Tuesday 8th October, 2013

Dear parents, carers and students,

Welcome back to the final term for 2013 everyone. It will be a very busy term, full of learning, assessment, sport, art, opportunities to challenge yourself as well as time to play and build friendships.

Welcome to all new families! We hope you and your children enjoy your time here.

Mums and dads, please look closely at the calendar at the end of the newsletter each week for important dates and events. It is updated from time to time, as dates do change and I do make mistakes. Please keep an eye on the dates. This information is also available on our website. On the website you are able to download additional permission notes, should your child misplace their copy. Simply print, sign and return to school with correct money or banking details.

Year 6, enjoy your last 50 days of primary school life and take everything you can from your teachers’ brains. This is your final mission as year 6 students. Remember, after this term High School staff will expect that you know everything required by a year 6 student. So make sure you learn and refine your skills in:

- asking for help;
- looking for solutions to problems, both academic and social;
- looking at a question and knowing where to start;
- spelling new words;
- learning your multiplication facts;
- writing in a variety of styles;
- recording text from the board into notes for your use as revision notes or VIPs QUICKLY;
- presenting work neatly and attractively;
- pacing yourself with homework;
- completing assignments (homework) on time and without creating stress for yourself and those around you;
- solving social issues for yourself and/or your peers;
- dealing with an ever changing timetable; and so much more.

Over the last 6 and three quarter years you have been adding to and building these skills; and now you should be focusing on refining them for the future. Good luck everyone!

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:

- Kindergarten Orientation
- Year 3 Request
- PSSA State Athletic Carnival
- Leadership Team 2014
- Banking
- Talent Quest
- Stewart House Bags
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

The dates for 2014 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.

If you are thinking about starting your child at Bargo Public School in 2014, please contact the front office for enrolment paperwork. Enrolments are filling fast and letters regarding Kindergarten Orientation have been sent home to registered families and 2014 kinder students.

If you are uncertain with regard to starting in 2014, complete the paperwork, participate in the Orientation program and then chat with staff before making your decision. Your child will grow and develop a lot between now and January 2014. Kindergarten staff for 2014 are Mrs Hawkes job sharing on Fridays with Mrs O’Reilly; and Mrs Hill job sharing on Fridays with Mrs Compton. The third class, if numbers grow, will be a kindergarten/year 1 class taken by Mrs Kent.

Mrs Hawkes, Mrs Hill, Mrs Kent, Mrs Pohl, Mrs Compton and Mrs O’Reilly will be participating in the 3 day program and gathering information about our new kinders. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the staff or myself.

Request from Year 3

3G, 3C and 34W will be reading ‘Georges’ Marvellous Medicine Machine’ by Roahl Dahl during term 4. We would like to encourage parents to obtain their own copy of this text. Borrow it from Picton library, the school library, download it onto a kindle, or ‘reader’, or purchase it, any form is fine as long as your child can use it to read along with their teacher.

Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
Good Luck Sam as you represent yourself, your family, your friends and your school at the PSSA State Athletics Carnival in the girls 100m sprint, next week at Homebush.

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014
All year 5 students are invited to campaign for a position on the 2014 Leadership Team. There are two tiers to our leadership team; the school captaincy and sporting leaders.

The School Leadership Team – each year students campaign for the position of Girls’ Captain and Boys’ Captain. As a result of the voting process the student with the most votes becomes the Captain, the next highest the Vice Captain and the next places the prefects.

There are four elements to the campaign.

1. **Prepare an information poster** for display in the school. This poster should include a photo, for identification purposes, your name and any information which you believe will encourage students to vote for you.

2. **A long record of being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER** in the classroom, the playground and in all aspects of life.

3. **Prepare a 2-3 minute speech** which outlines your leadership aspirations.

Make a commitment to being the best person you can be during the election process. This means being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER. No promises that you cannot keep. No lollies, no gifts, no vote buying with the students or staff. Just good old fashioned manners, helpfulness, kindness to others, a kind word here or there with the younger students, but most importantly being yourself.

Posters will be displayed on the mobile pin boards from Monday 14th October.

Election speeches to staff and students will be delivered in week 5 - the week commencing November 5th, 2013.

The Sporting Leadership Team are selected via a less formal process at Sporting House Meetings. Year 6 students stand for the captaincy position, while year 5 students are given the opportunity to be the Vice Captains. There are four sports teams, which are Avon, Cordeaux, Nepean and Warragamba.

TALENT QUEST
Each year students look forward to the End of Year Talent Quest. This year the quest will be held on Tuesday 17th December under the COLA.

Students can perform an item individually, or as a group. There is a 3 minute time limit on each item. Students need to supply their own music (if required); props (if required) and costumes.

Parents are asked to listen to the music, or watch the performance before students nominate the item with me. Remember, no swearing; no sexual overtones in the words or actions, no revealing clothing permitted.

STEWARD HOUSE BAGS
Stewart House bags should be returned to the breeze way area before Monday 28 October. Please tie/tape the bags closed before leaving them.

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
- Mr Hockey Monday program notes
- Parent Technology Survey
- Parent Planning Survey

Commonwealth Bank is reviewing its current reward program. Students can now collect as many money boxes as they like. CBA has lifted the limit of one per student. The Dollarmite Money Boxes will not be available in 2014. Students are able to carry over 9 tokens into 2013. If you have lots of tokens it is time to trade them in for CBA rewards.

Items available are:
- Knuckles game – 10 tokens
- Handball – 10 tokens
- Torch – 10 tokens
- Calculator – 10 tokens
- Headphones – 10 tokens
- Money box - Spen – 10 tokens
- Money box - Andy – 10 tokens
- Money box - Pat – 10 tokens
- Money box - Cred – 10 tokens
- Money box - Pru – 10 tokens

BANKING

**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.

Bargo Martial Arts & Fitness Centre
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Karate Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
Mixed Martial Arts
Personal Training

Ph: (02) 4684 1079
Or try our group classes
- ZUMBA
- BoxMeFit
- Spin Class

Hours
Mon-Fri 6am-9pm
Sat 7am-1pm

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### Upcoming Dates

#### Term 4 Week 1
- **Wednesday 9 October**: P and C meeting
- **Thursday 10 October**: Morning at Picton High School (for Y7 parents 2014)
- **Friday 11 October**: Executive Planning Day ©

#### Term 4 Week 2
- **Monday 14 October**: Free AFL clinics K-6 ©
- **Tuesday 15 October**: Sports In School Australia – free clinic ©
- **Wednesday 16 October**: 12 noon Reading Recovery meeting – T Jordan
- **Thursday 17 October**: Featherdale Farm excursion Stage 1 ©
- **Friday 18 October**: PSSA Athletics Carnival – Homebush – Good luck Sam

#### Term 4 Week 3
- **Tuesday 22 October**: Staff meeting – English ©
- **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©
- **Friday 1 November**: Executive Planning Day©

#### Term 4 Week 5
- **Tuesday 5 November**: Staff meeting
- **Wednesday 6 November**: 7.00pm P and C 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
- **Friday 6 December**: Executive Planning Day©
- **Monday 9 December**: Reports Home
- **Tuesday 10 December**: Xmas gifts Stall and Raffle ©

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

#### Term 4 Week 11
- **Monday 16 December**: K-6 Party Day
- **Tuesday 17 December**: Talent Quest Yr 6 Farewell
- **Wednesday 18 December**: Moving Day
- **Thursday 19 December**: 2pm Yr 6 Farewell Arch
- **Friday 20 December**: Staff Development Day
You are invited by St Paul's Women’s Group to come along and make a

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

With easy step-by-step instructions and friendly helpers to assist you, there is no experience required!

Please join us for a relaxed night of fun and fellowship

7pm Saturday, November 30th 2013
Bargo Community Hall
Bargo Oval

Supper will be provided

$25 pp – Tickets on sale until Thursday November 21st
Payment required before ticket issued.
Info: Lynnette 0458 343 280
Jeanene 4684 – 2062

Guest Speaker
BYO (optional): Cutting board, scissors, knife, extra lollies etc.
Completed houses will be wrapped with cellophane and ribbon and will make a wonderful gift or something special to share as a family on Christmas Day.

Feeling classy?

New women’s exercise classes at Bargo Fitness Centre starting... NOW!

Total Tone Up 9:15am – 10:00am Mon & Fri
Ladies Kickboxing 9:30am - 10:30am Tue & Thur

Bargo Martial Arts and Fitness Centre

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