Dear parents, carers, staff and students,

Are you part of the technological world?

Is your mobile phone your major link to the world around you? Do you rely on the internet, cyber space and clouds to access 24/7 world breaking news, to store your memories, to find the latest information for problem solving, learning and/or entertainment? Are you engaging with your finances via cloud? Do you maintain your world-wide connections to family and friends via Skype, Twitter, Chat, Facebook? Are you a ‘follower’ or ‘followed’? Do you have your own # tag?

Well, in the very near future our current kindergarten to year 6 students will do all of these and so much more and the Department of Education is very interested in helping schools find out more about how kids learn, what students want to and need to learn as well as how they want to learn.

This week your child will bring home a note labelled ‘Tell Them From Me’ (TTFM) student feedback survey. Our school, like many others in the state, will participate in this Department of Education initiative. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

Be assured the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Please return the consent form to school by Friday March 5th.

Now on with the newsletter. Enjoy reading about your achievements and well done everyone! Additional good news stories...

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**Important Information**

**All parents should know & follow!**

Years ago, it became illegal for parents, community &/or staff to photograph children &/or young persons (under 18’s) without written parental permission. At BPS WE must follow this legal decree.

**So WE ....

1. ask parents to decide & to give permission for their child/ren to be photographed & the image used, each & every year, hence the note each year.
2. form two lists; the most important list being ‘Student’s without permission’
3. learn to recognise every name on the ‘Student’s without permission’ list & every photo is scrutinised closely before it is used.
4. take photos of every child so that they do not feel excluded from class activities & when the display is dismantled these photos are sent home or destroyed along with the original

**CANNOT** give permission for parents to use photographic equipment during school events.

*Over the years*, our parents have assisted us with this legal requirement. Parents continued to have the privilege of photographing their own children at school events for their personal memories.

*SADLY* this year BPS staff learnt a very hard lesson. A parent sought permission to photograph Year 6 at our swimming carnival for the purpose of being used at a closed event later in the year. Before dark that photograph had been used on many different FACEBOOK accounts placing many children at great risk of harm. We have many students who are State wards at BPS and we do not have permission to photograph them.

WE ASK EVERYONE to take this photo down ASAP. Your children’s friends are relying on you to keep them safe.

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**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:

- 2017 Kindergarten enrolments, especially if you are unsure if your child has any learning issues
- 2017 Yr 6 to High School enrolment paperwork. **Every student NEEDS to return** this form even if you are enrolling into the private system.
- Asthma plans and Health Plans from your friendly doctor and a supply of cakes if needed
- School Photograph packages
- Tell Them From Me survey— If you do not want your child to participate in the survey.

**Thursday is banking day & banking has started for 2016**

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Phone: 4684 1396 or 4684 2353
Fax: 4684 3781
email: bargo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Congratulations to all members of the Bargo Swimming team and their parents for surviving two days last week at Picton swimming pool participating in Razorback Swimming Carnival. It was an absolute delight to hear about your achievements from Mr Gooden and Mr Hockey. You should be very pleased with your achievements! Here is their report.

The Razorback swimming carnival was held last Thursday and Friday. The children demonstrated great skill, determination and sportsmanship. The star of the team this year, bringing students and parents alike to their feet, was the tiniest team member Lily Skipworth. Unfortunately, in the heat Lily suffered a severe nose bleed. She was torn, nervous about swimming in her first ever junior relay, worried that she was letting the other three girls down but understanding of the fact she could not compete while her nose bleed. Mum, teachers, team mates, some ice and quiet time helped and Lily took her place pool side with the relay team …. and the rest is history.

Overall the students were well behaved and represented Bargo with pride. And many PB’s were attained.

Sincerest thanks to the parents who helped out with the organisation and smooth running of both days. All of your support and help was greatly appreciated. Please note that the official race times will be posted shortly.

Thank you to the many mums and dads who read the newsletter (via School Stream, website or our paper version) and who follow our requests. Your positive attitude to our requests helps to make our school a pleasant place to learn, play and work. Thank you for your commitment to encouraging your children to:

- play under the COLA, and/or on the netball court before the morning bell;
- line up outside their classrooms;
- collecting all children from school at 3.20pm.

Parents are an important part of our school so on behalf of the P & C committee I would like to invite all parents to think about joining this hard working team starting this Wednesday night at our AGM, where you can become part of the team while enjoying a coffee, a freshly baked scone or muffin or two (and a giggle).

All of the following positions will be vacated and will need to be filled at our AGM—

**Major roles:** President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary.

**Minor roles:** Uniform committee; Fund Raising committee.

**Lost Property**

Kids are kids and they regularly leave their belongings scattered all over the place. Even though teachers ask the question ‘Does this belong to anyone?’ and often repeat the comments ‘When you take your jumper off put it in your bag’ or ‘Please put your lunch box in your bag now’, items still get lost. Help us to help you! by ensuring that everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled with the family name. Pre-loved/hand me down items need to be relabelled with your family name. All items with names are returned. Those items with no form of identification are placed in the Lost Property box in the canteen area.

**‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings**

Teachers are currently determining the date and time for their meetings. It is anticipated that these meetings will be conducted in the week commencing Monday 14 March. The meetings have moved back this year due to fluctuations in student numbers in the first few weeks of term, to give teachers time to learn about your children and to synchronize with Best Start data sharing requirements.
Author of the Week

Hide and Seek from the pen of Niamh (written at home)

Once upon a time there was a baby cheetah called Kumba. Kumba was a good cheetah who was kind to everyone even when they were mean to him.

Kumba is orange with black spots and blue eyes. He has tiny claws, but they are very sharp. Kumba only has one friend called William the Leopard.

One day William and Kumba were playing hide and seek. The first in was Kumba and while William went off to hide Kumba started counting to 50. When Kumba finished counting he started to look for William. ‘Ready or not’, here I come’ called Kumba.

The first place Kumba looked was the bushes around the area but he couldn’t find William so he looked in the cave close by, but all he found were bats hanging from the ceiling and a bunch of bones near the bear’s house. After that he looked up the tall hill but all he found was an eagle’s nest with babies in it. Then Kumba climbed the highest tree in the jungle and he found a tree snake eating a bird.

Then Kumba asked a monkey hanging in a tree, ‘Have you seen a leopard walk by?’

The monkey said, ‘Yes! In fact I have. I saw him grab a tube which one of the backpackers dropped on his tour.’

So Kumba went into the water and searched and the saw William and said, ‘I found YOU!’

Then William shouted, ‘Start Hiding!’

Dogs in the playground

No dogs are permitted on school ground! On or off the leash. We have a number of children who are extremely scared of dogs due to bad experiences with dogs and/or are ALLERGIC to the hair of dogs. DOGS are not permitted!

Show & Shine Car Show and Huge Fete

FIRST CALL for stall holders. Are you interested in running a stall at the Show & Shine Car Show and Huge Fete in October? It is a simple process of booking a space either 2metres by 2metres or multiply side-by-side sites if you need something bigger at $50 pre-paid per 2 metre x 2 metre site.

You need to organise your own power, tables, display and shade covering…as stall holders you know all of this already. Booking sheets are available from the front office, via email anne.bunga@det.nsw.edu.au or download from Bargo Public School’s Website.

You might like to pop this event on your FACEBOOK page. All stall holders welcome. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Year 6 farewell...

Please watch for information about this event in term 2’s newsletters….

Head Lice

Remember to check all heads for head lice tonight. The plan is for you to check your child’s head each Tuesday night and 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.

Finally, on behalf of staff and students, I would like to invite all parents and family members to our first K-6 Assembly on Friday 11 March. This assembly will be held in our school hall and will commence at 2.20 pm. Please meet us there, seating will be set out and waiting for you.

You might like to think about saving March 24th for the school’s Hat Parade followed by the annual school cross country carnival. Easter 2016 is a 4 day break, followed by school holidays commencing 3.20pm Friday 8th April returning Wednesday 27th April 2016.

Enjoy the term ahead and aim to learn something new everyday!

Anne Bunga
Principal
Mittagong Blue Light Disco

Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 19th March
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 4 free.

Actors, Singers & Dancers
!!Now Booking for 2016!! For Ages 18 months to adult.

NEW!! Boys Hip Hop & Adult classes!
*Drama/Acting* “Singing” *Dance/Choreography*
*Personal Training* 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 www.s-t-a-d-s.com

Little Elves
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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE FROM 6.30AM
AFTER SCHOOL CARE UNTIL 6.15PM
VACATION CARE OFFERED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FROM 6.30AM - 6.15PM
REGISTERED FOR CHILDCARe REBATE AND CHILDCARe BENEFIT
EXPERIENCED EDUCATORS OFFERING FUN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
OFFERED AT BARGO PUBLIC SCHOOL
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

AFL HOLIDAY CLINIC & COLOUR RUN
By: GWS Giants
Hannaford Oval, Wilton
Monday 11th April 2016
1030am-2pm
$15 per child (prepaid)
$20 per child (on the day)
Sausage sandwich for lunch
(Includes 2 hours of AFL clinic and lunch 1 hour colour run)

SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO RING TODAY TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN.
Parents can leave their children for the 3 ½ hours with our sign in/out procedure.
BYO piece of fruit, water bottle, towel & change of clothes please.
Refill of water available on the day.

Puppet show By Sydney Puppet Theatre Group, Disco & Face painting
Bargo Sports Club
Friday 22nd April 2016
1030-1pm
$15 per child (prepaid)
$20 per child (on the day)
(Includes 40 min puppet show, 1 hour disco, face painting and lunch)

PARENTS & CARERS TO REMAIN WITH CHILDREN; BISTRO WILL BE OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DRINKS.

To book your spots please contact Deirdre on 0417249077. Spots are limited so please book in to avoid sell out. If you would like to book a table for a birthday party then please feel free to contact me, tables can also be booked and pre-purchased.

Michael Sieders Productions and Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR SHOW
Based on Eric Carle’s books

15 - 16 APRIL AT CASULA POWERHOUSE | AGES 3+
ADULT $22 | CHILDREN $18 | FAMILY OF FOUR $65

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AT CASULA POWERHOUSE
11 - 20 APRIL

FOR AGES 5 - 12
$5* per workshop

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES
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