18th November 2013

Dear parents and caregivers,

Congratulations to everyone who attended Friday’s Thanks Giving Afternoon Tea. It was a simply wonderful event. The Rural Fire Fighters were blown away by your generosity, your stories and your cards and letters. Well done Bargo, you are champions!!

Thank you all for making it a wonderful afternoon of celebration and giving thanks to our Heroes.

Many thanks to all of our parents who have informed me about Kindergarten enrolments for 2014, and continuing and departing students for 2014. Your help is making the job a little easier for me. Thanks!! Remember to complete the Kindergarten enrolment form for students starting school in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 at the end of this newsletter. Thanks in anticipation.

Finally, mums and dads please check your children’s pencil case and add some extra lead pencils in year 2, 3 and 4 or some blue and red biros if your child is in year 5 and 6. Students are still working hard and will continue to do so for the next few weeks.

Take every opportunity to learn something new.

Anne Bunga
Principal

Topics Included:
- 2014 classes
- Ruby W’s Cricket GALA Day report
- Banking
- Library Stocktake
- P and C Raffle
- School Photographs
- Notes to be Returned
- Learning Awards
- MAD Awards
- Calendar Dates
- Advertising

2014 CLASSES
Each year teachers spend a lot of time placing students into classes for the following year. Over the next two days the executive team will commence this process. Great care is taken by every staff while forming classes. All children are placed into classes based on work habits, levels of maturity with social, emotional and academic skill levels, as well as behaviour and some with part of their friendship group. We also use assessment data collected throughout the year to place students into classes.

During the process of forming classes, I do move some children away from their peer group as I want your child to enhance their own learning skills rather than rely on their friends, along with developing their levels of independence and trying to balance student needs with teacher skills and availability of additional teaching resources. I do assign additional teacher support to some classes and not others based on the needs of the entire class. Teachers have not decided for 2014 as we are still in a state of flux as parents let me know about 2014. However, if you have a request re class placement for 2014, please send it directly to my email account anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au so your thoughts can be taken into account now.

Each year as soon as I publish class lists I receive numerous requests from parents for their children to be moved from one class to another based on information gathered about this teacher or that teacher, this child or that child, or friendship groups and/or family reasons. Please don’t be offended when your request is declined in 2014. Trust that your child’s needs are being addressed to the best of our ability; and that we do know your children well.

I will publish class lists on the school’s website over the Christmas break as has become the tradition in recent years. OR you can wait until the first day back to find out who your teacher is for 2014.

RUBY W’S (5D) CRICKET GALA DAY REPORT
On the 27th of oct we went to cricket gala day. We started off with some warm up groups were we rotated and had a go at catching, throwing, batting and fielding. After that we had a game against boys and girls from our school.

Next the girls vs oakdale and we won!

BANKING
Each year parents volunteer to complete the school banking process. Many thanks to the 2013 team of parent volunteers and student bankers who helped to raise just under $2000 for our school this year. Well done everyone!

Each account opened through the school earns the school a $5 commission. You can open a Dollarmite account for any of your children from birth to 16 years of age. Dollarmite accounts earn a slightly higher rate of interest than a regular Commonwealth Bank Account. Each deposit earns the school a small fee each week from the Commonwealth Bank, as the volunteers do the processing.

So if you haven’t already opened an account and you would like to do so, please drop a note in the silver tin any Thursday and your child will receive paperwork for opening an account. Siblings can drop off and bring home Dollarmite accounts for students in High School and preschool students.

Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
Banking finishes for 2013 on December 11th. Remember to send your tokens in and exchange them for a prize.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE
Lots of wonderful parents help out during library stocktake each year and we would like your help again in the future, but this year Mrs Compton must complete the stocktake by herself as part of her university examinations. Thank you for your understanding and Mrs Compton will call on you next year, so be ready!!

Please have a look around your home for any library books and return them quickly so that Mrs Compton passes her final examination!! The books can be returned any day – not just your child’s regular library day.

BOOK CLUB—NOTE THE DATE
Please note that book club orders need to be returned by Friday 22nd November no later than 10am. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

P and C RAFFLE
Last week you received 10 raffle tickets for the upcoming Christmas Raffle. The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the Christmas stall on December 6th. Please return all ticket stubs and money in a plastic zip lock bag or an envelope marked ‘Christmas raffle’.

If you do not wish to purchase tickets please return them to school a.s.a.p. If you would like to help raise funds for the school drop a note for additional tickets and they will be forwarded to you.

The tickets are 50c each. Please make sure you record your name and phone number on each ticket you purchase so that we can contact you a.s.a.p. if you are a lucky winner. There are many wonderful prizes – check out the list on the raffle book.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Last week your child received their school photograph. Please look at them carefully and let Mrs Ursula Hatton, in the front office, know if anything was missing before Wednesday when she will make contact with the company on your behalf.

Photos of the school leadership team and house captain are on display in the windows of the canteen area. If you would like a copy of any of these photos or a small version of the whole school photo, please forward your request and payment to school over the next few days so that you receive them before Christmas.

- Whole School (Maxi—A3 size) $20
- Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects $14
- Sports’ Captains and Vice Captains $14

NOTES TO BE RETURNED
- Year 5 and 6 week long camp—final payment due
- Kindergarten enrolments 2014
- Year 7 Selective High School applications online.
- Extravadanza on 2 December 2013.

LEARNING AWARDS TERM 4 WEEK 6

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MAD AWARDS
Our P and C supports our Mum and Dad (MAD) Reading program by offering three $100 prizes to promote reading at home. It is time to bring all of your MAD Reading awards into school and place them into the appropriately marked box, for a chance to be a winner. Our Presentation Day Assembly will be held on Friday 13th December commencing at 9.30am in the school hall. Below are the awards for Term 4 Week 6:

- KC: Harrison S
- K1K: Jessica C
- 2A: Logan M
- 3C: Felicity S
- 4G: Kloe R
- 5H: Micalei R
- 6H: Lexi B

Kindergarten

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Child’s First Name __________________________
Child’s Last Name __________________________
Date of Birth __________________________
Address __________________________________
Parents’ Name/s ____________________________
Parents’ Phone ____________________________
Please refer to the school’s website for upcoming events. Look at the calendar and any date with a blue triangle indicates a school based event. Simply check on it for more information and access to permission notes.

### Term 4 Week 7
- **Wednesday 20 November**
  - Campbelltown Performing Arts HS transition

### Term 4 Week 8
- **Tuesday 26 November**
  - Staff meeting
- **Wednesday 27 November**
  - 9.30 Girls’ Captaincy Speeches and voting
  - 2.05 Boys’ Captaincy Speeches and voting

### Term 4 Week 9
- **Monday 2 December**
  - Years 5&6 Begin clean up
  - 7pm Extravaganz Dance performance
- **Thursday 3 December**
  - RR Graduation Ceremony – Mrs Jordan
  - YMCA Christmas Party
- **Wednesday 4 December**
  - Picton HS Transition Day
  - 7.00pm P and C meeting
- **Friday 6 December**
  - Executive Planning Day
  - Reports Home
  - Xmas gifts Stall and Raffle

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

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

### 2014 Term 1 Week 1
- **Monday 27 January**
  - Australia Day – Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 28 January**
  - Staff return to Bargo Public School - SDD
- **Wednesday 29 January**
  - Students in Years 1 to 6 return to Bargo PS
  - Best Start Assessments for kindergarten start today
  - Year 7 students start at Picton High School today
- **Thursday 30 January**
  - Best Start Assessments for kindergarten students
  - Years 8, 9, 10 start High School today
- **Friday 30 January**
  - Best Start Assessments for kindergarten continue today
- **Monday 3 February**
  - Kindergarten start today

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**Come Join in on the fun @ YMCA**

**Childcare Benefit & Rebate Approved**

Different programs each week which focuses on children’s interests and abilities. Great fun activities include: cooking, outdoor play, creative play, craft and art, science, group activities, environmentally friendly activities and gardening.

YMCA is located in Bargo Public School’s hall and opening times are 6:30am–9:00am and 3:15–6:15.

A nutritious afternoon tea which children help to plan on a weekly basis.

We focus on healthy eating with the occasional inclusion of treats.

**Contact:** 0437 386 257

**Fees**
- BSC - $19
- ASC - $22

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GODZGANG

A NEW AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
ON WEDNESDAYS
AT BARGO BAPTIST CHURCH
(SILICA ROAD)
4 - 5.30PM!
Starting 13 February, 2013!!
It’s FREE!
Enquiries: 4684 1361

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GAMES
AFTERNOON TEA
SONGS
STORIES

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Our Centre is very proud of the program we
provide to ensure children are prepared for
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With caring and experienced staff we believe our
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Feeling classy?

New women’s exercise classes at Bargo Fitness Centre
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Total Tone Up 9:15am – 10:00am Mon & Fri
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Mon-Fri
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7am-1pm

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- Care for ages 6 weeks to 6 years
- Open from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm
- Specialised School Readiness program

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We have English courses from beginner to advanced; we have day classes and evening classes. We have a free Introduction to Childcare Certificate II level course which includes First Aid.

We also have free reading, writing, spelling, & maths courses from beginner to higher level courses. All courses include basic computing.

Information and Enrolment Day
for Semester 1 courses
Tuesday 28 January 2014
9:30 am in room K.G.23

We also have continuous enrolments all year. All Welcome

Phone Anthony on 4620 1868 or Kerry on 4620 1858 or Dawn on 4620 1874 for more information. Please leave your name and number on voicemail and we will return your call.

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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
St. Paul's Bargo
Great Southern Rd, Bargo
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.
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC1 Location: Campbelltown

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Campbelltown Catholic Club  
20 – 22 Camden Road, Campbelltown NSW 2560

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 February 2014
Day 1: 9.00 a.m - 4.30 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)
Day 2: 9.00 a.m – 3.30 p.m

Registration for this workshop will open 6 weeks before the workshop, and closes 2 days prior.

Please visit the website to register www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

For more information please contact the Positive Partnerships workshop Info Line number: 1300 881 971

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How can I help my child with spelling?

- Help your child with those areas of spelling with which you feel confident.
- Remember that not all English words can be spelt correctly by “sounding out”, e.g. the words you and said.
- Talk about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word.
- Have your child write at home, e.g. filling in forms, writing notes to family members, writing phone messages and reminder notes, replying to letters, sending cards.
- Provide a dictionary and use it together. Remember that dictionaries are more useful if your child has a knowledge of the alphabet and how a dictionary works.
- Encourage your child to try words, then praise the parts that are correct, and suggest what else is needed. For example, if your child has written little for little, you might say, “You have five of the six letters right. One of the letters should be doubled. Can you tell which one it should be?”
- Encourage your child to look at new words, say them, write them from memory, then check them.

What should I do when my child asks how to spell a word?

- Ask if your child can suggest any parts of the word.
- Make sure he or she has access to a dictionary.
- Simply tell your child how the word is spelt.

Should I correct my child’s spelling?

- First, encourage your child to check his or her own work and find any mistakes.
- If your child has made a mistake with a common word, ask him or her to try to fix it without your assistance.

What should I do if my child finds spelling difficult?

- Continue to encourage your child to have a go when writing, to check words he or she is not sure of, and to ask for help.
- If your child seems to be having problems, consult his or her teacher.

What if I am not a good speller?

- No problem. Use the dictionary together. It is good for your child to see you using a dictionary. Talk about what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word.

Should I let my child use a spell checker?

- Yes. Children need to be made aware that spell checkers can be useful, but that there are times when they are not effective, e.g.
  - when the word is spelt correctly but it is not the right word, e.g. shore and sure
  - when the computer gives suggestions but the child still does not know which one is correct
  - when the computer uses American spellings.