Tuesday 28th May 2013

Dear parents, students and family members,

Good Luck to all of our sporting stars as they take to the field this Friday playing AFL at Bargo Oval, netball or soccer at Tahmoor Oval.

AFL will start their day with skill development workshops. This will be followed by a few games against the other five schools participating in the day, under the direction of Mrs Cayzer. Mr Hockey will coordinate the entire day for the Razorback area. Many thanks to the Wollondilly Redbacks who have paid the ground hire fees.

Both senior and junior A netballers, under the guidance of Mrs Warder, and senior and junior A soccer players, under the guidance of Mr Fudge, will play a number of games against the other eight schools. Mr Kellaway will coordinate the Razorback PSSA soccer program for the day.

This year you would have noticed an increase in the sporting fee that we are charging - $10 per sport, per child. This sporting levy reflects the fees incurred to run sporting events for 2013, such as:

- Wollondilly Council charges a usage fee per ground;
- Co-ordinator release fee for Child Safety;
- Trophy and ribbon fees (these fees are split across all participating schools), and
- on most occasions transport.

Both Junior and Senior ‘B’ teams will play in a few weeks’ time. In the meantime they will continue to train during Friday primary sport.

On a different note parents and family friends are invited to attend next Friday’s K-6 assembly celebrating the successes of our students. Please note that the assembly has been pushed back one week as many students receiving a Cross Country award are also participating in the Gala Day.

At this assembly we present our FIRST PRINCIPAL’S MEDALION. We hope to see you in the hall from 2.20 pm.

In the meantime, a quick reminder that teachers have started collecting data and evidence to prepare your child’s half yearly report and as a result will not have a lot of spare time to chat at the door at the end of the day. It would be very helpful to all staff if you could make an appointment through the office if you need to chat with the teacher.

While we are on the topic of reports, a little reminder about how to read them. In line with departmental requirements set down by the government, we are required to report to parents using five levels. These levels are: Outstanding; High; Sound; Basic and Limited.

In brief:

- **Outstanding** is given to students who are working well above stage level. These students are able to constantly demonstrate a standard of learning which places them in the next stage/grade to their current year of learning. These students constantly attain perfect results.
- **High** is given to students who are working towards the next stage level. These students are able to demonstrate mastery of their stage/grade level and can demonstrate a standard of learning which almost places them in the next stage/grade.
- **Sound** is given to students who are working at stage level. These students are able to constantly demonstrate a standard of learning which places them in their current year of learning. These students constantly attaining perfect results.
- **Basic** is given to students who are working towards attaining their stage level. These students are trying to master the standard of learning appropriate for their current year of learning.
- **Limited** is given to students who are working below stage level. These students receive work which is modified by the teacher to suit the child and have different completion expectations.

Invitations to attend a parent teacher interview will be distributed next month, with the exception of KH and 4G. Reports will be issued during the first week of next term. Parent Teacher interviews will be held the following Tuesday, again with the exception of KH (Wednesday 26th June) and 4G (Monday 24th June).

Enjoy reading your child’s report and remember to celebrate your child’s achievement with them. Look at the effort mark as this tells you a lot about their performance in class. Once again the effort mark is on a five point scale: Outstanding; High; Sound; Basic and Limited.

So encourage your children to knuckle down and show teachers everything they have learnt to date.

**Great news! Two new mums have come to the rescue. Mrs Alison Scott is unable to continue with student banking after this term as she is off to Uni. Good luck with your studies and thanks Mrs Scott!**

Finally, we have many students who travel by bike to and from school. The majority of children travel safely by following the road rules and by riding safe bikes.

**Congratulations to these clever students.**
Unfortunately for every child seen doing the right thing on their bike, we have another one who makes a dangerous decision. They choose to ride down the middle of the road in the direct path of cars or the bus.

Students are reminded of their responsibilities as bike riders. These responsibilities include:

- wearing a strapped up helmet;
- walking your bike on the overhead bridge,
- walking your bike across pedestrian crossings;
- giving way to people walking on the footpath;
- riding a safe bike.

PLEASE take time to check your child’s bike.

**What is your child’s life worth?**

Does your child’s bike have:

- fully functioning brakes?
- have a bell & know how to use it?
- a seat at the right height?
- have a reflector spot on the rear?

Helmets also need checking, one good hit and the interior of the helmet is destroyed.

Make sure that the helmet is the correct size—kids grow so quickly.

Where a child is found riding a bike without a helmet, their bike will be held in my office for parents to collect.

Where a child risks their life and rides in a dangerous manner they will not be able to ride to school for a period of time.

Mums and dads enjoy the term ahead, become involved in your child’s school, reap the rewards with your children and aim to learn something new everyday!

Anne Bunga
Principal

Topics in this week’s newsletter include:

- Banking
- Lost Property
- Premier’s Spelling Bee
- Music
- Student Equipment
- Multicultural Public Speaking Competition
- Head Lice
- Kindergarten Enrolments
- MAD awards
- Stage assembly award winners
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming Dates
- Advertising

**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

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

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please check all items of clothing in your home. Sometimes children accidentally take home clothes belonging to other children. Check for names on the labels, on the neck and on the waist band. Simply drop them into the office and we will see that they are returned to their owners. Mix ups can occur easily due to the nature of the uniform and the fact that little ones can not yet read their surname.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

It’s that time of the year again! As a school, teachers will be holding mini spelling bees in their classrooms to select their two representatives for the school final later this term. Following the school final, the two junior competitors (year 3 and 4) and the two senior competitors (year 5 and 6) will go on to represent our school at the Regional finals to be held between September 10th and September 21st 2013.

Regional winners will continue on to the State Final at Eugene Goossens’ Hall, ABC Centre, 700 Harris Street, Ultimo.

Children interested in participating in our school competition will need to start building their spelling knowledge. The Macquarie Dictionary is the tool used to confirm spelling. A great film to watch in order to give each student an idea of what is required is ‘Spelling Bee’. I believe it is available on DVD.

**Music - 2013**

An opportunity exists for students to take part in a Yumba Drumming program. A yumba drum is the large drum which year 6 used during their hands-on program and demonstration last term. The drumming lessons will be delivered by professional drumming teachers from Junior Academy of Music (JAM). Teachers from JAM will perform during the next K-6 assembly and will stay behind to answer any questions.

Please complete the survey if your child is interested in learning to play the Yumba drum. A ten week program, 45 minutes in school time, will cost $100. JAM will supply drums for use during the lesson. They also have drums on sale. Classes will be limited to 20 students per group, and will be age based.

**Survey Yumba drumming classes**

Child’s Name: ____________________

Class: _______________________

Indicate which term you are interested in learning to play the Yumba drum:

- Term 3
- Term 4
- Both 3 & 4
Student Equipment - 2013

Does your child have all the necessary equipment for a productive school day? Teachers are currently reporting that some students do not have a pencil or a pen to start the day. PLEASE check that your child has the following equipment:

Years 4, 5 and 6 parents to supply:

- blue and red pens (biro preferred)
- eraser
- ruler with centimetre & millimetre markings
- scissors
- glue stick
- two or more lead pencils
- coloured pencils
- sharpener with a container for shavings
- library bag

Year 3 parents to supply:

- two or more lead pencils
- ruler with centimetre markings
- scissors
- eraser
- glue stick
- coloured pencils
- sharpener with a container for shavings and
- library bag

ALL items should be labelled with your child’s name and stored in a small pencil case. Items you can cross off your shopping list include liquid paper and textas.

MULTICULTURAL SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Multicultural Speaking Competition has two tiers to the competition. The first tier involves a rehearsed speech on a given topic. Please refer to the list.

The second tier is an impromptu speech. An impromptu speech means students prepare a ‘new speech on the spot.’

Students in Years 5 & 6 will be expected to prepare & rehearse a speech on a given topic as part of their homework. This speech & an impromptu speech will be presented at a class level and marked against criteria. The class winner will then compete against other students from their stage for the right to represent Bargo Public School at the next level.

Check that the speech has order and includes:
- an introduction,
- some points of interest &
- a conclusion.

Check that the speech makes sense.

Head Lice - Are you winning the war?

Once again we have been hit hard by an outbreak of head lice. If your family has not been affected, count yourself lucky, because a number of parents are finding it a very trying time as they are experiencing outbreak after outbreak.

It is important that we check every week.

In the meantime, remember:

- School is not the only place where students can pick up head lice, so check all children’s hair on a weekly basis.
- Keep your child at home until you have had an opportunity to treat them in accordance with the Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001.
- Parents/carers notify the school if their child is found to have live lice—Health Infectious Diseases.

Understand that head lice like clean, shiny hair:

- So tie it back and away from your child’s face so that it cannot touch other children’s hair.
- Spray a little hair spray on the hair so that the little feet of head lice cannot grab hold and climb up to the base of the hair shaft.
- Treat your child’s head for head lice each and every time you see the problem.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014

Child’s name: _____________________________
Date of birth: _____________________________
Family contact details: ____________________
Parents name: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________
Phone number: __________________________

MAD READING AWARD WINNERS

Each week we recognise students would have demonstrated that they have been reading at home by popping their name into a lucky book draw. There are 3 draws each Monday......

K1K     Jacob W
1O      Jarod E
2R      Noah W
3C      Dean L
4E      Alana B
5/6K    Kaleb F
5/6H    Travis A
ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Term 2 Week 4

1D Savannah B  Shakira G  Carlos C
1O Heath W  Taylor F  Lucas F
1/2H Caleb M  Braydon P  Dakota T
2A Fiona J  Willow R  Cammy F
2R Jayden B  Zac M  Jemma F

Trophy
1/2H Kira A  Khaidyn C

Notes to be returned via the silver collection 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.

- Week 5 soccer/netball/AFL Gala Days
- PSSA Cross Country team
- Winter Uniform order form (P and C)
- BPS Athletics Carnival

CALENDAR – UP COMING DATES

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 click on it for more information and access to permission notes.

Week 5
Blake Osbourn @ State PSSA AFL trials
Wednesday 29/5
Thursday 30/5  Zumba K-6
Friday 31/5  Gala Day for ‘B’ teams

Week 6
Monday 3/6  Reading recovery training
– Mrs Jordan
Tuesday 4/6  PSSA Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 5/6  Reading recovery training
– Mrs Jordan
Thursday 6/6  Zumba K-6
Friday 7/6  2.20pm K-6 assembly

Week 7
Monday 10/6  Public Holiday
Tuesday 11/6  PSSA Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 12/6  Reading recovery training
– Mrs Jordan
Thursday 13/6  Zumba K-6
Friday 14/6

Week 8
Monday 17/6  PSSA Golf trials
Tuesday 18/6  School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 19/6
Thursday 20/6  Zumba K-6
Friday 21/6  PSSA Gala day

Week 9
Monday 24/6  Stage planning
Tuesday 25/6  Stage planning
Wednesday 26/6  Athletics Carnival (backup day)
Thursday 27/6  Stage planning
Friday 29/6  Zumba K-6
2.20pm K-6 assembly
Last Day of term 2

Term 3 begins
Monday 15/7  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 16/7  Students return to school

WANTED!

Boys & Girls aged 6-7yrs to join the 1st Bargo Joey Scouts!

Meetings are held at the Bargo Scout Hall on Tuesdays 5-6pm.
Activities include art & craft, organised outings and camps, badge work and much more!
For more information please contact Samantha Kelly on 0407 153 231
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator, Dianne on: 0429 406 126 for more information.
Kindergarten 2014

If you are considering sending your child to Bargo Public School in 2014, now is the time to collect an enrolment application from the front office.

TELEPHONE: 4684 1396

John Warby Preschool
Deans Rd Airds
(In the grounds of John Warby Public School)

- Fees as little as $1 per day
- 2 University trained Early Childhood Teachers with Kindergarten experience
- Catering to your child’s individual learning style
- Transition to school programs
- Programs implemented with the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia to meet your child's strengths and interests

To enrol your child:
they must turn 4 years by the end of July this year
show an immunisation letter and
present their birth certificate

Phone: 46253674 or drop in for a visit