July 16, 2013

Dear parents, carers and students,

Welcome back to Term 3. Yesterday your staff completed their training course on Autism. They also undertook training in identifying and addressing the needs of children who may present as having issues with their short term working memory (which is so vital to learning), as well as learning more about the Australian Standards for Teachers.

I am very proud of their achievements! Your children will continue to receive an outstanding education.

Welcome to our new families, we hope that you enjoy your time with us. Our weekly newsletter comes out each Tuesday. I hope that you enjoy the read as it is our major form of communication between school and home. Notes which need to be returned to school are also listed in the newsletter. The other place you can look for information is on our website, simply google ‘Bargo’ and click on Bargo Public School.

Now for a few updates……

Congratulations to the winners of the Safe Away Stay Safe competition……

Grand champ…… Michalei R
Grade champs…… Kinder… Saxon and Kara
Grade champs…… Year 1… Christopher C
Grade champs…… Year 2…… Ashleigh B
Grade champs…… Year 3… Grace C and Erica W
Grade champs…… Year 4…… Sam C
Grade champs…… Year 5… Kiana C
Grade champs…… Year 6… Sarah M

Congratulations to our dancers who will represent us at the upcoming Regional Dance camp……

Holly B
Jade H
Emily B
Emily C

Accessing the school via front and rear gates……

Over the holidays we installed automatic gates at the rear of the school and on the large double gates at the front of the school. Thank you to all of our parents who respected the request to open and close the front gate each and every time you came into school. You will no longer need to squeeze your hands in to try and unbolt the gate. From this point on you just need to press a button on the side panel and chat via the speaker and the gate will open automatically for you. All visitors will need to continue to use the front entrance during school hours to gain access to the school. All visitors will need to sign in upon entry to the school – a Work Cover Requirement.

The automatic front and rear gates are set to open at 7.30 am and will close automatically at 9.30am each school day. In the afternoon the gates will automatically open at 3pm and close at 4.30pm. (So no more calls to the front office to remind the ladies to open the back gate). Special thanks to 5D students who took on the responsibility of opening and securing the back gate, almost every day.

As I have mentioned before, we are taking extra precautions to keep your children safe while they are at school. Remember, we do have children who like to leave the school from time to time, due to social and emotional issues confronting them. We understand their issues and are doing our best to minimise risk by changing fences, installing gates, developing social stories, placing extra staff on duty, involving children in staff-led friendship groups out in the playground, hen house activities, and so much more.

New side fence along the soccer field……

During the holidays we also installed a new paling fence on the high side of the school between ourselves and our new neighbours. Mums and dads it will be important for you to talk to your children about being safe, respectful learners with regard to the fence. Students are not permitted to leave the school to reclaim their ball from the neighbour’s property. Also chat with your children and reinforce with them that they do not have permission to climb the school fence. As a school we talk to the neighbours about throwing the balls back into our grounds late in the day.

Changing our stance on bringing balls and equipment to school…… from this week on, students will be permitted to bring some equipment to school for use during fine weather. These items cannot be used during wet weather or when ‘hard surfaces’ is called.

Small balls are permitted on hard surfaces (on the netball court and under the COLA) for playing handball before school, during lunch and recess, but not after school due to congestion. Please make sure you have your name clearly written on your ball.

Soccer balls can come to school for use on our various soccer fields. Please note: your child’s name must be clearly written on it for easy identification.

K-1-2 can play soccer within the marked area in the hall playground 3-4 and 5-6 alternate between the top soccer field and Area B. Please refer to the roster in your classroom.

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**Small cars** can come to school. These must have your child’s name clearly written on the under carriage. We have limited all students to 2 cars per child and there is no trading.

**Skipping ropes** can come to school. Please record your child’s name on the rope or handle. The skipping ropes can be used in the side/hall playground, on concrete areas and the path leading to the hall.

In addition, students will be able to borrow sports equipment from the hall. Sports equipment must be signed out and returned to the hall at the end of play, not left on the ground for others to put away.

Finally it is important for everyone to know that the Sports Equipment Room (near kindergarten) is **OUT OF BOUNDS**.

Ask your children to explain to you what happens at our school when ‘wet weather’ or ‘hard surfaces’ is called for play times.

**Half Yearly Report Cards and Parent/Teacher interviews**……

Half yearly reports cards will be issued to the family home this week, in family sets, in sealed envelopes with your eldest child. If you have children in KH or 4G you have already received your child’s report and an opportunity to have a parent/teacher interview. Parent/teacher interviews will be conducted next week. Please complete the Request for Interview asap and return it to your child’s teacher. Confirmation of your time will be sent home.

A second set of half yearly reports for non-custodial parents will be forwarded to the non-custodial parents’ contact address via Thursday’s mail out. It is important that you let us know if your family circumstances have changed, often your children cannot tell us the address of the non-custodial parent. So your help is needed and thank you in anticipation.

Feedback on CPR work shop for students……

Unfortunately, we only have three interested families, so the course will not run at this time.

Finally, this week teachers will be positively (and negatively) targeting movement up and down our walk ways (movement zones outside classrooms, and path ways). In these areas students are expected to abide by these rules:

Along the **WALKWAYS**:

SAFE students know how to
- walk everywhere
- share the space
- travel up and down stairs safely
- hang the bags on hooks or in they tote trays

RESPECTFUL students
- know how to keep to the left
- are aware of other people’s space

LEARNER students
- know the direct route to their destination.

Good luck every one! How many SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER awards will you earn this week?

So encourage your children toknuckle down and show teachers everything they have learnt to date. Enjoy the week ahead and make the most of every opportunity to learn something new!

Anne Bunga
Principal

**Topics in this week’s newsletter include**:
- Kindergarten Enrolments
- Kings & Queens of Safe, Respectful, Learners
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertisements

**Kings & Queens of Safe, Respectful, Learners**

Congratulations to our Kings and Queens of Safe, Respectful Learners.

King of Safe: Ved P
Queen of Safe: Isabella G
King of Respectful: Cole D
Queen of Respectful: Emily V
King of Learners: Alex D
Queen of Learners: Katie B

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**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**

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**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.*
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 an 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
- Kindergarten enrolments 2014
- Dance Camp application and fees
- Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival note dance group with Kinder teachers
- Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival note dance group with Mrs Bunga
- Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival note dance group with Mr Kellaway
- Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival note choir with Mrs Adam

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

Term 3 Week 1
Wednesday 17 July
Parent/Teacher interviews begin today
Thursday 18 July
Report cards home today
Friday 19 July
SWS Regional Cross Country Carnival

Term 3 Week 2
Monday 22 July
Parent Teacher interviews
Tuesday 23 July
PBIS training session for staff - Phase 2 3.30 pm – 5.30pm Parent Teacher interviews
Wednesday 24 July
PBIS training session for staff – Phase 2 OC Test Y4 to Yr5 OC classes Parent Teacher interviews
Thursday 25 July
Parent Teacher interviews
Friday 26 July

Term 3 Week 3 EDUCATION WEEK
Monday 29 July
Staff meeting - English
Tuesday 30 July
Uni Test - English
Wednesday 31 August
Sydney Symphony Concert for 34W
Thursday 1 August
Friday 2 August

Term 3 Week 4
Monday 5 August.
Staff meeting - English
Tuesday 6 August
P & C meeting @ 7.00pm-staffroom
Wednesday 7 August
All day Principal meeting
Thursday 8 August
Friday 9 August
Milo T20 Blast Cup

Term 3 Week 5
Monday 12 August
UNSW Mathematics examination
Tuesday 13 August
Staff meeting – Teaching Standards
Wednesday 14 August
Regional Principal Conference.
Thursday 15 August
Regional Principal Conference 2pm K-6 Assembly
Friday 16 August

Term 3 Week 6
Monday 19 August
Staff meeting - English
Tuesday 20 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Wednesday 22 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Thursday 23 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Friday 24 August

Term 3 Week 7
Monday 26 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival - rehearsal
Tuesday 27 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Wednesday 28 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Thursday 29 August
Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival – rehearsal
Friday 30 August
Father’s Day Stall

Term 3 Week 8
Monday 2 September
Razorbac PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 3 September
Razorbac PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival Staff meeting
Wednesday 4 Sept.
7.00pm P and C meeting
Thursday 5 September
Principal’s meeting
Friday 6 September

Term 3 Week 9
Monday 9 September
Finals of zone Spelling Bee.
Tuesday 10 September
Staff meeting - English
Wednesday 11 Sept.
SWSPSSA Athletics Carnival
Thursday 12 September
Friday 13 September
2pm K-6 Assembly

Term 3 Week 10
Monday 16 September
Staff meeting
Tuesday 17 September
7.30am Cultural exchange with Cabramatta PS assembly, concert and food fair Year 3
Wednesday 18 Sept.
Thursday 19 September
Friday 20 September
Holidays begin!!
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