27 October 2015

Dear parents, caregivers, boys and girls,

A very quick newsletter this week, but one full of congratulations. Congratulations to all students in 45R and 56K for their excellent learning and behaviour while attending the Hill End overnight excursion. Check out the photographs on our new Bargo Public School Facebook.

Congratulations to Emily Britten (dance) and William Clark (drama) who successfully auditioned early this year for a position - Campbelltown Performing Arts High School selective creative arts program Year 7 2016. Well done to both of you!

Congratulations to our Green Thumbs, who attained 3rd place in the Wollondilly Garden Competition and are currently working on finishing off their submission for a Bronze Flag – Eco Schools Across the Schools. One of the first schools to do so in Australia. Well done Eco Leaders and Mrs Adam.

Congratulations to Year 6 students (parents) for your organization with travelling to and from Picton High School for your Taster Day and your sensible approach to returning once it was realized you shouldn’t have been there. Well done, you took it in your stride. Thank you parents for transporting extra children back to school.

THANK YOU to our parents this week, for your ongoing help with informing me about new enrolments into kindergarten, maintaining your child’s enrolment into 2016; and/or moving onto to a new school for 2016. Sharing this information with me has assisted me greatly with informing DEC about how many teachers and classrooms we will need in 2016. As previously stated we will form 16 classes next year: three straight kinder classes, two straight Year 1 classes, one composite Year 1/2 class, two straight Year 2 classes, one straight Year 3 class, one composite Year 3.4 class, one straight Year 4 class, one composite Year 4/5 class, one straight Year 5 class, one composite Year 5/6 class, one straight Year 6 class, and one composite AU multi-cat class.

If you have not already informed me about your directions for 2016 could you please do so at your earliest convenience at anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au as we are holding onto this number and configuration of classes by a finger nail.

Finally, we teach, and we know you are teaching the very valuable skills of Persistence, Organisation, Confidence, Resilience and Getting Along. Here is a brief review of what we teach.

**Persistence** (which includes the ability to)
- try harder even when work is frustrating
- motivate yourself to keep going even when the rewards are small
- rise to challenges with your best efforts

**Organisation** (which includes the ability to)
- put things where they belong
- set goals for yourself
- plan ahead to meet those goals

**Confidence** (which includes the ability to)
- not be overly concerned about making mistakes
- try different activities without fear
- be independent but not separate

**Resilience** (which includes the ability to)
- accept No as a answer
- stay calm when you are upset
- bounce back from difficult situations remaining positive in hard times

**Getting Along** (which includes the ability to)
- work cooperatively with each other
- resolve conflicts without fighting
- show tolerance of other’s differences

My final request this week. Mums and dads it is time to check your child’s pencil case for the last time this year. Please top up on lead pencils in years 3, 4, 5, and 6; red and blue biros for years 4, 5 and 6; glue sticks for the entire school; and rulers. We have many children in year 3 who do not own a pencil to do their work.

Enjoy the term ahead and aim to learn something new every day!

Anne Bunga
Principal

“Teachers, Parents & Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
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.*

FAMILY HOLIDAYS AND ABSENCES
If you are thinking about taking a family holiday of less than ten schools days, it is important to write to the class teacher before you go. If you are thinking of taking a family holiday over 10 days in length, you need to complete some additional paperwork in order to receive a ‘travel authority permit’. Call into the office, write a note or phone for this information to be sent home to you.

Short absences of one, two or a few days due to illness or family business need to be explained also. You can write a note and pop it in the silver tin, you can use SchoolStream or you can phone through the reason for the absence. Each term I am required to issue a note requesting an explanation of your child’s unexplained absences.

I understand there were a few issues during term 2 and 3 with SchoolStream absences. This should be not the case this term, as we have corrected the error.

RETURNING SCHOOL BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT
It is time to start looking around the house, in particular the children’s bedroom for:-

- library books - we have 2,988 overdue books at moment;
- home readers – we have many children with more than 8 unreturned books (in total about 450 home readers in homes);
- maths equipment – like little silver weight of 1gm up to 50 grams; cm blocks in a range of colours in plastic and/or wood;
- sport’s equipment – balls on ropes, handballs, tennis balls, soccerball, frisbees, torpedoes;
- school pencils both lead and coloured.

*Thanks in anticipation of a speedy return.*

ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA and DIABETICS
All teachers, office staff, School Learning Support Officers (teacher’s aides) are constantly undertaking additional training in anaphylaxis, asthma and treatment of diabetics. We have the necessary skills & are prepared to implement Health Care plans when your child needs assistance. We have an excellent 12 year long record of correctly responding to health issues with and without Health Care plans.

Now we need your help to keep your children safe. It is time to start collecting new paperwork for 2016. Each child will need a new Health Plan for the treatment of Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Diabetes.

If your doctor is like mine, you will need to book in with the doctor to organize the latest plan for treatment, months in advance. So think about booking an appointment now for January 2016, ready for the new school year. Thank you! Please ensure that it is valid for the 12 months (of 2016) signed by the doctor with a current photograph of your child. If there is no photograph don’t worry as we can add it with your permission.

LIBRARY
Every year schools are required to stocktake all equipment, resources and library books. A huge job! Our library stock take will take place in December so start looking for all of those books and return them promptly.

There will be no more borrowing from 1 December, with a collection over 56,000 items, stock taking the collection takes time.

SCHOOL GROUNDS
We are very proud of our school grounds and the play equipment that we have for children to use during play times. We have kept all of our equipment, while many other schools have removed theirs. I need to remind all families that the school equipment is not for use before and after school by ANYONE.

Please let your friends know that their children cannot use the equipment either. You child is not covered if they sustain an injury while playing during these times. Sadly, a few parents have allowed their pre-school and school age children to play on the equipment before and after school, and then have proceeded to tell teachers off when the request is made to remove children from the equipment. We are doing our best to ensure your children's’ safety.
P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Shortly you will receive 10 raffle tickets for the upcoming Christmas Raffle. The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the students’ Christmas stall on December 3. Please return all ticket stubs and money in a plastic zip lock bag or an envelope marked ‘Christmas raffle’.

If you do not wish to purchase tickets please return them to school a.s.a.p. If you would like to help raise funds for the school drop a note for additional tickets and they will be forwarded to you.

The tickets are 50c each. Please make sure you record your name and phone number on each ticket you purchase so that we can contact you a.s.a.p. if you are a lucky winner. There are many wonderful prizes – check out the list on the raffle book. Families who return their tickets will receive bonus free tickets in the draw.

K-6 TALENT QUEST
I have noticed a few of our older students preparing for the K-6 talent quest which is held in December.

For new parents, the Talent Quest is an opportunity for all students to show the rest of the student population their talent in dance, story-telling, drama, joke telling, acting, piano playing, recorder skills; magic tricks or clowning skills. The acts can be individuals or group performances. Students will need to supply their own music on the day as well as organise their own costumes from home.

So boys and girls start planning and rehearsing your item. Items should last anywhere between 1 minute and three minutes. Parents, I would ask that you check the music before your child plans and rehearses too much, as so much of today’s popular music have a lot of overtone.

Closer to the Talent Quest students will be asked to nominate their act. Acts will be drawn out of a hat on the day to determine the order on the day. More on this later.

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 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. Final banking day is December 11th 2014.

HEAD LICE
We are looking to keep all students’ head nit free. If you find anything please treat before returning to school. So remember to check your children’s hair tonight, so that we do not have another outbreak.

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 In-school skills development program for the whole school $9 per child. Subsidised by sporting grant obtained by Mr Gooden.

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
## Term 4 2015

### Upcoming dates for your diary

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<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 – Thu</td>
<td>P &amp; C Disco in school hall 5 – 7pm</td>
<td>Dinner order &amp; disco entry 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 Cost: $10</td>
<td>Return signed note including PSSA Code of Conduct with levy to silver tin</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 @ end of day</td>
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<td>Election Speeches</td>
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<td>9.30 am – Girls to present speech 11.55 am – 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>10 November – Tues</td>
<td>KIC, Yr 1 &amp; 2, with 23C excursion to Wollongong Science Centre</td>
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<td>K-6 School assembly</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>C U in the hall from 2 pm for a 2.30 pm start</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, RCLL]</td>
<td>Are you able to help with selling to students anytime between 9.30&amp; 1.30pm?</td>
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<td>10 December – Thurs</td>
<td>Presentation Day assembly --school hall</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Are you available to help dress the hall with staff? 9.30~1.30 pm ish.</td>
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<td>15 December – Tues</td>
<td>Yr 6 farewell – school hall</td>
<td>TBC</td>
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<td>16 December - Wed</td>
<td>2pm Year 6 Farewell Arch Final day of school for students</td>
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<td>Staff Development Days</td>
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### 2016... 2016... 2016

- **Wednesday 27 January 2016**: Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 28 January 2016**: 2016 Years to 6 return today Testing begins for new Kinders
- **Tuesday 2 February 2016**: Kindergarten 2016 begin their school career today.
- **Thursday 25 February 2016**: Test centre advice received by parents or carers
- **Monday 29 Feb till Friday 11 March**: Swimming School
- **10 March 2016**: Selective High School Placement test
- **July 2016**: Parents advised of outcome
The year 6 Farewell Committee is looking for talented cake bakers & decorators for our up & coming event.

Please see Mrs Kent or Mrs bond for more details. The Committee is also seeking for hall decorators to volunteer their time to help with the decorating. Please see the Year 6 teachers for more details after camp.

Thank you

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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.

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