Dear parents, carers, staff, students & extended family members,

Thank you to our 2015 captains; Sam & Jackson; and prefects Layla & Brandon on leading our first assembly last Friday also Caleb for giving the Welcome to Country. Well done everyone! Well done also to ALL students who did their very best during the assembly; it was a very long assembly & it is hard to sit silently for so long.

Congratulations to our Kings & Queens of Safe Respectful Learners, as well as our Kings & Queens of MAD Reading, Environmental Issues & Friendship Groups:

Kings & Queens of Safe: Digger K 23C  Jasmyn G 3D  
Kings & Queens of Respectful: Max H 1K  Tenille L 34G  
Kings & Queens of Learners: Cody V 45R  Nina S 3D  
Kings & Queens of MAD reading: Bailey S 45R  Alyxus G K1C  
Kings & Queens of Environmental issues: Blake S 23C  Savannah B 23C  
Kings & Queens of Friendship Groups: Cohen B 56K  Carissa B 6H

Congratulations everyone on your appointment! I already know that you will make your parents, the teachers & your friends very proud during your reign.

Information for all parents especially new parents: Each King & Queen can enjoy wearing their crown around the school & in their classrooms until the next K-6 assembly. These crowns do not go home; they must remain at school at the end of the day. Photographs of the Kings & Queens will be on display in the front windows of the office & then filed in a book kept in the library. Kings & Queens of Safe Respectful Learners also receive a $5 canteen voucher to spend at the canteen anytime they like. Thanks to Anna Sammut & ALS Foods for this incentive.

While the Kings & Queens of MAD Reading, Environmental Issues & Friendship Groups will go into a draw each term for a $25 book club voucher sponsored by the P & C. Many THANKS to all of our parents, grandparents & friends for attending our K-6 Assembly on Friday. Your children blossom when they see you at school.

As advertised the yearly school fees draw took place at Friday’s K-6 assembly; & the winning family is Miss Willoughby (K-1C); many thanks to Layla who drew the winning family. Thank you to our many parents who have already forwarded their school fees for 2015. It is not too late to forward your family’s school fees.

Congratulations to staff, students & parents for your efforts around fruit break each day. We are the leading school in fruit break & now we want to be the leading school in H2O hydration. Let me take a minute to explain. All students & staff stop for five minutes each morning during class time to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable in order to maintain student & staff’s energy levels for learning. Parents have done a great job supporting us by selecting, packing, chopping & slicing a variety of different pieces of fruit or vegetables such as carrot sticks, celery chunks, capsicum slices, pineapple pieces, strawberries, grapes, kiwi fruit, bananas, apple slices along with so many other delicious items. All of these small, bite size pieces can be eaten in a five minute time slot. Great job! Remember apples take too long to eat & many are thrown away. So please continue to look for small apples.

Now we want to increase the amount of water consumed each day as we have an increasing number of students complaining about head aches. As most parents understand we have air conditioning in all rooms, although the a/c is not on all the time, many students are complaining about being dehydrated. (Not the word they use, but it is the one we use to describe it). In the past many teachers have allowed students to bring their water bottle into class to sip as required. Now we are encouraging all parents to pack a frozen water bottle for use in the class room.

We are asking all parents to follow our recipe:

- half fill a water bottle with water & pop it into the freezer over night
- in the morning, fill the half full water bottle with tap water
- wrap the bottle in a tea towel held together with an elastic band at the top & bottom of the drink bottle, leaving the mouth piece out of the tea towel.

By following this recipe, all students will have access to ice cold water during the day. By wrapping it up in a tea towel teachers & students will have a dry desk. To launch the program we will hold a water sipping competition. Every time a students or teacher takes a sip (mouth full) of water while in class, they will receive a ticket (with a mouth & water bottles) for their class H2O graph.

On a very sad note, Josif an ex-Bargo student lost his life last week. Josif was a lovely boy, quickly growing into adulthood. The staff & I believed that it was important to gather the children together to briefly discuss the loss as many students knew him &/or members of his family. We informed students that a young man had passed away & that it they wanted to know more the students should speak to an important person in their...
network. We reminded students that these important people are mum, dad, the class teacher, Leanne and/or Tina our school counsellors.

We asked all children to seek the truth & not to listen to or to spread gossip. Without access to correct information, information can be harmful, especially when so much is aired on Facebook as FACT. We are encouraging students to check the facts & their source. I would ask all parents to share relevant information with their children, as questions are asked.

I understand that many of our senior students have close connections to the family due to their older siblings & so you might be facing difficult times. If you need help, call our school counsellors Leanne & Tina or Picton High School's school counsellors for a chat, for advice or for some TLC for your children. I ask you to watch them carefully & to seek help if you notice a change. In the meantime, you might like to check out these sites for information to help you and your children through this period of time; The Brave Program or The Brave Program for Teenagers. You can find them at http://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au or https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/brave

P & C AGM was held last Wednesday 4th March & almost all positions were filled for 2015. Congratulations on your new positions & many thanks to our out-going executive.

President … Carol Dowd - chairs monthly meetings. Talks to the principal about any issues, suggestions & solutions from the committee & parent body. Delegates jobs to other members of the team

Vice President …Chelsea Coughlan & Kristy Osseweyer - chairs monthly meetings in the absence of the president. Supports the president, helping where possible.

Treasurer… Kirsty Meikle - banks the money from fund raising activities. Presents monthly reports on the figures. Pay any bills.

Vice Treasurer…Tracey Hughes

Secretary… Vanessa Symons - records the minutes for the meeting, types them up & displays them in the canteen window. Opens any mail on behalf of the P & C & presents the documentation at the next meeting.

Uniform coordinators… Kirstie Britten, Vanesa Vardy, Beck McLeod, Kirsty Beaver, Wendy Roberts, Agnes Bolton - talks to the P & C uniform warehouse manager, looks for good prices. Sell uniforms on Tuesdays 3—3.30pmish & Thursdays 9-9.30am ish.

Disco committee coordinator… Michelle Buruato - organises music, organises parents to assist with the selling of food on the night, dressing the hall in preparations of the disco, checks that the hall is left in a clean condition.

Stalls coordinator… Michelle Azzopardi - presents fund raising ideas to the monthly meetings. Plans a timetable of stalls for the year in consultation with P & C members. Informs principal of dates & behind the scenes organisation.

My personal thanks to both the out going & the new P&C committees for their hard work, inspiration & motivation for raising funds to put so many extras in our school for the education, safety & health of your children. Thanks Ladies, it is very much appreciated!!

Now… some more information for all parents:

Head lice is causing enormous concern & frustration for parents, teachers & children this year. If fact, we are in the middle of our worst run with head lice in seven years. So we are going to reintroduce our blitz on HEAD LICE but we all need to work together! In previous years we have run a school program which lead to a massive reduction of head lice at this school.

Step 1: Every Tuesday night parents stop & check each child’s hair for lice, from the baby to the adults in the family.

Step 2: Should you find head lice…. PLEASE treat your family's hair, brushes, combs & bed linen on Tuesday night.

Step 3: Notify the school on Wednesday morning, so that I can advise all families to take extra precautions.

We have had an incredible amount of success with our plan, but we cannot afford to become complacent. Remember head lice love to live in clean, strong hair. Kids love to touch heads while giggling & sharing a joke. Their eggs are usually found behind the ears & along the nape of the neck. Some simple solutions include:

✦ tie your child’s hair up — both boys & 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.

Successful Head Lice Treatment—Something you may like to try so as to avoid the head lice. All you need is:

✦ 500ml spray bottle of water
✦ 20 drops tea tree oil
✦ 20 drops lavender
✦ 10 drops geranium or peppermint oil.

Mix the oils with the water, shake well before spraying. Lasts for weeks.

Have you checked your child’s hair today?

Once again we are encouraging all students to enter the PRC. The process is simple. Students from Kindergarten to year 2 will read the 40 PRC books in class during fruit break. Class teachers will record the information on the PRC sheet.

Students from Year 3 to 6 are required to read any 20 PRC books from a list of over 5000 books. Mrs Compton and Mr Fduge will show each student how to enter their list of ‘read’ books onto the website. PRC books are kept in the school library & are clearly marked with PRC. Students are able to borrow Premier’s Reading Challenge books during library lessons. Picton library also has a collection of books clearly marked in their library which children can borrow & read.
All students who complete the program will receive a PRC certificate, & the students' names are also printed in the Daily Telegraph in the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Roll. Please note: many of our students are working towards their Platinum award this year.

Finally year 6 students were given their expression of interest paperwork for High School last week. It is important that all parents of Year 6 students complete & return the form asap, whether they are seeking placement in a public school or a private school in 2016. If you do not return the paperwork 20th March 2015, year 6 students will be required to stay on at primary school for another year. LOL!

Enjoy the term ahead, aim to learn something new every day & be as active as you can in our school! Please chat with your children on a daily basis about talks & notes relating to information about meetings, curriculum, excursions, school events, sport, welfare issues or celebrations of success!

Anne Bunga
Principal

K-6 Assembly & PBIS Award Winner – Term 1 Week 6

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have caught their teacher’s eye this week with a commitment to learning, outstanding behaviour or compassion & helpfulness towards their peers.

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Extension programs

- Mrs Pohl
- Mr Hockey
- Mrs Compton
- Mr Fudge

Notes to be returned via the silver collection tin

Please look for these notes which have been sent home & return as soon as possible, placing the correct money (if necessary) in the envelope & place it in the silver security tin at the rear of the administration block on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

- Emergency contact names & numbers for 2015 (all students)
- Permission to attend local excursions (all students)
- Permission to have access to technology, photos on the web (all students)
- 2016—2018 Kindergarten enrolments
- NRMA Bus Safety program (Kinder only)
- Health Plans from your friendly doctor & a supply of cakes if needed
- Bargo Awards
- Spare, unused glasses for our charity this term

Notes are also available from the Bargo Public School’s website.

JUST google Bargo Public School & open the calendar tab after reading the front page for the details of where to find the note.

Notes are also available from SCHOOL STREAM—free phone app.

Go to forms> select FORMS>complete the detail & select the permission note form the drop down menu. > submit & phone credit details through.

Cheques should be made out to Bargo Public School. EFTPOS is also available. Please refer to the note for details about making payments.

Thursday is banking day

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.

Banking will be conducted on Thursdays. Simply complete the deposit slip, place the same amount of money in the bank book pocket & place the bank book in the silver security box at the rear door of the administration block. Volunteers process the bank books & return them to your child on the same day.

Last week the banking mums were delighted as they had 78 students bankers. Now they are aiming for 100 banking students. Are you banking at school? Don't forget to submit your tokens for some really cool prizes!