3 December 2014

Dear parents, caregivers, boys and girls,

Wow!!!! So much has happened since the last newsletter and there is still so much to do in the final days of term 4 2014. I would like to start by congratulating the staff for their ongoing commitment to teaching your children and for attaining our great performance/growth in academic areas of English and mathematics, on the sport fields (many sporting stars were discovered), across the arts.

We can also celebrate our results as reported to DEC; suspension (down on previous years); attendance (standing at 94.3% for 2014 and wonderful TEN (K-2 mathematics teaching program) along with three students testing and making it into the Core Academic Class at Picton HS and three more students joining Campbelltown Performing Arts HS in 2015; great results for our lovely school.

With the combined efforts of the staff; with their commitment to teaching your children in the best ways possible; and with their ongoing commitment to learning new techniques and approaches to meet their learning styles; we have made Bargo Public School a wonderful place to learn and grow. The Director of Public Education, Mrs Margaret Turner has asked me to pass on her congratulations for an outstanding year of results.

This praise revolves around students and staffs performance in:
- NAPLAN results years 3 and 5;
- Best Start results Kindergarten and PLAN result Y1 to 6;
- in school reading and fluency results;
- spelling results k-6 and application of spelling in student’s writing;
- in regional art and gardening competitions
- Regional and state sporting achievements;
- Premiers Reading Challenge; and
- Premiers Sporting Challenge.

With regards to the culture of the school, once again the staff and the students with your help have turned the attitude towards learning, manners, respect and responsibility about. Almost all students are Safe, Respectful Learners. We at Bargo Public School are very proud of our achievements on all fronts— the academic achievement and improvements by students, the social, the emotional and the physical aspects of school.

Many thanks to our parents who help out in so many different ways, from classroom helpers to library book coverers, fete committee, fundraisers and all of the P&C. Tonight the P&C will meet for the final time in 2014 AT Bargo Sports Club commencing at 7pm in the dining room. Hope to see you there!

Well done everyone, you have once again made me a very proud principal.

Secondly, I have worked with Legal Branch since receiving the letter from YMCA, informing you that the Before and After School program would be closing as of the last day of school this year, and the good news is a new provider has been approved to commence from 2015. They will also be providing vacation care as well.

Little Elves Childcare Centre will be taking over the Before and After School Care Service in the school hall as of the first day back in 2015. Should you require before and or after school care in 2015 please email littleelvessoosh@gmail.com or contact Jennifer on 0418 814 031. Vacation care will be offered from the Easter holidays onwards.

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Next it will be important for all families to check your children's head tonight as we have our Spring outbreak of head lice affecting every class. So it is time to get up to your elbows in nit removal solution. You might also like to check your children's legs and torsos for spots as we have had two reports of chicken pox, just in time for the holidays.

Finally, I would like to wish all families a happy and safe Christmas. Remember if you are moving onto a new school, the door is always open, if you move back into the area. Take care of yourselves and see you in 2015.

Staff start on 27 January 2015, Students from years 1 to 6 commence 28 January 2015, while Kindergarten 2015 commence their school life on Monday 2nd February 2015.

Enjoy the week ahead and learn something new!

Anne Bunga
Principal

Are your children returning to Bargo Public School in 2015?

Each year a number of families leave our school over the Christmas break to start a new adventure in a new suburb, or a new job which requires relocating the entire family or a new school because you are looking for something better for your children.

If you haven't already let me know that you are moving on, could you please let me know a.s.a.p. via note or email anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au.

Topics in this week's newsletter include:

- 2015 Classes
- P & C Christmas Raffle
- School Photographs
- Christmas Appeal
- Unwanted school clothes
- Returning School Equipment
- Student Banking
- Calendar dates

2015 CLASSES

Many thanks to all of our parents who have informed me about Kindergarten enrolments for 2015, and continuing and departing students for 2015. Your help is making the job a little easier for me. Thanks!!

Each year teachers spend a lot of time placing students into classes for the following year. Great care is taken by every staff member 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 at all times with some members 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.

Class teachers have not being decide for 2015 as we are still in a state of flux due a small kindergarten enrolments. The numbers are awful and we will need to form many composite class in 2015. If you have a request re class placement for 2015 please send it directly to my email account anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au so that your thoughts and opinions might be taken into account. All I ask is that you trust that your child's needs are being addressed to best of our ability; and that we do know your children well.

I will publish class lists on the school's website after the New Year OR you can wait until the first day back to find out who your teacher is for 2015.

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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 5th. 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 Friday 5th December when she will make contact with the photo company on your behalf for the final time.

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, please forward your request and payment to school over the next few days so that you receive them before Christmas.

- Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects $16
- Sports’ Captains and Vice Captains $16

Christmas Appeal – Mr Hines

This year we will be collecting for St Vincent de Paul - Picton. We should all, at this time, celebrate the festive season with full stomachs and happy thoughts.

All food items can be left at Mr Hines’ class from this day forth. Any food item will be greatly appreciated. If you intend to give a ‘present’ please leave it unwrapped.

Yours David Hines

P.S. the food items will be handed over during the Presentation Day Assembly.

Unwanted school clothes

If you have any unwanted school clothing or girls and boys underwear at home, please donate them to emergency clothing pool in office for little accidents.

Returning School Equipment

It is time to start looking around the house, in particular the children’s bedroom for:-

- library books - we have 4298 overdue books at the moment;
- home readers - we have some children with more than 8 unreturned books (in total about 450 home readers in homes);
- maths equipment - like little silver weight of 1gm up to 50 grams; cm blocks in a range of colours in plastic and/or wood;
- sport’s equipment - balls on ropes, handballs, tennis balls, soccer balls, frisbees, torpedoes;
- school pencils both lead and coloured
- school scissors.

Thanks in anticipation of a speedy return!

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STUDENT BANKING

Don’t forget that THURSDAY is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Final banking day is December 11th 2014.

Each year parents volunteer to complete school banking process. Many thanks to the 2014 team of parent volunteers and student bankers who helped to raise just over $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 Commonwealth Bank profits, 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.

The Week’s Ahead

Friday 6th – 18th December 2014 - A number of identified students are involved in this year’s transition program to their 2015 teacher. Children will go on a number of errands from their teacher to their 2015 teacher as a way of introducing them and breaking the ice.

Wednesday 3rd December 2014- Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review.

Thursday 4th December 2014 - Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review.

Student report cards sent home today with the youngest in the family. Duplicate copies are for the non-residential parent. Please pass them on.

Friday 5th December 2014 - Students are encouraged to bring along a few dollars in a zip lock bag or envelope to purchase Christmas Presents for family members. If you are able to support the P & C with an hour or 2, to man the stall, simply report to the hall upon arrival. The children love to see you there helping out the other mums and dads.

Please return all P and C Christmas Raffle tickets with money, sold and unsold tickets by this morning!!

The draw for the P & C raffle will take place at the Xmas Stall on Friday 5.1.14!!

Monday 8th December 2014 - Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review.

Tuesday 9th December 2014 - Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review

Wednesday 10th December 2014

9.30am Years 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly in the hall – Please be seated by 9.25 am
12noon Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 Presentation Day Assembly in the hall - Please be seated by 11.55 am

These assemblies will focus on the academic achievement of students throughout the year and the induction of Captains, Vice Captains and prefects for 2014 along with our Sporting Captains for 2014. Hope to see you there!

Please accept our invitation for you to attend either one of our Presentation Day Assemblies or both.

Hope to see you there!

11.15am Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Thursday 11th December 2014 - Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review

Friday 12th December 2014 - Students inside working on their final pieces of work before taking it all home to mum & dad to review

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Monday 15th December 2014

9.30am K-6 Overflow assembly (an extra assembly to hand out all awards not handed out during the year due to students due to absence; all Bargo GOLD and Bargo BLUE awards; PRC awards and PSC awards.

12.05 pm Talent Quest - All students have been making up dance routines; learning jokes, songs, musical pieces, stories, plays, juggling routines and so much more to share with their peers at the talent quest.

Year 6 students only - Bear &/or Shirt signing day

Tuesday 16th December 2014

Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 – Movies at Narellan - FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM, packed lunch

Years 3 – 6 - A quiet day inside watching movies and lots of fun games

6pm - Yr 6 Farewell in our school hall. Parents are invited to stay for the opening of evening proceedings, then returning later for the final part of the evening. Please refer to Mr Kellaway’s information.

Wednesday 17th December 2014 - Another quiet morning in class with this year’s teacher. All students are encouraged to bring a book from home to read during the day.

2.00 pm Farewell arch – parents welcome. All students and parents are invited to take part in farewelling year 6 students not returning in 2015.

Thursday 18th December 2014 - Staff on duty undertaking professional learning

Friday 19th December 2014 - Staff on duty undertaking professional learning

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.

- Kindergarten enrolments 2016
- Departing Bargo Public School in 2015 – notice or a phone call to the office
- K, 1, 2 End of Year Party

CALENDAR – UP COMING DATES

Please refer to the school’s website for upcoming events. Look at the online 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.
The Great Aussie Bush Camp.- from the perspective of the kids.

C- ramped tents
A- mazing activities
M- any early mornings
P- Painful pests (insects)
by Emily B, Ash D, Maddy G and Elly B

Now in the words of the kids:
Camp to me was ....
- a long bus ride.
- early mornings.
- ok food.
- great breakfasts.
- cramped tents.
- time with friends.
- hot tents.
- smelly tents.
- challenging activities.
- harnesses.
- nice instructors.
- fun activities.
- giant swing.
- harnesses.
- high ropes.
- harnesses.
- Lost island.
- raft building.
- crate climb.
- harnesses.
- canoeing.
- dual flying fox.
- harnesses.
- fencing.
- commando.
- uncomfortable beds.
- too short.
- stormy night.
- bad dinners.
- hot nights.
- little sleep.
- snow cone breaks.
- bus sickness.
- home sickness.
- messy floors.
- night activities.
- water activities.
- lost undies.
### SUMMER PROGRAM
**Wollondilly Vacation Care**
68 Menangle Street, Picton

**Thursday 18 December – Tuesday 23 December 2014**
**Monday 5 January – Tuesday 27 January 2015**

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<td>Start an Australian picture on large canvas</td>
<td>Ausie Sand Art</td>
<td>Make a Digger’s Sock Hat</td>
<td>Incursion: The Reptile Man</td>
<td>Come dressed as an Aussie celebrity</td>
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**Please remember to pack a towel and a change of clothes each day!**

- **Booksings Call:** 4677 8202 after 9:00am on Tuesday 26 November 2014
  (Note: 30 places available per day)

- All care must be pre-booked. **ALL BOOKED CARE MUST BE PAID FOR.** The service will bill you before the program for the booked care.

- Chilcare Benefit and/or Childcare Rebate fee reductions are available to all families.

- Applications via Centrelink. **Call:** 13 61 60

- The Vacation Care Program operates between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm on the days indicated on the above program. Additional activities including art, craft, sports, drama and just plain fun are offered on a daily basis.

- Full Fee without Childcare Benefit: $40.00 per day per child (all activities, including incursions/excursions, are included in this fee).

- A booking fee of $8.00 per family also applies.

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<td>- Four days of Christmas craft. You are going to receive an activity book full of colouring in, puzzles, craft ideas and Christmas cooking.</td>
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<td>- Make a gift for your family and friends.</td>
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<td>- Play Christmas games.</td>
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<td>- Cook Christmas treats.</td>
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<td>- Make decorations for your room, Christmas tree and house.</td>
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<td>- Water Trampoline Basketball - 3 strikes and you are wet.</td>
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<td>- Slip and slide across the backyard all week.</td>
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<td>- Staff to challenge the children to a water fight.</td>
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<td>- Sock dumpling rolls to eat with vegemite or jam.</td>
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| Make a Snowman out of a sock |
| Make Beaded Trinkets |
| Make Ice cream in a bag |

**Wollondilly Year Round Care**
**Summer Vacation Care 2014-2015**

**Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life**

**Wollondilly Year Round Care, PO Box 21 Picton, 68 Menangle Street, Picton NSW 2571**
Phone: 4677 8202 Fax: 4677 8213 Email: yrc@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
Web: http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au (Trim 72x1673)
You are invited to
Breakfast in the Bush
on Sunday 7th December 2014
at Wirrimbirra Sanctuary, Bargo.

Breakfast, just $10 per person, will be available from 9am to 11am and you can wander the bush tracks, check out the native animals and the native plants and enjoy the day.

Why not bring the family for a pleasant day, an enjoyable breakfast and lots of fun.

Bookings appreciated (phone 4684 1112), or just come on in.

Wirrimbirra is on Remembrance Drive between Bargo and Tahmoor. From Sydney, head towards Mittagong on the expressway and turn off at the Bargo exit, travel through the town, heading for Tahmoor. Coming north, head north on the expressway and turn off at the Bargo exit, travel through the town heading for Tahmoor. From Wollongong, take the Picton Road to the expressway, turn south then turn off at Bargo exit.

The sanctuary is 4 km north of Bargo-just look for the sign.

We look forward to seeing you and your