10 November 2016

Dear parents, caregivers, boys and girls,

It’s November! Don’t blink or December will sneak up on you! This will be a quick newsletter, although written in point form it is still full of praise and information for you and your children. So here goes….

- Congratulations to all students who presented themselves as part of the school leadership elections. You should be very proud of yourself. All teachers were very impressed by the standard of your speeches, the confidence you displayed while presenting to your peers and your ability to overcome your nerves on such an important day. Good luck everyone, the results of the election will be announced at the Presentation Day Assembly on December 10, 2015.

- It is time to check out your awards and trade them in time for the end of year Presentation Day Assembly, as we have a number of children who are very close to attaining a Principal’s Medallion as a direct result of being a Safe, Respectful Learner over the years. It brought me great joy over the weekend to check student names on Sentral (our computer software for storing information about our Positive Welfare initiatives)……so look at your awards as you are very, very close … Lexi A; … Samantha A; … Amber B; … Carissa B; … Melanie B; … Joidyn C; … Chris D; … Mackenzie H; … Owen H; … Ben H; … Talia P; … Skye R; … Zac R; … Felicity S; … Cody V; … Emily V; … Sarah Y and so many more students have already collected three Bargo Blue awards.

- Parents seeking Selective High School Placement need to complete their online application by October 16. Late application will not be accepted by the Selective High School unit.

- The Minister for Transport & Infrastructure and the Minister for Education have announced a SCHOOL OPAL transport card. We do not have a lot of information as yet, however, you can go online from November 2nd to find out more information: transportnsw.info/schools-students

- Year 6 parents as part of the planning for the Canberra excursion, Mrs Adam applied for a grant in order to keep the costs down. The grant is known as Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) application. One requirement of the rebate is that we acknowledge the funding and the support of the Australian Government in our newsletter, which we do with great appreciation.

- Finally, parents I need your help. We have a few children who have decided to graffiti the student toilets, in particular, the girls in the girls’ cubicles. Please talk to your children about staying out of the toilets unless they need to go. Toilets are not playgrounds and no one needs to hang around in the toilets. Sadly, some of our young ladies, or should I say older girls because this is NOT ladylike behaviour, are recording very bad language on the walls and the language being used is very explicit, correctly spelt, disgusting and should not be seen in schools. As a result, we will be closing the toilet block during learning times to all but those students who have previously advised that they have a medical reason for going to the toilet more often than most.

Parents, music plays before the bell goes to remind students to use the toilet, to wash their hands and to organise a drink from the bubblers BEFORE going into class for each learning session. Kindergarten parents, all kindergarten students will start to use the main toilet block as part of their transition to Year 1. We have removed the graffiti, so your children shouldn’t be exposed unless we are hit again by the graffiti gang.

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

Anne Bunga

**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.

**STUDENT BANKING** occurs every Thursday

“Teachers, Parents & Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
**CHRISTMAS APPEAL – Mr. Hines**

Once again I would like to invite all families to contribute to our annual Christmas food drive. We should all, at this time of year, celebrate the festive season with full stomachs and happy thoughts. All food items can be left at Ms Ritchie’s class from this day forth. Any food item will be greatly appreciated.

Yours David Hines

P.S. the food items will be handed over during the Presentation Day Assembly.

**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**

Please have a look around your home for any library books and return them quickly so that Mrs. Compton can commence the library stocktake. The books can be returned any day –not just your child’s regular library day.

**UNIFORM SHOP TRADING**

Last day of trading for this year will be Thursday 3rd December. The first day of trading for 2016 will be 28th January.

**UNWANTED CLOTHING & SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

If you have any unwanted school shirts/girls skorts as well as girls and boys underwear at home please donate them to emergency clothing in office.

At this point in time I have noticed mums and dads are choosing to purchase from Big W, Lowes, Target, and Best & Less to supplement their children’s uniform selection. While I understand it is difficult to afford uniforms the P & C committee has done a great job sourcing a supplier who is realistic with its pricing. I ask that all parents refer to our school uniform policy and follow it.

If we all work together, it will be much easier to get kids to wear their uniform each day.

**P & C RAFFLE**

Last week you received 10 raffle tickets for the upcoming Christmas Raffle. The Christmas raffle will be drawn during the Christmas stall in December. 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.

**TALENT QUEST**

Each year students look forward to the End of Year Talent Quest. This year the quest will be held on Monday 14th December with the venue to be confirmed.

Students can perform an item individually, or as a group. There is a 3 minute time limit on each item. Students need to supply their own music (if required); props (if required) and costumes. Parents are asked to listen to the music, or watch the performance before students nominate the item to the teacher in charge of this event. Remember, no swearing; no sexual overtones in the words or actions, no revealing clothing permitted.

**HEAD LICE**

Remember to check your children’s hair tonight as we are losing the battle with head lice. Each week I hear from several families whose children have been affected.

Help yourself and your children by tying their hair up. Head lice love clean, shiny, wind-blown hair.
2016 CLASSES

Many thanks to all of our parents who have informed me about Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 as well as continuing & departing students for 2016. Your help is making the job of staffing Bargo Public School a little easier. Thanks!!

Each year teachers spend a lot of time placing students into classes for the following year. Great care is taken by every staff member while forming classes. All children are placed into classes based on work habits, levels of maturity with social, emotional and academic skill levels as well as behaviour; and at all times with some members of their friendship group. We also use assessment data collected throughout the year to place students into classes.

During the process of forming classes; I do move some children away from their peer group as I want your child to enhance their own learning skills rather than rely on their friends; along with developing their levels of independence and trying to balance student needs with teacher skills and availability of additional teaching resources. I do assign additional teacher support to some classes and not others based on the needs of the entire class.

Class teachers have not been decided for 2016 as we are still in a state of flux due to unexpected movement of families this year. The numbers are in a state of flux and we will need to form some composite classes in 2016. If you have a request re class placement for 2016 please send it directly to my email account anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au so that your thoughts and opinions might be taken into account. All I ask is that you trust that your child’s needs are being addressed to the best of our ability, and that we do know your children well.

Are Your Children Staying at Bargo Public School in 2016? - repeat

Each year a number of families leave our school over the Christmas break to start a new adventure in a new suburb, or for mum and/or dad to start a new job which requires relocating the entire family or a new school because you are looking for something different for your children.

If you haven’t already let me know that you are moving on, could you please let me know a.s.a.p. via note or email anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Anyone who wishes to apply for placement to a Year 7 selective high school in 2017, please be aware that applications close on Monday 16 November 2015. All parents must apply on line. There are no paper applications.

Thanks to His House

Next Tuesday will be the final free breakfast supplied by His House. If you would like to offer your thanks to the volunteers, drop in on Tuesday morning.

STUDENT BANKING

Each year parent volunteers complete school banking process. Many thanks to the 2016 team of parent volunteers and student bankers who helped to raise over $2000 for our school this year. Well done everyone!

Each account opened through the school earns the school a $5 commission. You can open a Dollarmite accounted for any of your children from birth to 16 years of age. Dollarmite accounts earn slightly higher rate of interest than a regular Commonwealth Bank Account. Each deposit earns the school a small fee each week from Commonwealth Bank profits, as the volunteers do the processing. So if you haven’t already opened an account and you would like to do so, please drop a note in the silver tin any Thursday and your child will receive paperwork for opening an account.

Siblings can drop off and bring home Dollarmite accounts for students in High School and preschool students.
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. Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School.

- AFL In school skills development program for the whole school $9 per child instead of $18 per child
- Campbelltown Performing Arts High School applications
- Yr. 7 Selective High School applications online
- Students departing Bargo Public School in 2016 – notification to anne.bunga@det.sw.edu.au (Thank you to the six families who have made this notification already)

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

MAD Parent for week 5 is:
Mrs Devine (Macey 3/4G) who has been presented with a voucher from Glitz and Glamour Photography valued at $390.00

MAD Winners Week 5:
Stage 2
Tenille 3/4G
Adam 3/4G
No Stage 3 this week.

Vacation Care is offered at Bargo Public School during the Christmas holidays. All school age children welcomed, regardless of attending school. During the Christmas holidays we are going to see a Wildlife Show and Putt Putt Gold. The service is registered with the Government so rebates are claimed. If you are working or studying you are entitled to receive 50% up to $7500 per child. You can leave your child for the whole day, half a day or a couple of hours. We provide breakfast, morning tea and afternoon tea on all days. Some days even include lunch.

If you would like a quote, have any questions or would like to see the program please contact Miss Jennifer on 0418 814 031 or email littleelvesoosh@gmail.com

Don’t forget to call Little Elves if you need before or after school care between now and Christmas.

Contact Miss Jennifer on 0418 814 031 or email littleelvesoosh@gmail.com
Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL

Date: Saturday 28 November

Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm

Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

Due to this being our last one for this year we will have a special guest coming Santa is coming for an early visit – so if you would like to come dressed in your favorite Christmas Hat or costume so Santa can see that will be wonderful, if not just come and have a great time.
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<td>K-6 School assembly</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>See you in the hall from 2 pm for a 2.30 pm start</td>
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<td>AFL clinic- all 34G plus all Yr. 4, 5 &amp; 6 classes, 2-6 W with integration classes</td>
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<td>1 December – Tues</td>
<td>Library closed for stock take</td>
<td>RETURN ALL BOOKS PLEASE</td>
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<td>7pm P and C meeting</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Meet in the staffroom</td>
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<td>P &amp; C Christmas Stall in the hall</td>
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<td>Are you able to help with selling to students anytime between 9.30 &amp; 1.30pm?</td>
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<td>Yr. 7 2016 Orientation Day for all Public High Schools</td>
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<td>Parents &amp; students to attend.</td>
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<td>4 December – Fri</td>
<td>P &amp; C Christmas Stall in the hall for Yr. 6</td>
<td>Pocket money saved by the children (I know, RLOL)</td>
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<td>8 December – Tues</td>
<td>Yearly Reports home</td>
<td>Each child will bring home their own report</td>
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<td>10 December – Thurs</td>
<td>Presentation Day assembly in the school hall</td>
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<td>14 December - Mon</td>
<td>Talent Quest</td>
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<td>15 December – Tues</td>
<td>Yr. 6 Farewell – school hall</td>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>Are you available to help dress the hall with staff? 9.30 – 1.30pm ish.</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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- **Wed- 27 January 2016**: Staff Development Day
- **Thurs.- 28 January ’16**: 2016 Years to 6 return today Testing begins for new Kinders Watch for the information note regarding your kinder child’s assessment time.
- **Thurs—28 January’16**: Uniform shop first day of trading
- **Tues- 2 February 2016**: Kindergarten 2016 begin their school career today.
- **Mon – 15 February’16**: BPS Swimming Carnival @ Picton pool All students yrs. 3 to 6 are expected to attend. All students in Yr 2, turning 8 years of age in 2016 & can swim 50m can also attend.
- **Thur.- 25 February’16**: Test centre advice received by parents or careers Check email accounts
- **Fri – 26 February’16**: CPAHS Audition submission due to CPAHS Parents, visit Campbelltown Performing Arts High School to deliver paperwork & payment
- **Monday 29 Feb till Friday 11 March**: Swimming School 10 days Learn to swim program for students in yrs. 1 to 6
- **10 March ’16**: Selective High School Placement test
- **July 2016**: Parents advised of outcome