Dear parents, carers, staff and students,

I am very pleased to let you know that all students are settling in very well with their new teachers. Students are busy learning and settling into the routine of their class while making many new friends. It is true we have had a few tears but these tears quickly disappear once the day’s activities commence. Tears are a very normal part of starting school but they will soon disappear. Mums and dads it will be very important to persevere on teary days and maintain the routine of being at school between 8.45am and 9.10am. On the bell, all students from kindergarten to year 6 are expected to line up outside their room. Parents are asked to stand back, so that all children can see and hear the class teacher instructions for the day ahead. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

I would like to celebrate some wonderful news and hand out lots of congratulations. As many of you know, students and staff participated in our annual school swimming carnival last Friday, supported by their parents. Thank you mums, dads and grandparents, aunts and uncles for attending. I am sure you will agree it was a wonderful day, the weather was kind, the water was warm and every single student was absolutely magnificent. WOW!! What a way to start the sporting year!!

All throughout the day there was a strong sense of community and school pride with lots of cheering and support for one another along with displays of confidence, risk taking and bravery. So many students decided on the day to add more events to their original entry form and that was great. Many students thought about the distance, the stroke and the challenge they faced, and put everything they had into completing the race. Boys and girls hold your head high, you should be very proud of yourself and your personal achievements.

It was also a splendid scene of colour, a splash of Avon, Cordeaux, Nepean and Warragamba here, there and everywhere. Well done to all of the boys and girls for dressing in their team colours. Well done to all of the students on your magnificent behaviour. Special congratulations to Georgia and Alex who did a magnificent job leading Avon in war cries all day long. Congratulations also to my all staff for all of their hard work in the lead up to and the running of the day. It was a highly successful day. Well done to you also!

Parents, I am sure that you will agree with me that it was a great day! On this note, I would encourage you to continue your wonderful support of our teachers as they give so much, because they enjoy doing special extras for your children. In running a swimming carnival there is a lot of red tape regarding safety. On the first Staff Development Day every staff member worked very hard to ensure they each scored a perfect paper and practical result in their Resuscitation examination; so, my personal thanks and congratulations to Bargo staff for their efforts and successful achievements.

Speaking of support for events and happenings at Bargo Public School; many thanks to the parents who had already signed up for the free app — School Stream. I am hearing that you are very pleased with the information coming through on the app. Over the weekend I activated the absence note. To report your child’s absence from school open School Stream app > tap FORMS > tap ABSENCE FORM> complete the information, sign and submit. Please note: Bargo Public School does not use FACEBOOK accounts (except for fete advertising & for limited time frames). We only use Bargo Website, newsletters/notes form school and School Stream to share information with you. NOT facebook. Once I learn more about School Stream, I will open the comments section. Here parents will be able to share their thoughts, opinions, concerns and suggestions.

Apologies for the errors under ‘Alerts’ I need to keep these alerts short and sharp. I understand they have been wordy and you can not see past the 1st four lines. Oooops! Plates are back on for now.

Finally, Year 6 will be given their expression of interest paperwork for High School soon. It is important that all parents of Year 6 students complete and return the form a.s.a.p., whether they are seeking placement in a public school or a private school in 2016. Various parent information nights will be held over coming weeks. You are invited to attend as many as you like so that you can find out more about the High Schools:

♦ Picton High School— 7pm Tuesday 17th February at Picton High School
♦ Campbelltown Performing Arts High School – 6pm Wednesday 18th February at Campbelltown Performing Arts HS. Applications to CPAHS are by audition. All paperwork is due to the High School on or before 28 February with the non-refundable audition processing fee.
♦ Bowral High School— 6pm Wednesday 4th March at Bowral High School

Enjoy the term ahead, aim to learn something new every day and be as active as you can be in our school!

Anne Bunga
Principal

“Teachers, Parents and Community Caring for Children, Educating for Life”
Budget Information 2015

Managing the family budget is a challenge for every family and in order to plan a little better here is a broad outline of the expenses you might incur this year. As a school we do try to keep costs down by negotiating the best price. On occasion this means we need to prepay excursion and have cut off dates.

**Term 1**
- School fees
- School photos - $25 to $35 per child depending on the package you select
- Band—hire ($150 per year) and/or lessons $100 per term
- University tests for years 3 to 6 (six tests ranging in price from $8 to $15 each —subsidized by the P & C)
- Special Swimming School—$80 per child (includes pool entry and bus fare for 10 days)
- PSSA sporting team trials for selection to represent Razorback PSSA team years 3 to 6 (trial levy range between $4 and $10 depending on the sport and on the equipment/field hire needed)
- Razorback PSSA Gala Sporting Days years 3 to 6 (sport levy $10 per sport)
- Inschool excursion—one per term for all students from year 1 to year 6 (between $4 and $10)
- Kinder bus safety excursion—no cost
- P and C fund raising activities
- Student supported charity

**Term 2**
- Band—lessons $100 per term;
- Athletics Carnival (sport levy $10 per sport)
- SSW PSSA sporting team selection years 5 to 6 (levy range between $40 and $100 depending on the sport, location & the equipment/field)
- Razorback PSSA Gala Sporting Days years 3 to 6 (sport levy $10 per sport)
- Inschool excursion—one per term for all students from kindergarten to year 6 (between $4 and $10)
- Year 6 fund raising activities
- Student supported charity
- P and C fund raising activities

**Term 3**
- Band—lessons $100 per term
- Razorback PSSA Gala Sporting Days years 3 to 6 (sport levy $10 per sport)
- Inschool excursion—one per term for all students from kindergarten to year 6 (between $6 and $10)
- Year 6 fund raising activities
- Student supported charity
- P and C fund raising activities

**Term 4**
- Band—lessons $100 per term, instrument maintenance approximately $75
- Razorback PSSA Gala Sporting Days years 3 to 6 (sport levy $10 per sport)
- End of Year excursion—kindergarten to year 6 (between $20 and $40)
- Student supported charity
- P and C fund raising activities
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- Years 5 and 6 Canberra —$250-$300 approx per child for 3 days

**Gate Times**

Back and front gates close at 9.30am automatically. With the exception of the front students’ entrance all gates reopened between 3 pm and 3.15 pm. If you need to access the school, during the day please press the blue button on the side fence near the gate and wait for it to open automatically. Please call into the office and sign in. upon your departure sign out and the office staff will open the gate for you.

Remember **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should you use the car park entrance as a pedestrian access!!
SCHOOL FEES
Thank you to the parents who have already forwarded their school fees for 2015.
As in previous years parents who pay their contributions before the first whole school assembly on Friday 6th March will be entered into the lucky draw—a chance to have all of your family’s excursions paid for, for the entire year. Please make an effort to pay your children’s school fees as every bit helps. Thanks in anticipation of your support!

MOBILE PHONES
For safety reasons I can understand why you would like your child to carry a mobile phone, but they interrupt learning. So once again students can bring them to school, however, they cannot be used during the school day and must be handed into the front office upon arrival and collected on their way out of school each day. At the moment we have four phones in the office waiting for their owners to collect them from 2014.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Many thanks to the wonderful mums who run the uniform shop as volunteers each week. You can become one of these mums by contacting the school, as we need more helpers.
Until we increase the number of helpers the uniform shop will only open on Thursday mornings. The current mums are really sorry for any inconvenience caused but it is unavoidable due to family commitments. If you are unable to drop in on a Thursday morning, you can place an order. Simply collect an order form from the door of the uniform shop. Place your order in the silver tin and the current mums will fill your order on the following Thursday.

UNIFORM POLICY
School Uniform is compulsory for ALL students. It helps to build school identity and pride. The school colours are royal blue and gold.

Girls’ Summer Uniform: Unisex blue and gold school polo shirt; Royal blue shorts; Royal blue track suit top or jacket; White socks, black shoes
Optional: Blue checked short sleeve box pleated dress; Royal blue and yellow or checked blue hair accessories
Boys’ Summer Uniform: Unisex blue and gold school polo shirt; Plain grey gabardine school shorts; Royal blue track suit top or jacket; Grey socks, black shoes
Girls’ Sports Uniform: House colour unisex school polo shirt; Royal blue skirt; White socks and sports shoes
Boys’ Sports Uniform: House colour unisex school polo shirt; Royal blue sports shorts; White socks and sports shoes

Girls’ Winter Uniform: Royal blue tracksuit; Unisex blue and gold school polo shirt; White socks and black shoes
Optional Winter uniform for Girls: Plain royal blue gabardine school trousers
Boys’ Winter Uniform: Royal blue tracksuit; Unisex blue and gold school polo shirt; Grey socks and black shoes
Optional Winter uniform for Boys: Plain grey gabardine school trousers;
Note: School microfibre jacket, taslon jacket, tracksuit jumper or jacket may be worn with these uniforms as needed.
*Our school uniform school stocks every item listed here. Almost all items are $20 and come with embroidered school logos &/or name

At Bargo Public School we have a no hat, play under the COLA policy. Hats are available from the P and C uniform shop in the canteen area.
Families experiencing difficulty with purchasing a uniform may access the confidential Student Assistance Funds. Just have a chat with the principal.

SCHOOL AWARDS
Everyday staff will be looking for and rewarding students who demonstrate the correct behaviour in the different areas of the school. During each K-6 assembly we will crown the King and Queen of Safety, the King and Queen of Respectful and the King and Queen of Learning. Generally across the school students receive and trade their awards.
Awards come in 3 sizes only and have the coloured lyrebirds in the corners.
The sizes are ¾ A4 size of paper; ½ A4 size of paper or an A4 size of paper.
Any five ¾ A4 sized awards will be traded by the class teacher for an ‘ACHIEVERS Award’. These awards will be presented at stage assemblies.
Any five ½ A4 sized awards will be traded by the class teacher for a GOLD Award. These awards will be presented at stage assemblies.
Any five A4 awards sized will be traded by the class teacher for a BARGO BLUE Award. These awards will be presented at whole school assemblies.
I would encourage all students and their parents to hunt up their awards, any size, any colour from any year. Then place them into a labelled sleeve or box and give them to Mrs Bunga for sorting. This must be done before the end of March 2015.
**STUDENTS, CARS and PARKING**

The safety of children coming in and out of school is a priority for drivers and pedestrians alike. Please ensure that you **REMEMBER** to:

- park in a sensible manner in the car parks at the front and rear of the school and **walk** your children into school;
- park correctly within the marked areas on the streets surrounding the school;
- listen to and follow the directions of the crossing attendant, Dianne;
- **slow down in the 40 zones.**
- look both ways when you are entering or leaving the dirt car park opposite the front of the school.

**HEAD LICE**

Head lice is an ongoing problem for most schools. Families spend an incredible amount of time & money trying to eradicate these little creatures. Over the last 6 years we have had an incredible amount of success with our plan, but we cannot afford to become complacent. The plan is for you to check your child’s head each and every Monday evening. Should you find head lice in your child’s hair, please treat your family’s hair, brushes, combs and bed linen. Please notify me so that I can advise the school community to take extra precautions by issuing additional notes.

Remember head lice love to live in clean, strong hair. Their eggs are usually found in the warm, moist areas behind the ears and along the nape of the neck.

Some simple solutions include:

- **tying your child’s hair up** — both boys and girls
- **spraying your child’s hair with hairspray**, making it much harder for the nit to attach to the hair shaft
- **spraying Tea Tree oil in the lining of the school cap**, nits don’t like the smell.

**Thursday is banking day & banking has started for 2015**

**Notes to be returned via the silver collection 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:

- Emergency contact names and numbers for 2015 (all students)
- Permission to attend local excursions (all students)
- Permission to have access to technology, photos on the web (all students)
- Voluntary contributions payments (all students)
- How do you wish to receive your weekly newsletter
- Swimming School for years 1 to 6 & via Schoolstream - online select 10 days of swim school from the drop down menu

**Advertisement**

Do you require care for the April school holidays? Or are you just looking for something fun for your child for the day?

Little Elves OOSH is offering vacation care for the April school holidays for the first time. The service will be run out of the school hall and will operate from 6.30am until 6.15pm daily. We have action packed days planned. Did you know if you register with Centrelink that your child is receiving care you may be entitled to receive the childcare rebate and childcare benefit. If you would like to enrol your child or you require further information please email littleelvesoosh@gmail.com or call 0487 000 245.
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- Kinder start today

**3 Feb**
- Trad & Harmony Programme
- Scripture starts

**4 Feb**
- School Photos

**5 Feb**
- House Keeping meeting 8.30am
- Executive meeting 3.30 - 5pm

**6 Feb**
- Swimming Carnival @ Picton
- Yrs 3-6 plus swimmers turning 8 from Y2
- Kinder start today

**7 Feb**
- RR training @ CNPS
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