15th September 2014

Dear parents and care givers,

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and carers to attend our next K-6 Assemblies on Friday 19th September.

We are continuing to trial the two assemblies, so

- **Years 5 and 6** will hold their assembly under the COLA from 12.50pm to 1.25pm, due to gymnastics, in the hall;
- **Kinder, Years 1 to 4** will hold their assembly under the COLA from 2.20pm to 3.20pm, due to gymnastics, in the hall.

During these assemblies, students will receive many different awards including English, Mathematics and Blue awards; Term 4 Kings and Queens of Safe, Respectful Learners, The Environment, MAD Reading, Friendship Groups and Banking; along with the announcement of our winning Sports House - Athletics. The Federal Minister for Hume, Angus Taylor, will attend the second assembly to present new flags to our school.

On a different note, Mr Kellaway sent home NAPLAN results to parents of year 3 and year 5 students for 2014. If you did not receive your child’s NAPLAN report please see your child’s teacher.

Once again we have a lot to be proud of; here are some more reports from the students about their successes last week and this:

- **Sustainability Eco Project**
  On Wednesday 10th Sept the Eco leadership team travelled to Belgenny Farm to present lectures to other like-minded students from across Wollondilly and Camden public and private schools. During our presentations we taught students how to make odourless composting buckets called Bokashi Buckets - a Japanese term for composting.

  Part of our responsibility during the day was to learn from the other schools as well, which we did and by the end of the day we have committed our self to aiming for the first award ‘Bronze Level’ required to become a Green School by the end of 2014. The Green School Flag program is conducted in many schools around the world and Bargo PS students and staff hopes to be the first school in Australia to attain their Green Flag. It takes three years to attain the Green Flag.

  At the end of the day each school needed to share their Eco School goal and we were very surprised, but also very happy, that 7 schools decided to make Bokashi buckets their goal for 2014.

- **T20 Cricket finals – Year 6 girls**
  Last month between the rain and the fog, 10 brave year 6 girls set out to play their first game of competition cricket in the local T20 cricket competition held by NSW cricket. To their absolute amazement they won so many games throughout the day that they finished the day in first place.

  As a result of coming first, these girls will now go onto the next level of the T20 cricket competition to be held at Raby Oval on Monday 15 September 2014. Good luck Year 6 Girls!!

  All the way home from the cricket grounds, all that anyone could hear was the cant... 'Girls can do anything; if they put their minds into it!'

- **T20 Cricket finals – Year 5 boys**
  The year 5 boys headed out for a day of showing off their cricketing skills and talent at the T20 Cricket competition held by NSW cricket each year. Rumour had it that their rivals Picton PS had not entered this year and the year 5 boys recognised they were in with a chance to win the series. And win they did. The Year 5 boys' cricket team will also participate in the next SW cricket competition. Good luck Boys with the finals today!
Happy final week of Term 3! The end of the term has arrived. Congratulations to all students and staff on their achievements this term. I would like to congratulate all students for their focus on becoming SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS in the following ways:

- joining the Knights of the Times Tables in year 3;
- earning beads of their challenge bracelets - year 3;
- improved reading comprehension results;
- improved reading levels and fluency;
- improved writing with increasing difficult sentence structure and vocabulary;
- improved knowledge of maths facts;
- improved operations knowledge;
- many Bargo Gold and Bargo Blue awards presented to students;
- safe, happy responsible Kings and Queens of Learning;
- 236 students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014;
- every student who has completed the Premier's Sporting Challenge for 2014;
- every student who has received an award in school, a pat on the back or a nod from their teacher as reward for their work and growing maturity;
- congratulations to KK, KT and K1E for their great behaviour at the aquarium last Thursday. Photos can be found on the school’s website after the holidays.

This is the final request for help with the fete, from me that is. I am looking for parents who are able to escort huge Angry Bird, Fireman Sam, Dora the Explorer, and Peppa Pig characters around the school on fete day. If you are able, or interested, please send me an email to anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au.

Have you supported the Sumo wrestling competition? This is the last week to pop your 20c into either my tin, to make me wrestle, or Mr Gooden, or Mrs Hawkes (who really wants to wrestle me) or Mr Kellaway, Mr Hockey, Mrs Smith or Mrs Kluit. Watch the information coming home in your children's bags for confirmation of family portraits, student performance hour and huge character escort duty, as well as a timetable of the events taking place on the day.

Keep safe and enjoy the break from school. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on TUESDAY 7th October, following the long weekend.

Anne Bunga
Principal

Banking Day is Thursday
Bargo Public School Fete – Saturday 11th October 2014!

Topics in this week's newsletter include:

- Gardening Competition
- Fete - repeat
- Kindergarten enrolments 2015
- Illnesses at School
- Banking
- Notes to be returned
- Upcoming dates
- Advertising

GARDENING COMPETITION
Good luck to our green thumbs. The Wollondilly Garden Competition judges will take a tour of our school’s gardens this Friday.

FETE REQUESTS - repeat
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.

Over the final two weeks of this term we are ask to donate a bag of lollies for 1K's lolly stall. 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 Elephant 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.

Child’s name: _____________________________ Date of birth: _____________

Family contact details: ____________________________

Parent’s name: _____________________________

Address: __________________________________

Phone number: _____________________________

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**Illness in schools**

You may be aware that some confirmed cases of measles have been identified in our local area. NSW Ministry of Health advises that measles is a serious illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. The time from exposure to a person with measles becoming sick is usually about 10 days. The rash usually appears around 14 days after exposure. A person with measles feels unwell, has a cough, runny nose or sore eyes and a fever followed by a rash. A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

If you suspect measles, phone your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to phone before your consultation so that the ill person may be appropriately isolated on arrival. Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html)

It is time to take extra precaution with children’s health complaints. At our school we have had:

- an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth;
- an outbreak of school sores (usually start out around the face and legs, & are scab like in appearance & spread on touch);
- many cases of summer flu with upset tummies;
- many cases of head lice.

Many of these illnesses can be avoided by careful washing of your hands. The correct steps for washing hands are:

1. wet your hands all over
2. turn off the tap
3. apply soap & lather front and back for 20 seconds or more, washing between fingers & around the nails
4. rinse well under running water.

School has soap dispensers in the toilets and classrooms which are refilled every term. This initiative is funded by the P and C. Thanks everyone!! Let’s kill those bugs.

Remember to check your children’s hair tonight as we have had an outbreak of lice. We are looking to keep all students’ hair nit free. If you find anything please treat before returning to school.

**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 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.
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.

- Year 5 and 6 week 3 day camp – part payment due
- Kindergarten enrolments 2015
- Annual School Photographs Packages – required before the holidays
- $10 Family Portrait @ School Fete – see Mrs Bunga or drop an envelope into the silver tin, (with $10 inside; along with family name & 3 times which suit you to have a portrait taken between 8am & 4pm)

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.

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