From the Library

Genius Hour in the Library!!!

This program allows students to follow their passions and learn about topics that interest them. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time at school. Students will present their projects to their peers, through any format they wish. Some projects include; instruction manuals, art books, recipe books, football cards, dance items and PowerPoint presentations.

These are some pictures of us working hard on our projects.
From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents / Caregivers

As the term starts to come to an end a few reminders about school attendance that are copied directly from the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy for your information. You can find the policy on the DEC website – under policies.

This policy sets out the requirements for the attendance of students in NSW government schools.

1. Objectives - Policy statement
   1.1 Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) states that it is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child:
       (a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school, or
       (b) to be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and to receive instruction in accordance with the conditions to which the registration is subject.
   1.2 All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend that school whenever instruction is provided.
   1.3 Section 24 of the Act requires principals to maintain an attendance register (roll) in a form approved by the Minister. Attendance registers must be available for inspection during school hours by a Board Inspector or by any authorised person.

2. Audience and applicability
   2.1 This policy applies to all NSW government schools, excluding preschools.

3. Context
   3.1 Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.
   3.2 Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility.
   3.3 This policy should be read in the context of The Enrolment of Students in Government Schools: A summary and consolidation of policy (1997) and the Memorandum Enhanced Enrolment Procedures (Intranet only).

4. Responsibilities and delegations
   4.1 Parents:
       4.1.1 It is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child:
           (a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school, or
           (b) to be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and to receive instruction in accordance with the conditions to which the registration is subject.
       4.1.2 Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

   4.2 Principals:
       4.2.1 must provide clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.
       4.2.2 must ensure the school has effective measures in place to monitor and follow up student absences.
4.2.3 or their delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents promptly and within two school
days of an absence being unexplained, if contact has not already been made. An absence is unexplained if
parents have failed to provide an explanation to the school within 7 days.

4.2.4 are responsible for ensuring that attendance records are maintained in an approved format and are an ac-
curate record of the attendance of students.

4.2.5 must ensure that for students with attendance concerns, the learning and support needs of those students
are addressed in consultation with parents.

4.2.6 are responsible for ensuring that when frequent absences are explained as being due to illness that:
consultation occurs with parents regarding the health care needs of the student
medical certificates are sought for the absences where there are ongoing concerns, approval is sought from
parents to contact the student's doctor so the school has all relevant information regarding the student's
health care needs
strategies are developed to ensure regular attendance at school.

4.2.7 must ensure that school staff are provided with information on attendance requirements and their obligation
to monitor and promote regular attendance at school.

4.2.8 must ensure that any matter relating to school attendance where safety, welfare or wellbeing concerns arise
for a student:
consideration is given to the requirements of the Protecting and Supporting Children and Young People Policy
all required reports are made to the Community Services Child Protection Helpline or contact made with the
Child Wellbeing Unit (as required by the Mandatory Reporter Guide).

"Harmony Day" activities and our "Trip Around the World"
On Thursday 19th March we will be experiencing a range of Harmony Day activities. Your children will be issued with
a passport, experience a flight simulation session and then visit Italy, Mexico, Greece, Holland, France, China, India,
Hawaii and Australia via classrooms. The children’s passports will be stamped for each country they visit.

Picton High School
We are very pleased that all schools in the area have formed a community of schools group and as such we will be
receiving information from Picton High School regarding news worthy items and updates on past Buxton students
that are now attending Picton High School. So it is with great pleasure that we get to brag that Liam Gregory came
2nd in 12yr boy’s age championships in the Zone swimming carnival. Picton High has also received $5,000,000 in
funding which will allow them to update their facilities.

Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival
We are starting to plan for Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival this term ready for practice, practice and more prac-
tice next term. Your children really enjoy this festival and look forward to performing.

Staff News
Mrs Wrightson will be with us another term as Ms Bond continues to take leave. Mrs Roberts will be returning next
term for three days and will share the wonderful K/1 U with Mrs Britton. Mrs Davies will act as Relieving Principal
whilst I take leave from Week 2 of next term.

Easter Activities
We hope you can join us and the Little Possums for a fun day of activities on the last day of term 2nd April. More
information will be supplied at a later date.

P & C
Congratulations to all our P & C members who retained their positions and also got some other extra help from par-
ents. Thank you so much for the great job you do.

Lorraine Gentleman
Principal
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Friday, 13 March 2015

KB: Excellence in Learning: Khaylan
Student of the Week: Gracie, Hayden
Writer’s Award: Amelia

K1U: Excellence in Learning: Hope
Student of the Week: Jenelia, Lachlan
Writer’s Award: Ivy

1/2X: Excellence in Learning: Caidan
Student of the Week: Jenelia, Lachlan
Writer’s Award: Angase

2T: Excellence in Learning: Connor
Student of the Week: Emma, Daniel
Writer’s Award: Ethan

3/4N: Excellence in Learning: Cooper
Student of the Week: Kayla, William
Writer’s Award: Ryan

3/4O: Excellence in Learning: William
Student of the Week: Abbey, Bladyn
Writer’s Award: Shae

5/6P: Excellence in Learning: Lauri
Student of the Week: Mariah, Caleb
Writer’s Award: Dominic

5/6 S: Excellence in Learning: Alex
Student of the Week: Annabelle, Corey
Writer’s Award: Liam

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Hamish - KB
Emmett - 3/4N
Luke - 5/6S

UPCOMING EVENTS
Thursday, 19 March: Trip Around the World
Wednesday, 25 March: P & C Disco 5:30pm—7pm
Thursday, 26 March: Rugby League Gala Day
Friday, 27 March: Assembly 2pm—KB and K/1U Performance

Wednesday, 1 April: Celebration of Learning
Assembly at 9:15am
Thursday, 2 April: Easter Hat Parade & activities
Last day of Term 1

Term 2, Week 1
Tuesday, 21 April: Students return to school

LIBRARY NEWS
Next week, (Week 9) will be students last chance to borrow for the term. Students can borrow up to 6 books to read in the holidays.

Miss Spiteri & Mrs Neich

Yr 5/6 EASTER RAFFLE
Thankyou to the Yr 5/6 students who have already brought in chocolates for our Yr 5/6 Fundraiser. If you haven’t, it’s not too late!! Send your chocolates to Miss Wyper, so we can have a great big hamper for a lucky winner.

Miss Wyper

P& C NEWS
DISCO REMINDER
If your child wishes to go to the disco please return note and money to school office by this Friday, 20 March.

When: 25 March
Time: 5:30-7pm
Cost: $5 per child includes disco entry, glow stick and pizza.

Easter Hat Parade
We will once again be selling Hot Cross Buns and tea/coffee for parents and special guests at this years Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 2 April 2015.

Mittagong Blue Light Disco
Venue: Mittagong RSL
Date: Saturday 28th March 2015
Times: 4pm to 6.30 pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 4 – 14 years
Parents and children under 3 free.
Little Elves Oosh

Do you need vacation care for the April holidays?

Little Elves OOSH is offering care from 6.30am until 6.15pm at Bargo Public School for school aged children.

Some excursions included in fee, fun action packed days.

For more information or to secure a limited position please email: littleelvesoosh@gmail.com or Jennifer 0418814031. Rebates available.

Learn to Linedance

When:
Thursday 26th February @ 7pm

Our NEW Beginners course means we start with the basics. No need for dancing experience and suitable for all ages.

Cost:
$10 Adults
$5 Child U/16
1st class is free

Boots ‘N’ Scoots Linedancing

Where:
Bargo Community Hall (Bargo Sportsgrounds)
Radnor Road, Bargo NSW 2574
www.singlewithchildren.com.au

Contact:
Phone: 0420 302 608 - Daniel
E-mail: d_lakeshan@bigpond.com

For more information visit:
Web: www.facebook.com/BootsNScootsLinedancing

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

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