20 October 2015

Dear parents, caregivers, boys and girls,

Term 4 will be a very busy term, full of learning, assessment, sport, art, opportunities to challenge each other academically, as well as time to play, build friendships and learn and sustain important values. In particular Year 6, enjoy your last 40 days of primary school life and take everything you can from your teachers’ brains. **This is your final mission as a Bargo Public School Year 6 student.** Remember Year 6, after this term High School staff will expect that you know everything required by a Year 6 student. So make sure you learn and refine your skills in:

- asking for help in an appropriate manner (raising up hand and waiting or speaking directly to the teacher during breaks);
- looking for solutions to problems, both academic and social;
- looking at a question and knowing where to start;
- spelling new words;
- learning your multiplication facts;
- writing in a variety of styles;
- recording text from the board into notes for your use as revision notes or VIPs QUICKLY;
- presenting work neatly and attractively;
- pacing yourself with homework;
- completing assignments (homework) on time and without creating stress for yourself and those around you;
- solving social issues for yourself and/or your peers;
- dealing with an ever changing timetable; and so much more.

Over the last 6 and three quarter years you have been adding to and building these skills; and now you should be focusing on refining them for the future. Good luck everyone!

Mums and dads, **please look closely at the calendar** at the end of the newsletter each week for important dates and events. It is **updated** from time to time, as dates do change and I do make mistakes. Please keep an eye on the dates. The information is also available on our website bargo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. On the website you are able to **download additional permission notes**, should your child misplace their copy. Simply print, sign and return to school with correct money or banking details. Almost the same features are available on SchoolStream.

Parents, don’t forget about sending in an extra frozen water bottle, wrapped in a tea towel each day. Students are encouraged to sip water during the teaching sessions. Also on days where the temperature is 30+ degrees before 11.15am, the soccer fields will be closed.

Well done, Zac M on your great run at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush.

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

Anne Bunga
Principal

**ADDITIONAL READING FOR THIS WEEK:** *Feel free to skip the topics which are not relevant to you at this point of your child’s education.*

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL POSITIONS FOR 2017:**

Parents when thinking about High School placement for your child, think about Selective High Schools. A selective High School is for bright children who wish to excel in learning. Admission is by examination. Every child has the opportunity to sit the Selective High School test.

Parents who are interested should go on-line to find out more information and to apply.

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“Teachers, Parents & Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
LEADERSHIP TEAM 2016

All 2015 Year 5 students have been invited to campaign for a position on the 2016 Leadership Team via their email account. There are two tiers to our leadership team: the school captaincy and sporting leaders. Parents were also informed via School Stream.

The School Leadership Team – each year students campaign for the position of Girls’ Captain and Boys’ Captain. As a result of the voting process the student with the most votes becomes the Captain, the next highest the Vice Captain and the next places become our prefects. All interested students are required to complete four elements during their campaign.

1. Prepare an information poster for display in the school. This poster should include a photo, for identification purposes, your name and any information which you believe will encourage students to vote for you.
2. A long record of being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER in the classroom, the playground and in all aspects of life.
3. Prepare a 3 – 5 minute speech which outlines your leadership aspirations.
4. Make a commitment to being the best person you can be during the election process. This means being a SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNER. No promises that you cannot keep. No lollies, no gifts, no vote buying with the students or staff. Just good old fashioned manners, helpfulness, kindness to others, a kind word here or there with the younger students, but most importantly be yourself.

Leadership team speeches will be conducted on Thursday 5 November to staff, students and parents.

... 9.30am – girls followed by voting by students and staff
... 1.30 pm – boys followed by voting by students and staff.
Recess will be brought forward on this day to accommodate the 1.30pm start for boys.

The Sporting Leadership Team are selected via a less formal process at Sporting House Meetings. 2016, Year 6 students stand for the captaincy position, while 2016 year 5 students are given the opportunity to be the Vice Captains. There are four sports teams, which are Avon (Yellow), Cordeaux (Red), Nepean (Green) and Warragamba (Blue).

P & C HALLOWEEN DISCO

The P and C will be holding a Halloween Disco in the School Hall for all students. Notes went home yesterday. Simply fill out the form and return it to school a.s.a.p. so that orders for drinks and pizza can be finalised.

We understand that Halloween is very American, it is your call, mum and dad about whether your children attend or not. But the P&C committee will be raising much needed funds for our school.

MAD Reading Awards

Our P&C committee supports our MAD reading program by offering 3 prizes of $100 to encourage reading at home.

Each year students are asked to collect up their MAD Reading Awards for the year, i.e. 2012; and place them in the stage box outside the office area anytime between now and early December. The draw will take place at Presentation Day.

All awards will be returned after the Presentation Day assembly.

STUDENT BANKING:

We received a huge number of bank packages last week and we do not have storage space. So every child who does not have an existing account received a package. There is no pressure to start an account, it was merely a space issue. However, if you want to start an account please follow the instructions in the package.

UNIFORMS

The P&C committee have been working very hard over the last 18 months to find a company that can supply our school uniform at a price which is affordable for all, in materials and styles which are family friendly. UNFORTUNATELY, prices will be going up from WEEK 4 this term. PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW TO SAVE $5 per item of clothing. New prices come into effect on November 3rd 2015.

HEAD LICE

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

Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 31 October
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

Due to this being Halloween – lets dress to impress – so if you would like to come dressed in your favorite Halloween Hat, Dress or costume if not just come and have a great time.

STADS

Actors, Singers & Dancers

!!Now Booking for 2016!! For Ages 18 months to adult.

*Drama/Acting* *Singing* *Dance/Choreography* AND *The Agency*

Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available. Come in and join the fun today!! For more information call Sarah on 0415 995 225 or 4683 0193 www.s-t-a-d-s.com
**Classes for 2016**

Planning for 2016 has begun. Kinder Orientation started last week and Year 6 High School Transition programs are ready to run. So now it is time to focus on how the rest of the school will look. Given the numbers that we have at the moment we look like forming 15 classes in 2016.

On present numbers we will have:

- 3 x Kindergarten
- 2 x Year 1
- 1 x Year 1/2
- 2 x Year 2
- 1 x Year 3
- 1 x Year 3/4
- 1 x Year 4
- 1 x Year 4/5
- 1 x Year 5
- 1 x Year 5/6
- 1 x Year 6
- Plus the Autism class.

So if you are planning on moving on, relocating to a new school or are planning to return late in 2016, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

**Reports**

Assessments will continue over the next few weeks before teachers complete the yearly report cards. Good luck everyone, ensure you are doing your best work and show your teacher, your mum and dad just how much you have learnt this year.

Report cards will be sent home in December.

**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 6 Canberra – medical notes
- AFL Inschool skills development program for the whole school $9 per child. Subsided by sporting grant obtained by Mr Gooden.
- Aboriginal Mathematics competition day @ Tahmoor PS – selected students – free

Please place the correct money in an envelope with the permission note, before placing it into the silver tin on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School. Eftpos is also available.

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**Tahmoor Medical, Allied & Alternative Therapies P/L**

Dr Ron Campbell B.Med (Hons), FRACGP, B.Pharm, B.Sc.
Grad Cert In Medical Acupuncture

**Practice Hours:**

- Mon 9am-1pm
- Tues 2pm-6pm
- Wed 2pm-6pm
- Thurs 2pm-6pm
- Fri 9am-6pm
- Sat/Sun Closed

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**THE CLINIC** 4683 1244 NOW OPEN

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Parent Winner for this month is Mrs Kim Potter (Braydon 3/4G) who receives a voucher from Bargo Sports Club Bistro for $10.00

Thank you to Bargo Sports Club who support our school so well.

We greatly appreciate your input to our great school.

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**MAD Winners for Week 2**

Tahlia 4/5R, Christian 4/5R, Niamh 3D, Danny 2-6W
**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WEEKS TO COME…**

### Term 4 2015

#### Upcoming dates for your diary

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<td>On-line application to be completed</td>
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<td>Kinder Orientation 2</td>
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<td>Picton Library presentation to student winner Tenille L</td>
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<td>During Thursday’s 2.05 assembly</td>
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<td>22 October - Thur</td>
<td>Year 5 Hill End Overnight Gold Excursion</td>
<td>Permission note required</td>
<td>Read and pack your bag using ‘What 2 bring? Note.</td>
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<td>Year 5 Hill End Gold Excursion</td>
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<td>26 October - Mon</td>
<td>Picton High School Taster Day</td>
<td>8:50am - 11:20am</td>
<td>Permission note required. Parents to provide transport to &amp; from</td>
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<td>28 October - Wed</td>
<td>Kinder Orientation 3</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>All new kindergarten students in together. New Kinder parents to the hall with Mrs Anne Bunga Principal.</td>
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<td>29 October – Thur</td>
<td>P &amp; C Disco in school hall 5 – 7pm</td>
<td>Dinner order Cost $9 per child</td>
<td>R u able to help with serving food to the children?</td>
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<td>PSSA Gala Day</td>
<td>Permission note required</td>
<td>Return signed note including PSSA Code of Conduct with levy to silver tin</td>
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<td>Year 6 Canberra Overnight Government Excursion</td>
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<td>Watch out 4 information notes re medication and requirements</td>
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<td>Year 6 Canberra Government Excursion</td>
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<td>Return your medical notes this week.</td>
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<td>Crazy Hair &amp; Odd Sock gold coin donation – PKU is the charity</td>
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<td>Purchased Show Bags to go home</td>
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<td>Election Speeches</td>
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<td>9.30 am – Girls to present speech m – Boys to present speech</td>
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<td>Bargo Bush BBQ</td>
<td>$5</td>
<td>Order form and money to Canteen by 4th Nov.</td>
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<td>Yr 1 &amp; 2, with 23C excursion to Wollongong Science Centre</td>
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<td>K-6 School assembly</td>
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<td>C U in the hall from 2 pm for a 2.30 pm start</td>
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<td>Wollondilly Principal’s meeting</td>
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<td>Librarydill Principal meeting</td>
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<td>Return all books please</td>
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<td>7pm P and C meeting</td>
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<td>Meet in the staffroom</td>
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<td>P &amp; C Christmas Stall in the hall</td>
<td>Pocket money saved by the children (I know, RLOL)</td>
<td>R u able 2 help with selling 2 students anytime bt 9.30 &amp; 1.30pm?</td>
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<td>Yr 6 farewell – school hall</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>R U available 2 help dress the hall with staff? 9.30 – 1.30 pm ish.</td>
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<td>Presentation Day assembly –school hall</td>
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<td>2pm Year 6 Farewell Arch Final day of school for students</td>
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<td>2016 Years to 6 return today</td>
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<td>Watch for the information note regarding your kinder child’s assessment time.</td>
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<td>Check email accounts</td>
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<td>Swimming School</td>
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