1st September, 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

A couple of reminders for parents and students in this newsletter...please take the time to read this newsletter and discuss the various points with your children.

First on the agenda are our sporting champions! Good luck to our athletic students as they take to the track and field today and tomorrow! Represent yourself, your families and your school with pride and excellent sportsmanship at the Razorback PSSA Athletics carnival. Good luck also to the Year 6 Girl’s cricket team and the year 5 Boy’s cricket team who won the local Milo Cup cricket competitions last month. These two teams will go on to represent us at the Regional Milo Cup Cricket finals on Wednesday! - many thanks to our parents for transporting Bargo students to these events.

Next is a VERY important request!!!! and it needs your help because it concerns your children’s safety each and every day!!!

We have a number of students arriving at school between 7am and 8am and then another larger group of students arriving between 8am and 8.30am. This is a very dangerous practice, as staff are not on duty until 8.50am and you cannot rely on anyone knowing that your child is at school should something bad happen.

Students are not permitted on school grounds before 8.50am without the written permission of the principal, and no-one has same. For your information it is a legal requirement that each staff member supervise students in the 30 minutes before school starts. This is part of our playground duty roster. There is absolutely no supervision prior to this time. Legally no student should be on school grounds before 8.50am.

Please ensure your child is at school between 8.50am and 9.10am ready for the 9.15am school bell each day; not before 8.50am. Should you need before and after school care we have YMCA on site, just contact them via the internet to place a booking.

Confusion around bells times may have arisen from the Tuesday visits from members of His House in Picton who have been providing students with a free breakfast of chocolate milk and hot toast with a variety of toppings. No student has been asked to come to school early to set up for the Breakfast Program, so please send your child to school at the correct time. I will contact you in writing each and every time your child is required to be at school before 8.50am. Special thanks to His House for providing Tuesday’s Breakfast Club.

This Friday is the Annual ‘Fight Against Cancer’ relay. This year the relay will commence from our school on Friday 5th September at 9.30am and travel into Campbelltown Stadium via Remembrance Drive, stopping at a number of schools along the way. Students, under the guidance of their teachers will line the pathway outside the school to cheer the relay team on their journey. Students should wear school or sports uniform on this day and you might like to bring a gold coin donation.

Remember to return all Father’s Day raffle tickets ASAP via the silver tin. Return unsold tickets and sold tickets with the stub completed and the money. Happy Father’s Day to all of our dads! We hope you enjoy your day and all of your cards and gifts. Also on Friday, students will continue to participate in the ‘Gymtastics program’, before purchasing a gift or two for their father and/or significant male figures in their lives. So mum, don’t forget to pop a couple of dollars into a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. This is one of those few times when children carry money on them. Do not put this money into the silver tin.

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

Anne Bunga
Principal

"Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life’’
**Topics in this week’s newsletter include:**

- Teaching and our Teachers
- Sun Safety
- PRC and PSC
- Fete – repeat
- Kindergarten enrolments 2015
- Banking
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertising

**Teaching and 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 2015?
- 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. Each year they undertake 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. They are extremely committed to providing additional opportunities for your children, such as band, dance, university testing, sporting events, overnight camps, excursions, and so much more. A very positive outcome of all of this hard work is the improvement in our students’ academic, social, emotional and physical performance. Comparative data between schools in NSW have our students moving from the lowest school some years ago, to one of the highest in the Region (based on NAPLAN and PLAN data).

You have your teachers to thank for this positive achievement and for maintaining this positive growth over the recent years. I would encourage you to think about the outcomes our teachers have achieved for all of our students rather than to judge them on gossip, hear say, cultural background, the number of days they work each week or their religious beliefs.

I would encourage you to form your opinions based on:

- each teacher’s teaching abilities;
- on their ability to engage with your child and 29 others in a classroom at anyone time; and
- on their ability to create an inviting but challenging learning environment.

**Sun Safety**

All people in NSW are at risk of over exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun and it is estimated that 95% of skin cancers can be prevented. The significant progress made by schools to promote the importance of sun safety and to implement effective strategies for increasing the adoption of sun safe behaviours is acknowledged.

Here at Bargo Public School we encourage SLIP SLOP SLAP and WRAP.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge and Premier’s Sporting Challenge**

Both the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the Premier’s Sporting Challenge have now been completed. Congratulations to those students who achieved their targets for 2014. Certificates will be presented in November.

**Fete Requests**

Every fete committee needs to ask for assistance from time to time. This time the fete committee is asking for donations… it is an opportunity to clean those clogged cupboards.

Thank you to all parents who read the fete information and calendar and brought in pens and pencils for the class stall. Over the next two weeks we are asking you to clean out those cupboards of unwanted perfumes and aftershaves. Both opened bottles and beautifully presented boxes of perfume/after shave will be accepted.

Then during the final two weeks we are asking you to supply a bag of lollies for another of our stalls. All donations will be accepted, gum, lollies, sugar free, gluten rich, chocolate and full on delicious lollies.

Next term we will ask for donations of cakes and toffees and White Elephants stall goods.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2015**

Kindergarten students will make the first of many trips to school this week. We look forward to meeting many new faces. Welcome to our school. It is not too late to apply to enrol, just contact the school.
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.

**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 payable to Bargo Public School.

- Year 5 and 6 week 3 day camp – part payment due
- Kindergarten enrolments 2015
- Milo Cup Cricket notes for Mr Hockey
- Annual School Photographs Packages
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.

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Music Lessons
For fun or exams
Available in Barco

Friday September
50 cents to $6
Girls from
Hatfield Day Stall

We are looking for helpers
If you can help please come to the hall
on Friday the 5th of September around
9am.
Helping kids leapfrog their difficulties with these 5 ideas

A parent’s attitude to their child’s difficulties will determine how successfully they meet and overcome many of the obstacles and hurdles they meet.

Whether it’s going to school for the first time, making new friends or even going to school camp, children often experience difficulties that they need to overcome.

When children overcome problems and deal with unpleasant situations they learn they are capable, which is the basis of self-esteem and confidence.

Children’s resilience is fostered when they overcome problems and manage unpleasant social situations such as teasing or going into new situations. Protecting kids from challenging experiences robs them of chances to learn, develop and grow.

Resilient kids look back and draw on skills and understandings they have developed in the past to help them deal with present challenges. For instance, a sixteen year old girl recently revealed how her time spent on a twelve-day adventure camp helped her overcome the homesickness she experienced on a six-month student exchange.

She remembered how on the first day of her school camp she didn’t think she could make it - but she did. She experienced those same doubts early in her exchange but she knew that just as she had coped before she would do so again, but this time in more difficult circumstances. She was drawing on the same resources.

Here are five great parenting ideas to help your kids leapfrog their difficulties:

1. Frame the problem as a challenge:
   Frame the difficulty as a challenge rather than a problem. Kids take their cues from their parents so the frame of ‘challenge’ gives kids something to rise to rather than be overwhelmed by.

2. Coach kids to do well:
   Talk kids through their challenges, give them ideas to cope and manage. Consider rehearsing some skills or language that they may need.

3. Show confidence they will succeed:
   Children generally meet their parents’ expectations so make sure your expectations are realistic, positive and supportive of their feelings.

4. Give kids a chance:
   Allow kids to approach challenges in their own way without constantly checking on them. Your nervousness is definitely catching.

5. Celebrate their success:
   Even if they were partially successful, such as they went to school camp for two out of the three days, then praise their efforts. They’ve got a great building block for next time.

The attitude and approach of parents and teachers will determine how successfully children and young people meet and overcome many of the hurdles they encounter. That attitude needs to be courageous, sensitive and hopeful that your child will meet, and overcome with assistance, all the challenges they encounter.
THANK YOU

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