Monday 31st March 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

Last week as many of you have heard, students from Bargo Public School enjoyed working with and learning from a professional photographer, Sally. Over the coming weeks you will be able to view the photographs taken during this fabulous workshop. Congratulations to every child who worked extremely well during the day. Sally was impressed by your contributions to the discussions, your engagement with the techniques involved in taking that perfect shot and your commitment to compiling a super collection of photographs.

Here are a few photographs Sally took of you during the day. She loved taking your photographs also…ENJOY!

Looking for the perfect shot through a view finder

Now looking for the perfect angle… a chance to see the world differently

Sometimes you need to get down low or just take a selfie

Or just wait for the perfect moment…. 
This is the final newsletter for this term and on behalf of the staff I would like to wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday. Mums and dads remember students return to school on Tuesday 29th April 2014. Staff return on Monday 28th for a day of study.

However, before the holidays start we still have a lot to do, so here goes, besides quality teaching and learning occurring in every classroom we also have:

**Tuesday 1st April 2014**
- Year 6 Farewell Fund raising activities – Mufti dress for the price of a can of drink
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each
- 3.30pm Parents/Teacher interviews

**Wednesday 2nd April 2014**
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each
- 1.25pm Damian Sterling from Wollondilly Council – Pruning workshop for the Enviro Club students
- 7pm Parents workshop with Maryanne Lakeman – Spelling and how parents can help!

**Thursday 3rd April 2014**
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each

**Friday 4th April 2014**
- Mr Kellaway presenting at ACHPER State Conference
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each
- 2pm K- 6 assembly in the hall all parents and friends invited
Monday 7th April 2014

- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each

Tuesday 8th April 2014

- Primary RL 11 years Championships – Good luck Chris D and Jye M who made the Razorback squad.
- ‘Kids of Macarthur’ – School charity for term 1 – PJ Mufti Day gold coin donation – Please read the separate note issued Tuesday 1st April
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each

Wednesday 9th April 2014

- State PSSA Swimming competition at Homebush – Mr Kellaway manager
- Collecting Easter Egg donations before & after school
- Selling Easter Raffle tickets 50 cents each

Thursday 10th April 2014

- State PSSA Swimming competition at Homebush – Mr Kellaway manager
- School ANZAC service – please bring a flower to lay in the ANZAC GARDEN

Friday 11th April 2014

Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade will be on the last day of term, 11th April 2014. Please keep this date free and come along to support our wonderful students if at all possible. It should be a great community day.

PLEASE NOTE: The cross country carnival will run; rain, hail or shine. You might like to pack an extra pair of shoes as the grounds are very damp under foot, in fact very boggy in places. We expect to see a very wet carnival and some very interesting results.

A brief outline of the day is as follows:

- 9:15 - 12:00 Cross country races (various age groups)
  - Starting with the 12 year olds and working down through the ages.
  - Maps will be available on the day
  - Year 6 will be selling nice cold drinks at reasonable prices

- 12:00- 12:40 Family lunch and play – you can place lunch orders with the canteen.

- 12:40 - 1:00 In class preparation for parade (children only). Mums, dads and grandparents can set up their seats for the parade.

- 1:00 - 2:30 Parade and Raffle and maybe an early mark??? Shhhhh!

These times are guides only, however, we do hope to run on time.

- Don’t forget to start preparing your hat for the parade (at home) now.
- Please also continue to bring in Easter egg donations for our raffle and sell tickets.
- Tickets will begin to be sold before school so keep an eye out for our friendly sellers.
On behalf of staff and students I would like to invite all parents and family members to our second K-6 Assembly this Friday. This assembly will be held in our school hall and will commence at 2.10 pm. Please meet us there, seating will be set out and waiting for you, leaving your prams in the pram corral at the rear of the seating or taking a seat in the back row.

As outlined before our student leaders this time, our prefects will conduct the assembly for their first time. During the assembly they will perform a number of duties including giving the Welcome to Country, leading the singing of the National Anthem and school song, inviting staff to the microphone to hand out awards, announce the swimming champions for 2014, along with the winning house. Student leaders will also ask the students to follow the 5 L’s, as well as select the best class at assembly. At this assembly we will also see the first of many student performances.

Next I would like to deal with the question on everyone’s lips last week: ‘What’s the date for the School Fete? Apologies from both the author and editing team, we all completely missed the error! BUT congratulations to all of the parents who read last week’s newsletter and found the mistake. The correct date is Saturday October, 11th.

Now I would like to chat about the content of our mini assemblies conducted after recess on Monday and Thursday afternoons, so that you can make sense of the bits and pieces the children talk about.

At both assemblies, we chatted about our playground rules. These rules are:

... leave your band making machines at home (sadly a number of looms have been stolen since children started bring them to school)

... elastic bands are not permitted in classrooms (sadly a number of students in year 5 and 6 class thought that it would be funny to flick them at other students in their class who were doing the right thing)

... students can wear one elastic, home-made bracelet, however if it distracts you from learning the teacher will confiscate them

use school equipment, please leave yours at home so that it doesn’t get lost

you can bring small handballs and cars, cards, things which can fit in the palm of your hand. Make sure your name is on it

when the grass is wet play on hard surfaces and share the space

studs and sleepers are correct and safe for school, not hoops, not spikes or dangly earrings

necklaces of significance can be worn but must remain under the shirt

at no time are guns (toy or replica) allowed at school

Donations of chocolate Easter eggs
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.

We rely on your wonderful donations of Easter eggs. Tickets will go on sale at school tomorrow outside the canteen area.

Tickets are 50c a ticket.

Speaking of Mrs Compton, she has been very busy constructing websites for student use across the primary classes. Students are learning how to log on to these sites and also learning how to use the information. Here is an example of her inquiry learning site on Living Worlds.
Interactive learning modules for adolescents with chronic pain

Did you know chronic pain affects 1 in 5 people in Australia? Many of the people who suffer are children and adolescents with chronic diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, and cystic fibrosis. These students often have trouble attending school and managing their condition, some feeling isolated and stigmatized.

This week the Minister for Health launched a website that includes a series of interactive learning modules for adolescents with chronic pain. The material is based on recent scientific evidence and has been developed by clinicians from the Sydney Children's Hospital Network, with the guidance of an educational consultant. The website has been developed by the Agency for Clinical Innovation as part of the NSW Health Plan for chronic pain. A significant outcome of that plan was the development of sustainable, accessible, state-wide resources for people with chronic pain, including teenagers and young people.

The website contains video material of children managing pain while at school and home, and demonstrates the partnership with schools to achieve this. It has exercises, skills and interactive forms to facilitate learning aimed at students 12 years and over. It also has information, resources and other links in relation to:

- pain and families
- pain, thoughts and feelings
- pain and sleep
- pain and physical activity.

The website aims to help adolescents develop strategies to manage their pain, increase participation in schools, and maximise future opportunities for employment and community participation.

To access these resources and learn more about the needs of students with chronic pain and how teachers can support their learning, visit the website at: [www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/chronic-pain/](http://www.aci.health.nsw.gov.au/chronic-pain/)

Important Update from the Commonwealth Bank

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 cool 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.

Remember schools earn 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Bargo Public School.

A note from School Banking

* Please complete the details of your deposit on both the deposit slip and the stub in your deposit book.
* Please write your account number on your deposit slip.
* School Banking is unable to provide you with an account balance. Please visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch or call 13 2221 for this information.
* Unfortunately, we cannot accept foreign currency via the School Banking program.
* The School Banking system only accepts one deposit per child per day. We are unable to process multiple deposits individually.
* If any parents would like to have a wall chart and stickers to keep a tally of deposits please contact your current school co-ordinators.

Thank you for supporting the Commonwealth School Banking program.
DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics. NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up. Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.
To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE
(02)9293 3333 / 1300 559 393

ANZAC Services
This year ANZAC day falls during the holidays, in fact, on the last Friday of the break April 25th. All students are invited to take part in the Dawn Service conducted in Picton. Meet Mrs Bunga in the car park behind NRMA offices at 6.15am. Students should wear warm school uniform with leather shoes, as the morning dew quickly steeps into fabric shoes. Our senior leaders will lead the parade group and lay wreaths during the ceremony. Students can wear badges of a family member in respect of The Fallen. Parents can march with students or watch from the side line. I would like some company. At the end of the service I will keep all students with me near the cenotaph until you arrive to collect them.

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!

Anne Bunga
Principal

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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 redbacksafl@gmail.com
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Call Shane or Mitchell on (02)4677 0101 or visit us at Unit 4, 15 Henry Street, Picton 2571, between 8.00am to 4.30pm to discuss your needs.