25th August 2014

Dear parents, students and family members,

Here at Bargo Primary School we are very proud of our students. Each and every one of our students faces a number of choices every day. Sometimes the choice is an easy one to make, other times students need to make very difficult decisions, but no matter what, the children make the choice based on their understanding of how the big world works, strong values and principles developed both at home and at school; and a sense of right and wrong.

The other day while walking through the playground a child stopped me and asked ‘What is War?’ I needed to take a moment before replying… and in the end I chatted away and replied:

‘War is the result of the actions of people, both good and bad. People choose to make good decisions and treat people nicely or they choose to punish people. Over time and as seen through history, war has been the result of individuals or groups of people believing that someone has wronged them and in turn they should be punished. Sometimes, war is the result of wanting something, like more land or resources. Sometimes, it is because they believe in a different God, have different coloured skin or speak a different language or have a different culture’.

By the end of our discussion, there were a number of students chatting about War… who starts it… how do we prevent war… for me it was a wonderful opportunity to hear from the students about their understanding and beliefs. In the end we compared our conversation to a series of events which had occurred that week. The students then asked me to write to the parents about war.

These are the points they wanted highlighted following our conversation:

- always take time to think about your actions and the consequences of your actions;
- don’t judge people for their actions - try to understand them;
- be big enough to say sorry if you make a mistake;
- don’t stare at people and talk about them when they take positive steps to get help for you, after you make a bad decision. This action is helpful, it is not dobbery.

War is an interesting topic for children to explore. I would encourage you all to chat about it with your children.

Here are two photos of our young men learning to make peace and not war while learning new skills with Mr Little and Phillip Scott. These boys spent time learning how to sand back wood and over the next few weeks they will varnish the wood before repainting the letters. They will then learn how to use the drill to return the sign to its home out the front of the school.

Look out for the great work of our hard working students!

Next it’s onto the hard working dance girls who undertook the challenge of performing in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival last week. Each of the dance groups spent their own lunchtimes and recesses preparing their item for the show. They choreographed their pieces, found their own music and organised the cuts and mixture of same. They also took on the responsibility of costuming and makeup. Congratulations girls on a job well done!

At the same performance we saw our band and choir perform in public for the first time. Many thanks to Mrs Sarah Adam, who has worked very hard with our band students over the last two terms and Mrs Katharine O’Reilly for her effort with the choir, all students had the opportunity to perform two very pretty songs with the soloist from Picton High School. I know from watching both the staff and the children they enjoyed every moment on the stage and are very proud of their achievements.
Many belated thanks to the Wakakirri team for their outstanding effort Mr Dean Kellaway, Ms Sharon Ritchie and Mrs Jenny Hines and their team of parent helpers who 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. As Mr Kellaway mentioned in Sporting Male the students won many awards for their performance.  

Well done everyone! I know that you did your very best and your teachers, parents and school are very proud of you and your efforts.

Moving on from the performances and our great students, 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 to High School, public or private, confirmed 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.

Anne Bunga
Principal

Topics included in this week’s newsletter include:

- School Photographer
- Father’s day Stall and raffle winners
- Stewart house bags
- Student banking
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Dates for Term 3 2014
- Notes to be returned
- Fete Requests
- Advertising
- Community Notices

School Photographers

Envelopes were sent home last week. The date for school photographs is Wednesday 8th October 2014, that is the second day back next term.

Father’s Day Stall and Raffle tickets

Father’s Day is just around the corner. So mums, dads and grandmums it is time to man the stall for the students to pick up a gift or two for their fathers! If you are able to help come along on Thursday 4 August from 12 noon to set up the stall or on Friday 5 August between 9am and 1 pm to sell the gift to the students.

Thank you to the families who returned their raffle tickets already. If you do not like raffle tickets, simply return them to the silver tin. All tickets and money from the sale of tickets should be returned before Friday 5th August.

Many thanks to our local businesses for your ongoing support of Bargo Public School’s fund raising efforts.

Stewart House Bags

Each year we collect clothing and money to assist Stewart House with their fund raising efforts. For parents who do not know Stewart House is a School holiday location by the sea for school students who need a little extra TLC.

If you are able pop clothing into the bag, please tie the bag at the top and return it to school before Friday, 24th October 2014. Due to the School Fete being held on 11th October, we would ask you to hold off sending the bags in until after Monday, 13th October. Bags should be left in the breeze way in the canteen area behind the screen. Please read the signs.
**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.

**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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**Nichola Bushel**

Counsellor

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**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.

**Baking Competition**

R U a Great Baker? Then you might like to enter the [bpsfete Bake off](#). The rules are simple.. bake a cake or prepare a slice or some cupcakes…. and bring them along on the day… Saturday 11 October for judging….. the price of entry is the donation of your cakes/slices/cupcakes….. then wait for the judges to taste your cake and wait around for the announcement of the winners!

You have to be in it to win it!

**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
- Kindergarten Aquarium excursion (KK, KT K1E)
- PSSA Athletics team
- Band Tuition
- Sustainability excursion
COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 30th August
Time: 4pm to 6.30pm
Cost: $5.00 per child
4 to 14 years
This month we thought LETS dress to impress in our favourite super hero OR story book character for the Blue Light ... lets see what comes to visit us on this night of dancing and fun.

Wirrimbirra Sanctuary
The David G. Stead Memorial Wildlife Research Foundation of Australia

NATIVE PLANT SALE
Saturday, September 6th, 2014
9.00am – 3.00pm

*** 20% off all plants ***

Café open – food and drink available
3105 Remembrance Drive, Bargo, NSW
For further information, Tel: (02) 4684 1112
Email: enquiries@wirrimbirra.com.au
Thank you to Little Elves for providing a craft tent for the little people at the fete.

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