11th August 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

This will be a quiet week of learning for most; but the beginning of an extremely busy fortnight for our creative arts students from years 3 and 6. Over the next fortnight students and staff will be putting the finishing touches to their performances for the Wakakirri Dance Festival in Wollongong on Wednesday 13th August and the local Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival at Picton High on Wednesday 20th August 2014. Throughout the next two weeks students will be rehearsing intensely, so it may pay to send them off to bed a little earlier than normal, so that they cope with the extra exercise and the late nights.

Good luck everyone! I know that you will all do your very best and your teachers, parents and school will be proud of you and your efforts.

Many thanks to the Wakakirri staff: Mr Dean Kellaway, Ms Sharon Ritchie and Mrs Jenny Hines, who have spent countless hours creating and teaching an 8 minute dance movement routine to our students, designing and building sets and designing, sewing and collecting costumes and makeup.

Tickets for Wakakirri were sent home with your children last week. If you need more or forgot to place an order, just ring Ticketek.

Tickets for Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival go on sale from today. Due to the size of Picton High School Hall, each student has been allocated 2 tickets each. If there are unsold tickets you will be able to purchase more. Check the note out for more details. Additional information about arrangements for Wakakirri and Wollondilly Performing Arts will be sent home separately. Please watch for notes in your child’s school bag.

Moving on from the performances, no doubt you have noticed from recent newsletters that organisation has begun for 2015. The department requires student numbers now in order to have everything ready for 2015. Hence, the need for Year 6 students going onto high school, public or private, to confirm their enrolment by completing the enrolment paperwork during term 2. If you are seeking enrolment in the private system you need to complete two sets of paperwork: paperwork required by the private school of your choice and the paperwork sent home by Mr Kellaway to decline your child’s enrolment in the public system.

It is important to prepare our numbers for Kindergarten 2015. If you know of any families in the community with school aged children ready to start school next year, please let them know that it is time to enrol now. Simply drop into the office, phone or drop a note to the office to receive enrolment paperwork. Complete the enrolment paperwork with the appropriate attachments and return it to school as soon as possible. Mrs Kellie Hawkes is the Kindergarten Coordinator for 2015.

Parents considering enrolling their child into kindergarten in 2015, have some decisions to make regarding enrolment:

- Firstly, all children who turn 6 in 2015 MUST enrol into kindergarten in 2015, this is the law.
- Secondly, where a child turns 5 by January 2015 and you believe your child is ready for formal schooling, you should seek to enrol your child at Bargo Public School, if you live in the Bargo area and/or you lived in the Bargo area and you have older children enrolled at BPS.

Now for the harder decision, and this is a grey area. All children who turn 5 after January 2015 and before July 31st can enrol in school BUT are they ready? It is your call. Here is some information for you to consider and chat about with partner, your extended family and the preschool staff who interact with your child.

Research has shown children, especially boys, have great success at school if they are the eldest in the class rather than the youngest.

If this is your child, here are a few questions for you to ask yourself, your extended family and the preschool staff who interact with your child:

- Is your child ready for school?
- Can they sit still and listen to a 10 minute story, without leaning on others, rolling around, getting up and engaging physically with the book?
- Do they take turns with toys?
• Do they let you/pre-school staff know when they need to go to the toilet (before the accident occurs)?
• Can they remove clothing and also put on clothing, such as jumper, shoes, socks, paint shirt?
• Identify snacks (little lunch/afternoon tea and fruit break) from lunch as well as open and close the containers?
• Thinking into the future, do you want your child to be the first to experience many of the rites of teenage/adult life or one or the last?

No matter the age of your child, you do not need to make the decision just yet! So much can change in 6 months. I would encourage everyone to participate in the Kindergarten Orientation Program cover the coming months.

Watch your mailboxes for information about the Kindergarten Orientation program which will start this month. Please contact Mrs Kellie Hawkes for any answers to questions. Each year we also have a number of parent liaisons. Our parent liaisons for 2015 are Vanessa Symons (0438 090 398), Kirsty M (0410 586 116) & Carol Dowd (0409 842 785). Each of these mums has had a child in kinder in 2014 and/or 2013. Sometimes it is easier to check with a mum or a dad who have had the same questions and concerns.

Now on to years 3-6. Everyone has the same homework for the next fortnight! - preparing for the South West Public Speaking Competition. Students will be required to present a speech. The assessment information and marks given with be used to measure children’s progress in both speaking and listening this year. Please check your child’s homework book/folder and/or their school bag for the 2 page explanation of this homework task.

**Once again we have been hit by an outbreak of head lice.** If your family has not been affected, count yourself lucky, because a number of parents are finding it a very trying time as they are experiencing outbreak after outbreak.

*It is important that we check every week.*

_in the meantime, remember to:*

• School is not the only place where students can pick up head lice, so check all children’s hair on a weekly basis.
• Keep your child at home until you have had an opportunity to treat them in accordance with the Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001.
• Parents/carers notify the school if their child is found to have live lice—Health Infectious Diseases

**Understand that head lice like clean, shiny hair:**

So tie it back and away from your child’s face so that it cannot touch other children’s hair. Spray a little hair spray on the hair so that the little feet of head lice cannot grab hold and climb up to the base of the hair shaft. Treat your child’s head for head lice each and every time you see the problem.


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.

Enjoy the week ahead and make the most of every opportunity to learn something new!
Anne Bunga
Principal

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**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015**

Child's name: __________________________Date of birth: ______________

Family contact details:

Parent’s name: ___________________________

Address: _________________________________

Phone number: __________________________

Get enrolments in asap. Orientation starts in only a few weeks.
Topics included in this week's newsletter include:

- Head wear and uniforms
- Student Banking
- Notes to be returned
- Calendar Term 3 2014

**Head wear and uniforms - repeat**

Our school uniform permits the wearing of beanies to school during winter. These beanies are available from the uniform shop and come in a variety of styles with the new Bargo graphic. Some have a peaked front cap to shade the face from the sun.

All students are required to remove their beanies (and hoods) as they enter their classroom.

Some children have decided that they are able to wear different colour sweat shirts—once again the colour is royal blue. Hooded jackets are not part of the school uniform and do not count as hats. Students who elect to wear hooded jackets must stay under the COLA as all students need a hat or a beanie to play in the playground.

**Student Banking**

School Banking is available for all students. It is a simple process of opening an account, if you haven’t already organised a saving plan for your children. Forms are available from the office.

Every child must eventually learn that mum and dad are not a bank. The good news is Bargo Public School participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop important financial literacy skills. School banking also includes a fantastic rewards program to encourage good individual saving habits.

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.

**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

Please place your bank books and deposits in the tin **before** school.

**Procedures for Money Collection**

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who are using the cash collection box. Never leave money with a teacher or on a teacher’s desk, put it in the money collection box. If the box is **not out**—please hand it in at the office.

Please refer to permission notes for details about making payments.

**Notes to be returned via the silver collection tin:**

- Year 4, 5, 6 Camp
- Kinder Aquarium (KK, KT, K1E)
- Fete pre-purchase form
**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 click it for more information and access to permission notes.

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**HI LADIES,**

Rainbow Playhouse Pre-school is running a shopping bus tour on **Saturday the 8th November**.

If you’re interested it’s a $10 non-refundable deposit and a total cost of $52.95. Included is lunch at Oscars (Southern Cross Hotel) plus the possibility of grabbing a bargain on the Xmas gifts.

Some of the stops include Odyssey Jeans Town, Harry’s toys, Hand bag factory & FSW shoes.

Call Jo on 0407841307 for your seat.
THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR FETE SPONSORS
Please support these businesses who are all generously contributing to our school fete so that our kids can have better reading resources.

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X Force ph 0447 357 730
pro-foto.com.au ph 0435448490
GKB Plumbing ph 0419 141 840
Jacques Party Hire ph 0419500533
W A Painting ph 0406 211 348
Tommy Heath Transport ph 0409 790 211
Mark’s Landscaping Supplies ph 4684 2312
Picton Automotive & Exhaust ph 4677 1304
Airite Industries heating ventilating a/c ph 4655 2275
Jonima Flowers 0401 055 125
TAHMOOR DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Think of playing cricket?
Come and join
Registrations to play Cricket in 2014 – 2015 Season

Registrations open from 1st July 2014 (visit our website for registration form)
tahmoors.cricket.com.au
Or register in person on
Sunday 10th August 10.00 to Noon at Tahmoor Sports Ground
Sunday 17th August 10.00 to Noon at Tahmoor Sports Ground

who can play?
Boys and Girls
Juniors and Seniors

Contacts: Andrew Murphy 0418 612 004, Shane Eva 0415 906 275,
Jene Eva 0410 296 308, Kevin Dries 0417 448 561

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Let's get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, USA and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover—all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

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Sat 7am-1pm

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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
213 Great Southern Road Ph: 4684 1079

BARGO HAIR COTTAGE IS NOW OPEN MONDAYS!!

MONDAYS 10 – 5
TUES, WED, FRI 9 – 5
THURSDAY 9 – 9
SATURDAYS 8 – 2
LATER APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED
FOR BOOKING ALL 4684 1143

Make up for formal, wedding and special occasion now available

HAIR COTTAGE KIDS PAMPER PARTIES

Parties for 8 girls aged 4 – 12
2 hours of getting pampered including: face painting, hair and nail paint. And cupcake decorating.

Food all included with lolly bags but not including cake
Sundays 10 – 12 or 2 – 4
For more info please call Bargo Hair Cottage 4684 1143
FREE EVENT

Book for the teen gyms or classes session that is perfect for your age group. For the teen gyms or classes session that is perfect for your age group, you can book a fun, interactive workshop for young people to learn how to build these qualities into your life.

Join Clare Eaton from "ROC Teen" to learn ways to build these qualities into your life. ROC stands for Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.LIBRARY.CAMDEN.NEW.SW.AUS.GOV.AU/BOOKINGS

VENUE: The Space - Camden Library

WHEN: Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September - Check suitable session for you.

If you can't make it, visit http://www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/rocworkshops

The workshops will be held in the space at Camden Library.
Bargo Public School Canteen is participating in the Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids program. It is designed to encourage kids to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables and to purchase them from their school canteen. The campaign commences Monday 11th August and concludes on Friday 19 September.

Children who make the healthy choice and purchase fresh fruit and/or vegetables will be rewarded.

How are children rewarded?
1. Students are rewarded instantly with a token sticker, which must be placed on the entry form, after making a fresh fruit and/or vegetable purchase.
2. Once students have collected two token stickers, they return the completed entry form to the canteen where they receive a Fresh for Kids Ring.
3. After the campaign has concluded, all entry forms will need to be returned to Sydney Markets where they are eligible to enter the draw to win some fantastic major prizes.

What prizes are on offer for children?

First Prize: Home Entertainment pack including a 32” LED LCD TV and a 3D Blu-ray Player.

Second Prize 1 of 3 iPad mini 16GB

Third Prize 1 of 10 Fresh for Kids gift pack including a backpack, lunch box cooler and drink bottle

Fourth Prize 1 of 20 Event Cinemas gift card.