Monday 2nd September, 2013

Dear parents, carers and students,

While trying to start this week’s newsletter my mind kept going back to words I read on Friday evening in Ms Ritchie’s email to her colleagues… ‘Oh, What A Night!’ And what a couple of fantastic nights they were. I could not have thought of a better way to describe the wonderful feelings, sense of pride, excitement and confidence which poured out of every child and teacher at the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival last week.

All students were very proud of their achievements on the stage from Kindergarten right through to the Independent Year 6 Dance Group.

Every single group were super including our inspiring MC’s Becky, Amy and Jake. They were engaging, chatty and confident. Be careful mums and dads, all three are thinking about joining up with the Entertainment Crew. Their interest was certainly piqued during this opportunity.

The Junior Choir with their first song sung in Spanish ‘Bravo Bravissimo’ and then their cheeky tune and movements to ‘Lean Forward, Lean Backwards’. Great work everyone! Your parents are as proud of you as is Mrs Adam. Did you see her smiling face in the dim lights?

The Kindergarten Dancers to MMMbop brought down the house with their concentration and determination. Every little face was so focused on counting the beats and remembering the next step in the routine…… so cute! Thank you to Mrs Hawkes for choreographing and teaching the dance to kindergarten before going on maternity leave. Thank you to Mrs Kent, Mrs Corney and Ms Stefanyk for the many hours spent rehearsing and refining the performance and turning non-dancers into stars.

Senior Choir students sang ‘Eye of the Tiger’ with big, dramatic hand movements in time with the words making the words more powerful. Following this up with the soft melodic harmonies to popular tune ‘Let her go’ by Passenger.

Mr Kellaway’s Dance group sent a very powerful message to the audience about the non-social aspects of technology. I hope, like the performance, students will really grow to understand the very powerful and changing technological world they are entering.

Years 4 and 5 Dance group danced up a storm with their dance moves and gymnastic displays to Natalie Imbruglia’s ‘Don’t You Think’.

During Term 2 lunch breaks, each girl contributed to the choreography. They had the task of working out the steps for 16 beats of music, which they taught to each other. During the costuming phase, they became super excited thinking about their hair in curls…so out came the rag curls and a few more talented hairdressers were born.

On Thursday night Yr 6 Independent Dance group closed the performance to thunderous applause from our parents. YOU WERE ALL AMAZING!! I am a very proud of all of you. Now where to next, next year’s Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival or Wakkakirri? Any takers?

Happy Father’s Day to all of our dads! We hope you enjoyed your day and all of your cards and gifts. Many thanks to the parents who worked on the stall on Friday, capably lead by Carrie-Anne Warn. Congratulations to the raffle winners:

- Paintball Bailey F 4E
- P&C Gift Basket Blake M 1D
- Rialan’s Giftware Basket Carol Fisher
- Sports Power Picton Dean S 5/6K
- Picton Sand & Soil Chelsea W 5/6H
- Woodturner Bob Moran Jasmine M 5D
- Bunnings Mittagong Kara H KH
- Trainworks Alana B 4E
- Trainworks Kara H KH
- Home Timber & Hardware Harmony D KH
- Highlands Golf Bailey F 4E
- Yanderra Beauty Studio Chelsea W 5/6H
- Dan Murphys Voucher Jade H 5D
- Antill Park Country Golf Club Jodi W 5/6K
- Antill Park Country Golf Club Madison S 4G
- Pedders Suspension Emily C 5/6K
- Pedders Suspension Jessie F 3C
- Pedders Suspension Bailey F 4E

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.
I am also very proud of Mr Kellaway, who will relieve at South West Sydney Sports unit for the next three weeks. His sporting talents, organisational skills, commitment and passion are renown throughout the area. This is a very fitting appointment and we wish him every success! Mr Kellaway will back at school after the holidays. In the meantime, Mr Spaccavento will teach 56K.

Last week the Police and Ambulance service dropped in to give us a helping hand as we had a few problems, which have all been resolved. From difficult times come more opportunities to grow and learn. Bargo Public School students and staff are stars when it comes to learning and putting all that they learn into action when required.

I would like to compliment all of 56K and 56H, Mr Kellaway and Mr Hines for their quick thinking. Mums and dads please ask your P and C representatives: Tracey Weisz; Kirstie Britten; Kirstie Meikle; Tanya Sullivan; Belinda Young; Donna Shaw or Vanessa Symons for the truth about the events which the media misreported. We are a great, strong, proud school and mistakes and gossip on Facebook cannot and will not take us down.

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:
- Teaching
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertising

Teaching and Respecting our Teachers

Interesting questions arise each year as we start to plan for the year ahead.

- Which teacher do you think will take this grade or that in 2014?
- What have you heard about them?
- How did your children work with them?

We have wonderful teachers at our school!!!
Each teacher is committed to teaching your children every day. Over the last nine years they have undertaken a lot of professional learning to up-skill themselves or to maintain their levels of professionalism and understanding of how children learn and what motivates them to learn.

A very positive outcome of all of this hard work is the improvement in our students’ performance. Comparative data between schools in NSW has our students moving from the lowest school (nine years ago) to one of the highest in the Region (based on 2012 data; we are waiting on 2013 data).

You have your teachers to thank for this positive achievement and for maintaining this positive growth over the last four years. Remember TEACHERS should not be judged by their cultural background, the number of days they work each week or their religious beliefs.

Judge our teachers on their teaching abilities and their ability to engage students.
Judge them on their ability to create an inviting learning environment.

Did you look at the photos on the website….’What learning looks like at Bargo PS’. As I have said before a picture tells a thousand words. Check them out!

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
- Year 3- two day excursion
- Parent Technology Survey (only 5 have been returned so far)

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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# 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.

## Upcoming Dates

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**PICTON SWIM TEAM**

**PICTON SWIMMING CLUB**

Swimming is for all ages and abilities, so join us for summer club, events from **Friday 11th of October 2013 at 6.15 pm**

If it is your first time with Picton Swimming Club enjoy your first 2 nights for FREE!

(Wollondilly Leisure Centre, Picton)

www.pictonswimmingclub.com

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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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School Holiday Activities
@ your library

‘The Gruffalo’ Storytime
Join us for a fun morning of stories, games, activities and craft based upon ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson. Play ‘Pin the Tail on the Gruffalo’ for a chance to win a prize.
Date: Monday 30th September 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00
Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Gaming and Pizza Night
Play Halo ODST (M) on the Xbox 360, Super Smash Bros Brawl (PG) on the Wii, with Pizza, Chips, Lollies and Drinks.
Date: Tuesday 1st October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Library closed to public)
Ages: 8+
Cost: $5.00
Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Craft Activity – Springtime Crafts
Join us and have some fun making a range of Springtime crafts. Decorate a terracotta pot and plant your very own seedling. Take it home to watch it grow.
Date: Thursday 3rd October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00
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BARGO CHILD CARE CENTRE

IS YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN?
Our Centre is very proud of the program we provide to ensure children are prepared for starting School.

BARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SAYS THE CHILDREN FROM OUR CENTRE ARE THE BEST PREPARED FOR SCHOOL IN THE LOCAL AREA.

If you haven’t been to visit us and would like to see what we offer, please give us a call or drop in to have a chat.

We cater for 2 to 5 year olds and offer a huge variety of equipment and experiences.

With caring and experienced staff we believe our Centre to be one of the best.

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