Monday 14th October, 2013

Dear parents, carers and students,

A quiet newsletter this week, as I busily work through all of the changes coming into schools in 2014 in the areas of teaching and learning in English, Mathematics, History and Science, as well as changes to data collection, NAPLANS, staffing and the global budget. But more on the changes, in coming newsletters.

Today your child participated in free AFL clinics and they had a lot of fun during their 30 minute lesson. We made sure that all children were very well hydrated before, during and after the activity. Speaking of hydration, I spoke to students last week about making sure that they drink plenty of water during the day and that they remove their jumpers, sweaters etc. now that the weather is warming up. Parents, you might like to send in an extra frozen water bottle, wrapped in a tea towel each day. Students are permitted, in fact, encouraged to sip water during the teaching sessions of each day. Also on days where the temperature is 30+ degrees before 11.15am, the soccer fields will be closed.

Good luck to Kate, Ronan and Ciaran as they start their Year 7 transition program at Campbelltown Performing Arts HS on Wednesday 16 October. Enjoy your experience.

Good luck Sam! Run well at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush.

Enjoy the weeks ahead and make the most of every opportunity to learn something new!

Anne Bunga
Principal

Topics in this week’s newsletter include:

- Intention to Apply: 2015 Year 7 Selective High School
- Research – Parents wanted
- Kindergarten Orientation Dates
- Banking
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertising

**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

Please place your bank books and Deposits in the tin before school.

*Please remember to fill in your deposit slips with the amount to be banked.*

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**Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2015**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015, you need to do so soon. Applications are made online. You need to use an ‘adult’ email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 15 October 2013 at:


Online applications close on 18 November 2013.

If you do not have internet access, a printed application form will be available from the school on 22 October 2013. They must be completed and returned to the school by 18 November 2013.

Please return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

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**Note:** This is an intention to apply only, **NOT an application.** You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.

**Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015**

Student’s name: __________________________

Class: ___________

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2015: Yes ☐ No ☐

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form ☐

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“Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
Research – Parents wanted
Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology in Perth WA, is conducting research into parents’ perceptions of their child’s school readiness. Students from Curtin Uni would value the opinions of parents regarding factors surrounding school readiness. You are asked to complete a 15 minute online questionnaire. You will find the questionnaire link attached to this newsletter. The link to the online questionnaire is https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5asTDTnLxWEgGFf
Your help is greatly appreciated.
Thank you,
Beverley Stacey
Thesis Student | School of Psychology and Speech Pathology

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
The dates for 2014 students’ Kindergarten Orientation have been set. The dates are:
- Thursday 31st October 9am – 11.00am
  Students in class, while parents purchase uniforms and complete enrolment paperwork
- Thursday 7th November 9am – 11.00am
  Students in class, while parents attend information session in the hall
- Thursday 14th November 9am – 11.00am
  Students in class, while parents purchase uniforms and complete enrolment paperwork

Notes to be returned via the silver tin:
Please look for these notes which have been sent home and return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope and place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School.

- Year 5 and 6 week long camp – part payment due
- Kindergarten enrolments 2014
- Yr 7 Selective High School applications
### Term 4 Week 2
- **Monday 14 October**  
  Free AFL clinics K- 6 ©
- **Tuesday 15 October**  
  Staff meeting ©
- **Wednesday 16 October**  
  12 noon Reading Recovery meeting – T Jordan  
  Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition  
  - Good luck Kate, Ronan and Ciaran
- **Thursday 17 October**  
  PSSA Athletics Carnival – Homebush  
  - Good luck Sam
- **Friday 18 October**
  - Milo Cricket Competition Ys 3, 4, 5 and 6

### Term 4 Week 3
- **Tuesday 22 October**  
  Staff meeting – English  
  Yr 6 going to PHS - examinations
- **Wednesday 23 October**
  - Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Friday 25 October**  
  Milo Cricket Competition Ys 3, 4, 5 and 6

### Term 4 Week 4
- **Monday 28 October**
  - Last day for Stewart House Bags
- **Tuesday 29 October**  
  Staff meeting – English
- **Wednesday 30 October**  
  Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Thursday 31 October**
  - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1
  - P & C Halloween Disco
- **Friday 1 November**  
  Executive Planning Day ©

### Term 4 Week 5
- **Tuesday 5 November**  
  Staff meeting
- **Wed 6 November**  
  7.00pm P and C meeting  
  State final Spelling Bee – Sydney ©
  - Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition  
  - Principal Meeting
- **Thursday 7 November**
  - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2
- **Friday 8 November**
  - 2pm K-6 Assembly

### Term 4 Week 6
- **Tuesday 12 November**  
  Staff meeting - English
- **Wednesday 13 November**
  - Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Thursday 14 November**
  - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation Session 3
- **Friday 15 November**

### Term 4 Week 7
- **Tuesday 19 November**  
  Staff meeting - English
- **Wednesday 20 November**
  - Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition
- **Friday 22 November**
  - Reports to Supervisors

### Term 4 Week 8
- **Tuesday 26 November**
  - Staff meeting
- **Wednesday 27 November**
  - Reading Recovery meeting – T Jordan
- **Thursday 28 November**
  - TEN Network meeting

### Term 4 Week 9
- **Monday 2 December**
  - Years 5&6 Begin clean up
- **Tuesday 3 December**
  - Staff meeting – English
- **Wednesday 4 December**
  - Picton HS Transition Day
  - 7.00pm P and C meeting
  - Executive Planning Day
  - Reports Home
  - Xmas gifts Stall and Raffle

### Term 4 Week 10
- **Monday 9 December**
  - Almost everyone in grades
  - 5 / 6 in Canberra
  - Kinder; Years 1 to 4 Begin clean up
- **Tuesday 10 December**
  - Yrs 5 / 6 in Canberra
- **Wednesday 11 December**
  - Yrs 5 / 6 in Canberra
- **Friday 13 December**
  - Presentation Day

### Term 4 Week 11
- **Monday 16 December**
  - K-6 Party Day
  - Stage 3 at school 9.15 games
  - 12 movie 2pm class parties
- **Tuesday 17 December**
  - Talent Quest
  - Yr 6 Farewell
  - Moving Day
- **Wednesday 18 December**
  - Student’s Final Day of 2013
  - Moving Day
  - 2pm Yr 6 Farewell Arch
- **Thursday 19 December**
  - Staff Development Day
- **Friday 20 December**
  - Staff Development Day
CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/ADVISORY GROUPS

Wollondilly Shire Council has recently undertaken a review of its committees and is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to become involved as a committee member of Council for the remainder of the current Council term of office (until Sept 2016).

Expressions of Interest are sought for the following Committees/Advisory Groups:
- Companion Animals Reference Committee
- Disability Access Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Group
- Environment and Heritage Committee
- Mineral and Energy Resources Committee
- Road Safety Group
- Rural Industry Liaison Committee
- Transport Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

To find out more about what is involved and how to express an interest in becoming a committee member please:

Visit www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au and click on ‘Apply for Committee Membership’ on the front page

Email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au to request a copy of the EOI form

Call Council on 4677-1100 to request a hard copy EOI form

The EOI process will run from Tuesday 8 October 2013 – Tuesday 29 October 2013. All nominations must be received by 4pm, Tuesday 29 October 2013.

If you will be away during the EOI period please contact Council to discuss alternate arrangements. Current Committee/Advisory Group members are encouraged to apply.