June 25, 2013

Dear parents, carers and students,

Wow. What a week it was! Let’s start with Monday - students and staff were impressed by the artistry from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School students during their performance of ‘It Happened One Day on Mulberry Street!’ Congratulations to all students. You were totally engaged by the performers and loved every minute of the performance. Teachers were able to see this through your conversations on the way back to school. I wonder just how many of you have chatted to mum and dad about attending this High School in the future.

Next it was Tuesday; onto the athletics carnival and what a blissful day it was. The weather was just right, not too hot and yet not too cool. I spent my day moving around with the 5 and 6 year old boys and girls and our youngest group of students had a ball - throwing the discus and shot put; running many different distances; jumping onto the high jump mats and into the long jump pit. BUT, boy were they tired by the end of the day.

From all teacher reports, our students were very well behaved and took everything in their stride, participating to the best of their ability and cheering each other on making, their carnival a great day for all. Many thanks to all parents who stepped up and helped on the day. It is greatly appreciated by the staff on the different events.

You may have noticed we tried a few new initiatives this year, with staff from both schools wearing an orange vest with the label on the back ‘Teacher’ and the sign out sheet sticky taped to the canteen wall. The purpose of these initiatives was to make it easier for everyone to enjoy the day. I hope that they assisted you – next year we will make sure that the classes are placed on the wall in order.

I understand your concerns that you think that $10 is a lot to pay to attend the carnival, but we must pay the bills. We hire Little Athletics high jump equipment ($100); Wollondilly Council charge schools for ground hire ($160.50); ground cleaning fee ($50); toilet cleaning fee ($50); a bond for the canteen and a usage fee ($96.50). Then there are the buses ($1,212). We also employ two extra teachers to ensure we have the correct amount of supervision at each event ($800), as well as employing two extra support learning officers to travel around with our younger students and to ensure their safety ($360).

Divide these costs between the number of students we anticipate will attend the day and we do not cover our expenses. I need to cover the short fall from curriculum money.

My second concern relates to a very small number of parents who need to challenge staff about the rules.

Please understand my staff do undertake training before the carnival about the rules and regulations. Many staff do run Little Athletics near their own homes for their own children and have judged at Region and State levels within PSSA.

So I will remind everyone that sport days and carnivals are fun days, full of encouragement, support, risk taking, as well as participation by students.

On Thursday our Multicultural Public Speaking representatives performed magnificently at the regional finals conducted at Picton Public School, while years 1 and 2 attended the Science Centre at Wollongong. Years 1 and 2 were extremely busy exploring all aspects of scientific processes. As I have mentioned previously a photograph is much better than a few words from me to demonstrate the students’ engagement and enthusiasm for learning.
More photographs will be available on the website after the holidays.

On a totally different note, however equally important, is Terms 3 and 4. We have a number of changes occurring next term. Mrs Hawkes will return in 2014 following the birth of her next child. KH will be taught by Ms Stefanyk for the remainder of the year. We wish her all the best for the coming months. Mrs Hawkes will conduct her Parent Teacher interviews this week before going on leave.

Mr Fudge is taking long service leave to build his family home with his sons; a task which many of you have undertaken. We wish him all the best for the coming months and not too many wet days. Mr Fudge will conduct his Parent Teacher interviews this week before going on leave.

Mrs D’Onofrio will return next term after undergoing surgery last Thursday. Mr Heslop will take 5D until the end of term.

I have also included a copy of events expected to occur over the next two terms.

Finally, this week teachers will be positively (and negatively) targeting movement in and around the bubblers and toilet block from the respectful learner perspectives. In these areas students are expected to abide by these rules:

In the **TOILET area**:

RESPECTFUL students

◊ Use toilet, urinal, taps, soap dispenser doors to toilets correctly
◊ Wait their turn
◊ Respect Privacy.

LEARNER students

◊ Use the toilets at appropriate times.

In the **BUBBLER area**:

RESPECTFUL students

◊ Are water wise
◊ Use bubblers correctly

LEARNER students

◊ Know the purpose of their visit
◊ Help others to use the bubblers correctly

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

Please note: The **back playground and sandpits are closed** for the rest of the term as these areas are extremely wet. Please remind your child.

So encourage your children to knuckle 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**:

- Parents found Little Creatures
- School banking
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- MAD awards
- Kindergarten Enrolments
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates

**Parents found little small and itchy creatures**

Last week parents checked their children’s hair to discover head lice. After the school holidays I will conduct random checks for head lice, due to a number of complaints. Please do your best to eradicate these pests over the holidays.

All students need to tie their hair back and keep it tied back all day. I am speaking to students I see with their hair out and the elastic bands around their wrists.


If head lice are not present NSW Health advise not to treat a person's hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.

**Premier’s Reading and Sporting Challenge**

Once again we are encouraging all students to enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). The process is simple. **Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will read the 40 PRC books in class** during fruit break.

Class teachers will record the information on the PRC website.

Students from **Years 3 to 6 are required to read any 20 PRC books from a list of over 5000 books**. Class teachers will show each student how to enter their list of ‘read’ books onto the website.

**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.**
PRC books are kept in the school library on the shelves and have a PRC sticker on the spine/cover. Picton Library also has a collection of books clearly marked in their library which children can borrow and read. Students are able to borrow Premier’s Reading Challenge books during library lessons.

All students who complete the program will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificate, with many of our students working towards a gold award. Student names are also printed in the Daily Telegraph on the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll.

MAD READING AWARD WINNERS
Each week we recognise students who demonstrate they have been reading at home by popping their name into a lucky book draw. There are 3 draws each Monday……

Week 7
KIK Laura O 4E Bailey F
1D Cameron B 5K Jodi W
3/4W Aaron B 5/6H Kate H
3G Seth O

Week 8
KH Saxon O 4G Tegan M
2A Cody L 5/6H Robert H
3C Cohen B

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

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.

- Year 5 and 6 week long camp
- PSSA Athletics team
- Winter uniform order form (P and C)

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 2 Week 9
Wednesday 26 June Stage planning
Thursday 27 June Zumba K-6
Friday 28 June 2.20pm K-6 assembly

Last day of Term 2

Term 3 Week 1
Monday 15 July Staff Development Day - Teachers return to school for training in Autism, English Reading and Dyslexia; Student Welfare
Tuesday 16 July Staff meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 July Students return today!
Thursday 18 July Report cards home today
Friday 19 July Parent/Teacher interviews begin today

Term 3 Week 2
Monday 22 July Parent/Teacher interviews
Tuesday 23 July PBIS training session for staff – phase 2
Wednesday 24 July 3.30 pm – 5.30pm Parent Teacher interviews

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

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 Milo T20 Blast Cup
Friday 9 August

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

Term 3 Week 6
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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE Wollondilly Youth Concert and Stage Band

We want to start ASAP but first we need to fill a minimum level of participation.

Rehearsals will take place on Friday evenings from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm (venue TBA).

Cost each week will be $2 per student.

You will need to audition for the band. The audition piece will be emailed after you submit your expression of interest.

Please email or phone the director Dr Marc Noakes to register your interest
marc.noakes@gmail.com
0422-067888
Greetings Bargonians and farewell Term 2!

Well, we hope the Blues get up this week up there in cane toad land, unlike our Wallabies who are in need of a kicker or conversely some longer studs. Give it to them next time you Wallabies! Hopefully you all won’t be out injured. The Socceroos are once again heading to the World Cup. I’m sure they will have been dreaming or at least humming the tuneful sounds of Peter Allen at least once. Then we have Aussie cricketers struggling a little in more than just the on-field game. Since the last newsletter we have had the clay court Grand Slam, the French Open and are now looking down at the grass of Wimbledon. Australian racing car drivers off shore are doing okay and flying the flag proudly. Thanks to Will Power (got to love this name), Marcus Ambrose and more F1 racing with Mark Webber. We have a new boxing champ and we ourselves have a few champs on the home front to talk about right about......now!

**Bargo PS Athletics Carnival:** Our day was to be tested first thing with the weather patterns looking questionable and rearing its very ugly head early in the morning while Mr Hockey, Mr Little and I set up the equipment with the ever present and helpful, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Fowler. Thankfully the rain did not put a damper on the day at all! (Pun intended of course). As the clouds remained, the sun shone through and after the equipment was aptly placed, the buses arrived albeit late, and the competitors flocked in their tens and hundreds to their age group signs. The day could commence and commence it did. It was a great start to the day with us being late but our students being timely in their arrival at school. The ground was set up and the carnival atmosphere was building. We had parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours and dogs present and they all helped to make the day a success (from our perspective anyway!).

The children all rotated through their activities on the day and participate they did. It is always admirable how so many students run in races and how many jumped and threw objects. I could see, as I looked around, a whole lot of children enjoying being active and getting in there and giving it a crack under the watchful eyes of their parents, teachers and friends! This is what school sport is all about. Well done boys and girls. You are all winners in my book!

With that said, there can only be some people who continue on with athletics and to the next level and/or receive a certificate for their place in an event. I am going to give participation ribbons to ALL children who attended the day. Those who placed first to third should already have their ribbons, but shall receive a certificate also at this week's assembly. This year we are going to give certificates to the 3 place getters in each age/gender group, remembering that the 8, 9 and 10’s are labelled as juniors and only if they place first, second or third out of the entire 3 age groups, can they represent us at the Razorback carnival, next term. This is because this age group is set up like this right through to the National School Athletics Carnival.

I will though, organise some for the age groups 5, 6 and 7. However these groups cannot represent us at Razorback PSSA Athletics.

Once again congratulations to the teachers, parents and friend helpers and most of all the children for their work and efforts on the day. Thanks also, to the P & C for their support on the day and providing us with lunch and snacks all day long too. I know that was greatly appreciated and the fact we didn’t have a lunch break but you still delivered our lunches to us is outstanding. Thanks to you all once again.

Some events are not quite completed with final results yet and will be finished soon at school. I will publish the results in our first newsletter back in Term 3. I will have a complete copy of these events and those who have qualified for zone then also. Thank you for your anticipated patience with some of the results.

As you may know we got through most of the events on the day. I am very pleased with the amount of participation we had from all the boys and girls present on the day. Thank you to each and every one of you for making the day a fantastic one to finish the term on. I would also like to thank the many mums, dads and grandparents who stepped in on the day to offer assistance whilst spectating. I do hope you all had an excellent day watching the children participate.

I am going to share a couple of nice little stories to come out of the day. The first is at the discus where our junior girls run in races and how many jumped and threw objects. I could see, as I looked around, a whole lot of children enjoying being active and getting in there and giving it a crack under the watchful eyes of their parents, teachers and friends! This is what school sport is all about. Well done boys and girls. You are all winners in my book!

The other nicey happened at the 800m when a little boy, with Aspergers, from Yanderra missed his race and was on the verge of emotional eruption. Mrs Ritchie was running the event and when she realised the boy was extremely disappointed and unsure how to react due to missing out, she decided to ask the Bargo boys who would like to run again to give him (the little Yanderra boy) a chance to have a race and to her, and our whole school’s delight, the entire group of boys decided to go again and participate in another race. This is what being together with other people is about and that’s what sport does. It brings us together and helps us understand ourselves, others and enables us to share such great moments! Well done, once again to all the boys and girls for their efforts.

It would be remiss of me to not congratulate Mr Hockey for his organisation on the day as the countless hours at a computer typing in names for the event sheets, preparing equipment, liaising with council and local clubs and associations and ensuring all the teachers, parents and community members are informed is a big job and one he did extremely well. Congratulations and thanks to, Mr Hockey.

**Regional Cross Country:** Last week Sam C and Travis B travelled to Eastern Creek to run in the rain at the regional Cross Country Carnival. Sammy won our zone race but Travis was the first reserve for our zone and was asked to join the team after an injury to a child from another school. Sorrow has to go to the other child but one person’s misgiving can be a positive for another. The day was far from pleasant and the pair were transported by their parents to be among the hoards of folk at the raceway. The race was run on the grounds around the track and our 2 representatives went very well. Sam C ran a strong race and finished in 14th place while Travis also ran well, finishing his event in 26th place in the region. It is a great achievement, just
to make it that far, so to the both of you, well done and congratulations on your achievements! Keep running as they say in ...well...running.

**Gala Day:** The day was under a rain cloud quite literally and as per usual the weather people were out to test us. They, again were wrong with the showers not even being evident throughout the day, thank goodness. The AFL, netball and soccer teams all headed out for a day of fun and playing and boy did they play!

At the soccer and netball day our Year 6 parents were running the canteen and did a great job. Thank you to those who offered to help beforehand, Mrs D'Agostino and Mrs Smith. A special thanks also to Mrs Cochrane for the purchasing of chocolates for the day and a really big thank you to Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Baxter for the countless sales of hotdogs, lollies, drinks and chocolates. The day raised good money for the year 6 people. So Year 6 if you see one of these parents around the place, let them know that you are appreciative of their time and effort and say thanks to them for helping you.

Now to the reports from our coaches.

**AFL Gala Day Report:**
On Friday 21st June, 21 boys from BPS attended the second AFL gala day held at Bargo Oval. We were also lucky enough to have the company of Lexi, Claire and Kate, who worked diligently all day serving hot snacks and sweet treats at the canteen. Despite the cooler weather, a great day was enjoyed by all, where AFL skills were developed and sportsmanship shown on all fields. The Seniors were lucky enough (or super skilled!) to finish the day undefeated. The Juniors played well too, winning a game and drawing another. All teams did our school proud, demonstrating a strong sense of sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Good effort boys. We are proud of you all.

Mrs Cayzer.

**Netball Gala Day B Report:**
On the 21st June our school participated in the netball gala day. The weather was perfect and we were all excited about participating. For many of the girls it was their first time playing netball and although a little nervous they were very keen to have a try. We had some good wins, as well as some narrow losses, but most importantly we all had a lot of fun. A big thank you to the senior girls, who did a fantastic job coaching the junior girls. It has been a wonderful experience for all who were involved both in training as well as playing. Bargo School is very fortunate to have such enthusiastic students. Congratulations to you all and well done!! Mrs Warder.

**Soccer Gala Day Report:**
Last Friday Bargo’s Senior and Junior ‘B’ soccer teams attended the Razorback Soccer Gala day at Tahmoor Sports Ground. The Senior team played four games. Our first opponents were from Tahmoor Primary School. The match was very close. Jodi W played magnificently in goal and made several dramatic saves. However, a late goal from Tahmoor sealed a narrow and hard fought one-nil loss for our team.

Next the Senior team played against the strong team from The Oaks. The Oaks asserted their authority early and led one-nil at the half time break. In a gallant effort, and perhaps the best half of soccer we played all day, Bargo was able to keep The Oaks from scoring again. Our defence, led by Nic G, Olivia C and Janaya R, worked well together and formed a defensive rock that just could not be broken. The last two games for the Seniors were played against Buxton, with Buxton winning both games. Significantly, Bargo scored goals in both games, both by Nic G, who deservedly capped off a great day on the field.

The Senior team should be extremely proud of their achievements. Many of the team had not played soccer competitively before and the team had had few chances to train together. The Bargo senior team were ably led by Dean L and included: Hayden T, Joel C, Jodi W, Jasmine E, Olivia C, Janaya R, Madelyn G, Micalei R, Alexis C, Riley P, Cooper B and Nic G. As an indicator of the success of the day, some of the female members of the team resolved to sign up for weekend soccer next season.
Our Junior team also played four games on the day. The Juniors’ first game was against Tahmoor Primary School. The match was very close. Fortunately, just before the final whistle both Jack Mc and Jack T managed to score great goals leaving Bargo as 2-0 victors. The Junior team’s second game was played against Buxton. Our team was now managing to find its stride and controlled the game from start to finish. Bargo finished as worthy 6-0 winners. Goals were scored by Luke M (2), Jack Mc, Jack T, Dean L and Rebecca M. Game three for the Juniors was again played against Buxton. In a similar game, our team dominated and ended up winning quite comfortably 5-0. Goals were scored by Luke M, Luke S (2), Jack Mc and Jack T.

The Juniors left the most exciting game for last in which they played against the undefeated team from The Oaks. At the half-time break the scores were locked at 1-1 with Bargo scoring from a penalty and The Oaks equalising soon after. The score line could easily have blown out in favour of The Oaks had it not been for some seriously brave goal-keeping from Luke S. In a display of great team spirit, the Bargo juniors ended up winning the game with reasonable ease 4-1. Dean L capped off a wonderful day scoring all 4 goals.

The Junior team were ably led by Jack Mc and included: Luke S, Colby S, Luke M, Dean L, Jack T, Declan P, Jake R and Rebecca M. A special mention to Rebecca M who, despite being struck in the face, played on bravely and with determination and skill. Thanks to our wonderful and supportive parents for cheering our teams on, and to Mr K for organising the day. All members of both teams played fairly and respectfully and they should all be proud of their efforts and behaviour.

**Upcoming dates for Term 3:**

- **Friday 2nd July** – Zone Boys cricket trials TBC (week 3)
- **Friday 9th August** – Gala Day (week 4)
- **Monday 2nd September** – Zone Athletics: Field (week 8)
- **Tuesday 3rd September** – Zone Athletics: Track (week 8)
- **Friday 6th September** – Gala Day (week 8)
- **Wednesday 11th September** – Regional Athletics Carnival (week 9)
- **Friday 20th September** – Last day of term (week 10)

**Bargo Sporting Achievements:** I have received no sporting achievements to date. I know we have state age netball over the holidays so I look forward to Sara M sharing her results with us. C’mon folks get me the inside scoop! Keep the good news rolling in at dean.kellaway@det.nsw.edu.au. See you next time I’m looking at you.

Mr K