambilla. Next term, Malakye Biles will be running at State and we wish him luck. Over the last few weeks we have had a Community Ball, White Balloon Day and Father’s Day celebrations. All of these were a great success and thank you to everyone who made them possible.

This week we will be having our PBL celebrations to recognise the students who are SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS. There will be 26 children attending the morning tea and 20 attending the movie afternoon. Congratulations to all the children who work really hard in the playground to play fairly and be safe.
Over the school holidays we will be having a revamp of the classrooms in the Primary area. There may be some minor disruptions for K-2 and we have moved two 3-6 classes to ensure there is no significant impact on their learning. 5/6 will be moving to the GLS and 4/5 will be moving next door to the computer room.

**Head Lice**

Unfortunately a number of children are coming to school saying they have itchy heads. We are unable to treat children for Head Lice and require this be done at home. Some children are having issues concentrating on their work due to the discomfort. We would appreciate if you could discuss this with your child at home and discourage the sharing of hats. If you would like any assistance with this issue, please contact Sue Gordon in the front office for some suggestions.

We all hope you have a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

*Rebecca Williams*

We have also been enjoying learning about length. We have been measuring many things including our heights in class and ordering the students from tallest to shortest. Here is the photo showing the students all lined up! Shakiah is our tallest student and Rhae-Kye is the shortest!

*Kind regards,*

*Aunty Christine, Uncle Bruce and Trish Ceulen*
Secondary News

Attendance

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

For the next fortnight, the PBL focus will be on the basketball courts. Analysis of data has shown this area is a “hotspot” for negative behaviour. Our secondary students have the opportunity to be leaders among their peers, modeling the correct behaviour as well as showing sportsmanship.

Homework Club

Homework Club is held Tuesday afternoons after school in the English room. A great opportunity for students to finish assignments and get help from staff to complete their work. It has become increasingly popular over the last few weeks and we include some photos of students working hard. Great to see!

University of Western Sydney visit

We had the pleasure of hosting two women from UWS last week, who did some workshops with Years 9-12. They were incredibly impressed with the participation and commitment of our students.

Preliminary Exams

Year 11 sat their final Preliminary examinations last week (Week 9). Next term, they will move into HSC work. It has been great to see students give a good go in exam conditions. We wish them all the best as they finish up year 11 work. And prepare for their last year at BCS.

PBL rewards

A reward for students who have achieved their wristbands will happen in Week 10. Parents/carers will also get a letter home. Many of our students are great role models for the younger students in our school and display our values of Safe Respectful Learners on a daily basis. Positive behaviour goes hand-in-hand with positive learning. We all want our kids to achieve to their best.

Moving into summer

As the weather starts to warm up, it is important to note our school uniform: dark shorts (navy or black), and a school shirt (white). Students who are in GirlFit and Clontarf are also able to wear those shirts. Short shorts are NOT school uniform. Shorts should be as long as mid-thigh.

Use of the new Learning Hub

The new building is very nice inside, and all students were given a look around this week. Classes have begun in there, mainly year 7 and 8 classes at the moment. The new Art Room is also getting used and it really is wonderful for our kids to be enjoying state-of-the-art technology that promotes the best learning. We still have a few things to go, as builders now move down to the site of the old art room to start building.
Visiting Girls Rugby

We had a visit from Walgett and Lightning Ridge schools last week to play rugby with our girls. It was great to see people there cheering them on. Our students conducted themselves in a positive and fair manner that represented our school proudly. Thanks to Mr Mac and his team for their organisation.

PBL Rewards

The following students earned the reward at the end of this term for achieving 2 or more wristbands:

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Well done to these students. The following students earned 1 wristband this term, keep up the good effort:

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Students are encouraged to ensure merits are handed into to box so that they get their wristband/s. It is great to see all students giving their best effort and being Safe Respectful Learners.

Farewell Year 12

Year 12 are at the end of their time at school, as they finish up in preparation to sit for the HSC. We wish them the very best of luck. The Year 12 Farewell will be held next term.

Absence Notes

Please if your child is absent for any reason, let the school know.

Big Picture Exhibitions

Exhibitions will be held in Week 6 next term. This will be an opportunity for students to showcase their learning across all subjects and set goals for 2016.

Sarah Trapman

Sports and PDHPE News

NAIDOC Week was a ball of fun. Everybody was involved and had a great time.

Students participating in obstacle races

Year 7 boys working on their lip gloss.
The girls and Mrs Jones making some dream catchers.

This term, **Year 7** has been participating in **Mini-Olympics**. They have had to design their own mini Olympics.

Regional Athletics has been getting better each year. We really enjoyed the new Dubbo facilities.

Homework Club has been fantastic this term. Check out some photos.
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.

The Clontarf Academy Brewarrina has had a huge Term with the members engaging in a range of activities. The Academy has worked hard in achieving above the targets in both attendance in the program and school. These achievements from the fellas show a great commitment to their lives both now and in the future.

The introduction of some new after school activities and community volunteering has seen growth in maturity and also exposes the Academy fellas to new challenges. Activities such as homework club help the fellas make better decisions around their education and their life outcomes. Volunteering at events such as junior rugby league teaches leadership and mentoring skills to their younger peers.

The camps this Term were used for broad reasons such as an induction camp for the year 6 group to help them transition from primary to high school. On this particular camp we also had some high school fellas accompany the year 6 group to introduce them to the values and expectation of the Academy. We also had a group attend our major junior rugby league carnival in Sydney. This Camp included such activities as dinner with the Governor General, activities with the St Ignatius Riverview Prefect group and meeting with program and government officials. The way in which these young men represent themselves and their community is something to be very proud of.

I encourage anyone interested to please visit our Academy or feel free to attend and participate in one of our many activities in the up coming Term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NSW Table Tennis Championships Oxley High School Week 2
- NSW Cricket Carnival Armidale Week 6
- Best Attenders Of The Year Day Out Week 10

Adam & Charlie
Girlfit had a wonderful weekend in Dubbo on the 5th and 6th of September. After a hard day of shopping and setting up the camp sites, the Girlfit team decided tenpin bowling and pizza was a great way to celebrate two of our member’s birthdays. Sharone Moore and Chantae Eyre celebrated their birthdays with a chocolate mud cake and a can of whipped cream. After the sugar high ended, we headed back to our tents for a night of giggles.

Sunday began with a bright and early 5:30am rise. We began by walk down to the ‘Dubbo Stampede’ held at Dubbo Western Plain Zoo. Whilst we made our way around the Zoo, we stopped and took photographs with the animals. The Girlfit girls shouted words of encouragement as the leaders of other races passed by. This demonstrates how kind and caring our girls are to others. Their never give up attitude is always a pleasure to be around.

A special mention needs to be given to our senior members. The support and care they provide to the younger girls of Girlfit is a credit to themselves. We could not be prouder.

Chantelle and Fiona
Last week five members of Brewarrina Central School set off to Newcastle to attend the BP Conference. Alkira Hart, Tegan Bennett, Jazzlyn Pearsall, Dianne Kelly (Aunty Bim) and Mrs Hertslet travelled by car to Newcastle. We had a great time participating in the Conference and workshops with approximately ninety other BP people from across Australia and New Zealand.

The Conference had past students, current students, parents and teachers present a range of interesting information. There was an opportunity to participate in two special interest workshops also.

A highlight was a panel session on Indigenous Education and Big Picture in Remote Communities. Aunty Bim was part of the panel along with a teacher from Western Australia and a school principal from New Zealand who has 27,000 thousand students enrolled in his school. Kira and Tegan also were part of the panel.

Later in the conference Kira was part of a student panel and provided an example of her experiences in Big Picture.

All three days were very full and we were tired by the end. Fortunately there was a little bit of free time and we went out for dinner, had a run on the beach, did a bit of shopping and watched a movie. We travelled home via Dubbo for the night then home to Bre on Saturday afternoon.

The students were great ambassadors for our school and Big Picture.

After our first Conference day Newcastle City Hall

Panel for Big Picture in Indigenous communities

Kathy Hertslet
Notice Board

Dates to Remember

- 12\textsuperscript{th} Oct – 5\textsuperscript{th} November
  HSC Exams

‘Good luck to all
Year 12 Students
with your HSC
exams’

School holidays begin 19\textsuperscript{th} September

School RESUMES for Staff and Students
Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} October

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

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