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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 2 2009



↑ K,1,2,3 had a great excursion to Dorrroughby ↓

4/5/6 Excursion to North Stradbroke Island

Cultural Dancing
Spending time with Aunty Marg
and Playing in the Dust Storm



Dates to Remember:

November 2, 2009- Mock Interviews Year 10s
November 5, 2009- Questacon Years 7-11
November 9-11, 2009—School Certificate Exams
November 9-13, 2009—Exams Years 7-9
November 11, 2009—P&C Meeting 3.45pm 4/5/6 Classroom
November 11,18, 25, 2009—Kindy Orientation

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 4 is already well underway. We have a very busy term ahead with exams for most students.

Our thoughts are with the Ryan family as they recover from the loss of their family home and possessions. We wish them well in re-establishing themselves.

The HSC began last week and will continue for our year 12 students until Thursday 12th November. We farewelled them from formal schooling at the end of last term and we wish them well in their examinations.

Year 11 have completed their examinations for their Preliminary course and have now commenced their HSC work. They have two events coming up in Week 6 that are essential for their learning. The Well-being day on 17th November with Year 10 and then on 18th November the R-RISK program which aims to reduce students' exposure to risk by being informed.

Year 10 have their mock interviews on 3rd November. This is a key assessment task for Work Education.

The School Certificate exam begins on 9th November with English-Literacy and Science followed by Mathematics and HSIE on Tuesday 10th November and finishes with the online Computing Skills Test on Wednesday 11th November.

There are a number of important events for the Year 10 students in the weeks after their School Certificate including studying 'All My Own Work' which is a pre-requisite for enrolment for the HSC, and a well-being day which is part of the mandatory HSC course requirements for PDHPE. Officially the last day of attendance for Year 10 is 10th December. Students of years 7-9 will have their yearly examinations in the week of 9th – 13th November.

All secondary examinations will be followed by a week of final preparation for portfolio interviews for years 7-10. This is an opportunity for students to account for their learning and to show off their best work for the year in front of a panel. Panels include a teacher, a student from a different year and a parent or community member. All students and panel members are coached for success.

The academic year culminates in Presentation Night which is on 10th December. The last day for attendance for students K-9, 11 is Wednesday 16th December.

For staff this is a busy term marking student work and writing reports, followed by major planning for 2010.

Next week, Mr Larsson will back as Principal. I would like to thank Mr Dave Tucker for his support relieving as Deputy Principal while I have been relieving as Principal. Thanks also to the Executive team including Mrs Sharon Tucker who relieved as Head Teacher English.

Ms Miller
Relieving Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. This Term will be short and extremely busy, with lots of activities and events on the calendar. Staff and students have had a very happy and enjoyable first week back.

Staff Changes

Congratulations to Mrs Armfield on the birth of her baby girl Macie. Mrs Armfield is on maternity leave and is being replaced by Miss Doohan on the K/1 class.

Congratulations also to Miss O'Meara for her wedding, which was held over the holidays. It was a great day, the sun came out just at the right time, and Miss O'Meara was a beautiful bride. Mr Pierce has been replacing Miss O'Meara on the 4/5/6 class for the final week of Term 3 and week one Term 4.

Ms Voisey is on leave for the first 2 weeks of term, and her replacement is Mrs Collis on the 2/3/4 class.

Excursions

Year 4/5/6 had a very interesting and enjoyable 3 day excursion to North Stradbroke Island. Even the dust storm on our arrival didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the students. We would like to thank Gary Stubbings and Jude Wright for their help, and a very big thankyou to our students, whose behaviour was exemplary.

Years K/1/2/3 had a very big day out at Dorrroughby where they participated in science experiments, studied water bugs and birds, and looked at solar powered cars.

Students have published recounts about their excursion and we have included some in this newsletter for your enjoyment.



Performing Arts

On Monday 28th September students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts. It was a very big night, with lots of schools participating. Everyone was very nervous, but once on stage, they were outstanding in their performance. Congratulations to Tejal Kumar, who was asked to be one of the presenters, and did an excellent job. Well done to Ms Voisey and Miss O'Meara who worked very hard putting the performance together, and to all those students who performed so well.

Merit Assembly

Our Merit Assembly will be held Wednesday 28th October at 2:40 pm in the Primary. Everyone is very welcome.

Halloween

The SRC are holding a Halloween Day on Friday 30th October. Students are encouraged to dress up in costumes, for a gold coin donation. Activities will include face painting, costume contest, a treats stall, and a funniest/scariest joke competition.

Numeracy and Literacy Day

On Wednesday 18th November there will be a special Numeracy and Literacy day to be held before the Primary Assembly at 2.30 pm. Anne Bowden, the Partnership Officer from Lismore will have a numeracy game session from 12 pm – 1 pm for parents and students, followed by lunch, then a literacy game session from 1.40 – 2.30. Invitations will be sent home closer to the day. Keep this day free as it should be really informative and fun.

No Hat/No Play

The sun is extremely hot this term and the school follows a No Hat/No Play policy. We have even less shade now many of our trees are gone, so we are being extra vigilant. Please make sure your child has a hat at all times.

Change of Routine

If your child has a change of routine in going home, it is a requirement that they have a note, or verbal permission through the front office to let teachers know. If there has not been any notification, your child will be sent home under their normal circumstances.

Green Up Clean Up

The Green Up Clean Up program is a healthy fundraiser promoting awareness, and the importance of the environment. Schools and childcare centres across Australia can now use this new environmental friendly program at their school. The program lets students do their bit for the environment and raises extra funds for schools to put back into their surrounding environment or to spend on educational projects such as water tanks, vegetable gardens or native tree planting. Bonalbo Central School is anticipating starting this program early in November. If you would like to find out more information, help, donate money or sponsor the school, please contact the organiser – Jude Wright – at the school.

Primary Staff

Agriculture

Year 8's no-dig-garden has been growing faster than we expected. Last week we harvested coloured silver beet, lettuce, beetroot and radish. The students had fun selling their produce to staff.

Environmental Science

The year 8 Environmental Science class would like to plant some native fruit trees in the agriculture plot, for example, Davidson Plums. We completed a biodiversity study in the agriculture plot and decided that more trees were needed and that it would be a good idea to plant trees that were both native and provided food. If you are able to help us out by donating a tree for this project please contact the school.

E. Hayes

CLO Report

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The busy bees playgroup has started again this term with six children under five attending. The playgroup is run from 9.30am-11.30am and is enjoyed by all. If you would like to come bring some morning tea & see the ladies in the office and they will let you know where to go.

Thank you to the Lions Club for kindly donating \$1000 to the Red Cross Breakfast Club.

Toni Sheppard
CLO

P&C Report

The bull ride BBQ was a great night this year. We took a total of \$3,500. Thank you to everyone who helped.

We have donated school shirts & calculators, to the Ryan children. We are also holding a sock drive to fundraise for the Ryan's. Please support this worthy cause.

Next meeting will Wednesday November 11th 3.30pm. In the 4/5/6 classroom.

President
Rose Duffy

M.O.S.H

MOSH has finished for this year, but we want all moshers to keep up the good work and continue to manage their own spelling habits. That's what it's all about: doing what it takes to spell the right way.

When we ride a bike we wear a helmet; when we use a grinder we wear eye protection and ear muffs; when we ride a surfboard we wear a leg rope; when we cross a road we look both ways and when we leave our car we lock it.

Why do we go to this trouble? To prevent problems, pain and suffering. When we write we need to take precautions and make sure we don't spell words wrong, because bad spelling makes us look silly, even if we're not silly. People may grumble about wearing seat belts or crash helmets or ear-muffs or protective gloves, but we soon get into the habit, and this habit protects us. We can soon get into the habit of checking the spelling before we write a word. We can soon get into the habit of turning off the automatic spell correction on our computers. And we can get into the habit of 'healing' our spelling mistakes by writing the word out a few times with the correct spelling.

That's all there is to MOSH. It's been great seeing students getting into the habit of checking on the spelling before they write a word down. Congratulations to all students and teachers who signed up to MOSH. Keep moshing, and remember, death to auto speller.

Spellmore Moshalot
Moshmeister

Brain Strainer

Thanks to Georg Vancsa for the following poser.

You have a hole, say a mineshaft, infinitely deep and very wide. You have a wire rope of 5 tonnes breaking strain and infinite length.

Q. How much rope will you be able to dangle down the hole?

When will it end?

Everybody is asking when the building works at school will be finished. The answer is, we don't know, but we know when the big jobs are starting. The Science Centre will start by the first of December, and the renovations and extensions to the MPC will start by the end of this term.

New Library titles

Middle East Security, by Ahmed Kharr.

Escape the Werewolf, by Claude Behinde.

The Roads are Safer Now

The CAMS Ignition Driver Safety Training Day held on the last Friday last term was a big success. Our Year 10/11 students spent the day learning the realities of the road and thinking about road safety factors they might not have considered before. I think the students especially enjoyed the opportunity to critique their parents' driving habits.

Congratulations to Years 10 and 11 for their participation, and thanks to CAMS, the instructors from Murcotts and Terry Moody, who instigated the project.

Dave Tucker

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to rugby player, Michael Tucker, Year 11.

He has been selected in a rugby development squad – the NSW All Schools Country Development Squad. Players come from across country NSW, with a heavy emphasis on the bigger country areas so a selection from Bonalbo, representing Bonalbo Central School is a great achievement.

After a training session early in 2010 at Coffs Harbour, the squad will be leaving for Singapore and South Africa. Games will be played against Singapore and a Malaysian national team before flying on to South Africa where games will be played in the provinces as well as in Cape Town and Johannesburg. A highlight will be a match opener for a Super 14 game. There will also be plenty of fun times with big game safaris and African feasting planned for the squad.

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