Wednesday 26th March 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

Apologises for the lateness of this week's newsletter; I did debate whether to issue an edition this week or not, before receiving many enquiries regarding same.

Let's start with the health of the staff. Unfortunately Mr Hines has a bulging disc in his spine and will return to school once his doctor has resolved his pain management issues. Fortunately while Mr Hines was undergoing investigations and notifying his absences on a daily basis, I was able to engage Mrs Smith. This engagement will continue until Mr Hines' return. Mrs Hines will continue to teach 56H on Wednesdays.

This change of teaching staff on 56H will present some difficulties for your children as the children are very close and very concerned for their teacher and miss him greatly. I ask that you encourage your children to do their best during this time. Boys and girls I know, you know that Mr Hines would expect nothing less of you than your personal best.

As for the rest of the staff; they continue to march on dealing with many different illnesses of vary degrees of impact with different family members or themselves. This is becoming the year when you, your children and the staff and their family's catch everything staff seem to be catching everything that is going around.

Now for everything new in 2014

Besides tonight being a very important date for kindergarten parent, all parents will need to save April 1st. Kindergarten parents will be the first group of parents to be exposed to the new reporting process I chat about later on in this newsletter.

On April 1st all staff will be conducting their first Parent/Teacher meeting for 2014 between 3.30 pm and 7pm. These meetings are an opportunity for parents and teachers to learn about issues/concerns/progress of the children. As a staff we have decided to hold these meetings earlier in the year, rather than at the half way through year so that we can maximise the learning opportunities for your children.

Another new thing which will be happening from this year onward is the delivery of additional reports from teachers. The Department of Education and Community has introduced new technology to support teaching in schools. This new technology comes with a data collecting tools and a reporting profile. These reports are written with lots of ideas for parents, so we will be using them. It will take you a little while to understand the term cluster, but do not stress. It is just another new thing!

Many thanks to the parents who have already signed up for the spelling workshop next Wednesday. I would like to extend another invitation to all parents and carers to attend parent workshops on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm; courtesy of the P and C. Feel free to pick and choose which workshops you will attend, if not all of them. The topics listed below will be delivered by Maryanne Lakeman (Founder of SPACED) who has worked closely with many different communities over the years. Maryanne works on the premise of 'Pushing beyond our learning limits for kids' and has designed many courses to meet the needs of parents with strategies to enhance parents current understanding of education.
The proposed topics are:

- April 2\textsuperscript{nd} Spelling - a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children - confirmed

**RSVP:** April 2\textsuperscript{nd} Spelling - a workshop for parents to learn how to help their children at home

I will be attending the workshop for parent on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April, 2014 commencing at 7pm in the school library.

Parent’s Name(s) ________________________________ Child’s class ______________

Please return to the silver tin for catering and resource package purposes.
Anne Bunga on behalf of the P and C.

Enjoy the term ahead, aim to learn something new every day and be as active as you can be in our school! Please chat with your children on a daily basis for notes relating to information about meetings, curriculum, excursions, school events, sport, welfare issues or celebrations of success! Enjoy the term ahead, aim to learn something new every day and be as active as you can be in our school!

Anne Bunga
Principal

**Thursday is banking day**

**Request for Easter Eggs and fixing the Sound System in the hall**

Mums and dads it is time to start creating an Easter Hat or two for your children to wear during our Easter Hat Parade. Year 6 students are encouraged to make and wear a mask on the day. *As is the tradition* at Bargo Public School, we would like to extend an invitation to all grandparents (and grandfriends) to attend our Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country Carnival.

*A word of warning*, however, for all of our grandparents, wear comfortable shoes and loose fitting clothing, bring a chair and some band-aids. Mums and Dads can come too! Be prepared!

Donations of chocolate Easter eggs will be gratefully accepted by Mrs Compton. Easter raffle tickets can be purchased at the school from 8.50 am to 9.10 am, at lunch and after school near the canteen starting very soon. Tickets are 50c each or $5 a book.

We rely on your wonderful donations of Easter eggs. Donations of eggs, cellophane, baskets and ribbons are urgently needed and will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your anticipated support of this event. We look forward to a great day. Mrs Compton is now accepting Easter eggs, bags, baskets and cellophane to be made into prizes for this year’s Easter Raffle. Please bring these donations to the library. Thank you for your continued support.

All money raised will be used to repair the hall’s sound system.

**Upcoming Dates Term 1 – 2014**

Watch this space in the newsletter and add and amend the dates as necessary.

**Week 9** - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Mon 24\textsuperscript{th}/Wed 26\textsuperscript{th} March Campbelltown Performing Arts High School auditions for yr 7 2015 students
- Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} March Primary AFL trials

**Week 10** - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-
- Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April P and C meeting 7.30 pm in the staff
- Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April Paul Kelly Cup @ Monash Oval
**Week 11**  - Lots of teaching and learning occurring, plus:-

- **Wednesday 9th April**
  State PSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush (permission note required along with sport’s levee)
  Primary AFL Development Day

- **Thursday 10th April**
  9.30am ANZAC school based ceremony

- **Friday 12th April**
  9.30 - 12 noon K-6 Cross Country Carnival
  2pm Easter Hat Parade
  Last day of term

**Holiday Activities**

- **Fri 18th/Mon 21st April**
  Easter Weekend

- **Thursday 25/4**
  ANZAC Day March in Picton
  6.15am Dawn Service
  11am Bargo Sports Club

**Term 2 begins**

- **Monday 28th April**
  Staff development – New Australian Curriculum

- **Tuesday 29th April**
  Students return

**Save the date**

- 10th October 2014 Bargo Public School’s Fete.

**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.

- 2015 Kindergarten enrolments
- Years 4, 5 and 5 Bush Camp 3day/2nights camp

**Notes are also available from the Bargo’s website. JUST google Bargo Public School and open the calendar tab after reading the front page for the details of here to find the note. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School. EFTPOS is also available. Please refer to the note for details about making payments.**

**Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2014 Player Registrations**
We are currently seeking players for the 2014 season to play on Sundays!

Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s and 14’s.

We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.

Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksaf@gmail.com
Mittagong Blue Light Disco

VENUE: Mittagong RSL

DATE: Saturday 29th March

TIME: 4pm to 6.30pm

COST: $5.00 per child
4-14 years
Parents and children
Under 4yrs free