

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

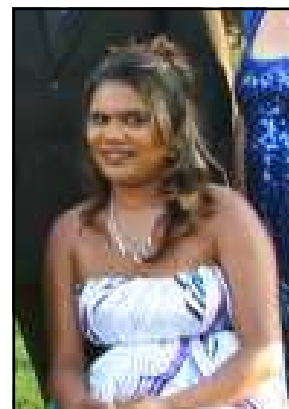
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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 7 2009



Dates to Remember:

- December 7-11, 2009 Primary Intensive Swimming
- December 10, 2009- Presentation Night, 7.00pm, MPC
- December 10, 2009- Year 10- Last day of School
- December 13, 2009- Primary Concert 5-8pm
Bonalbo Community Hall
- December 16, 2009- Last day of School
All Students
- January 28, 2010- First Day of School
Years 1-6, 7, 11 & 12
- January 29, 2010- K-12



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Rural Outcomes of Schools visit

On December 1 and 2 a team of five people from throughout the Department of Education spent two days at our school meeting with staff, students, community members and parents. In addition to these meetings a number of lessons from years 7 to 9 were observed. Our school was one of fourteen schools selected across the state with the purpose of finding out what strategies and programs were being used to support the very good performances of students of recent years in NAPLAN, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate testing. The visit was a thorough study and focused on leadership structures, Aboriginal Education, Quality Teaching and community involvement. Following the two days a brief report on their findings was delivered to all staff. The team were extremely impressed with every thing they heard and saw in relation to education at this school and will deliver me a copy of their final report at the start of next year. This report will be made available for any one who is interested. I personally felt very proud of the school and would sincerely like to thank all who were involved. Well done!

Year 12 Farewell

Congratulations to all Year 12 students who completed their thirteen years of Education culminating in the Year 12 Farewell held at Bonalbo Bowling Club on November 19. Although I was unable to attend, reports from those who were there indicated that it was an excellent evening. Thank you to Eddy Edwards for chairing the evening, Ms Hillier for her organisation and for supporting Year 12 as Year adviser. Selwyn Nix our School Education Director informed me that he enjoyed the evening and the relaxed atmosphere.

Presentation Night

I would like to remind parents, carers and community members that the 2009 Presentation night ceremony will be held on Thursday December 10 in the Multipurpose Centre commencing at 7.00 pm. All students who attend must be in school uniform. All students K-12 are required to sit in their class groups. This is an important occasion to celebrate student success and parents and carers are encouraged to attend. If younger siblings are brought to the ceremony please ensure they remain in the company of parents or carers at all times to avoid any unnecessary disruptions to proceedings. Students reports will be handed out at the conclusion of the night.

Portfolio Interviews

Last week the majority of Year 7 -10 students attended interviews with a panel comprised of a parent or community member, teacher and student to discuss with each student their portfolio of work which had been developed throughout the year. The Staff involved were again very impressed with the high standard of work and interview skills displayed by each student.

The majority of students and staff feel this is a very worth while process as it leads to improved skills in many areas including personal presentation, organisation, and communication. Thank you to Mrs Maslen who devoted a lot of time in to organising and coordinating the interviews and to the panel members who conducted them. Parents and carers of students who were unable to attend the interviews and have an unexplained reason for absence have been sent a letter to arrange a time for an alternative interview with myself. This is necessary to complete the academic requirements for this year and allow progression to the next scholastic year.

End of Year Activities

On Friday November 27 the majority of Primary students were provided with a rewards excursion to Ballina water slide. On Thursday December 3 all secondary boys were involved with a Boys Camp and all the Secondary girls with Girls activities at school. Between Sunday December 6 and Thursday December 10 a canoeing expedition will take place along the Nymboida and Mann rivers. These activities have not only been a lot of fun, but have provided the opportunity for our students to develop team work and other skills while experiencing a range of extra curricula activities.

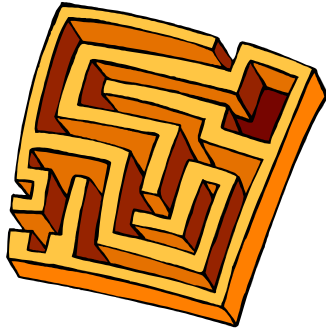
This will be the last newsletter for 2009 and I wish all the school community a Happy Christmas and safe holiday. I look forward to working with you in 2010 which I am sure will be a very exciting and rewarding year.

Keith Larsson
Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

This is our last newsletter for 2009. It has been a very productive year for both students and staff, and I hope parents have also enjoyed some interesting activities. We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year. We look forward to welcoming your students back in 2010. Staff return on Wednesday 27th January, students in **Years 1 to 6** return on **Thursday 28th January**, and **Kindergarten** students begin on **Monday 1st February**.

Rewards Day



Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who have displayed positive behaviour throughout the term were rewarded on Friday 27th November on our annual trip away. This year students travelled to Alstonville to visit 'Amaze-n-Place', an aptly named maze of ornamental figs criss-crossed over the countryside. Students were challenged to make it to the centre tower, following a set of brainteasers in order to find the clues. After the maze, we headed to Ballina for swimming activities and water-slide fun.

It was a great day and a credit to our students who were well-behaved and made the long day an adventure.

Thank you to all student helpers and staff.

End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert will be held on **Monday 14th December** from **5-8 p.m.** at the Community Hall.

Presentation Night

This will be held on **Thursday 10th December**. All parents and friends are welcome to attend this very special night where students will be recognised for their hard work and special skills.

Staff Development Days

Thursday 17th December and **Friday 18th December** are pupil-free days this year in line with Department of Education Policy. Many staff are attending Professional Learning in Lismore and surrounding districts with staff from many other schools. The **last day for all students** this year is **Wednesday 16th December**.

Best Start Training

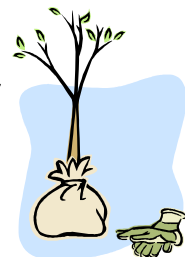
Ms Voisey attended Best Start Training on Thursday 26th November. This program will be used to assess all kindergarten students in their first week of school. Notes will be sent home to Kindergarten parents during this week and details of the assessment will be discussed with parents at Parent/Teacher meetings very early in Term 1.

Reports

Reports for all students in primary are finalised and will be given out at the Presentation Night on Thursday 10th December. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher after the reports are sent home please ring the office to make an appointment.

Green Up/Clean Up Day

On Tuesday 24th November all primary students were involved in this activity at our school during the morning session. This was a great activity for our students and our environment. The winning group then planted some trees in the primary garden. Students raised nearly \$500. Thank you very much to all of those people who supported us. A very big thankyou to Jude for organising this event, and for giving our students such a great awareness of looking after the environment.



Year 6 Graduation and Farewell Lunch

Students in Year 6 will be farewelled and congratulated at the Bowling Club on Wednesday 16th December. This event is strictly invitation only. Details will be sent home very soon. We are very proud of our Year 6 students. We wish them all success and enjoyment in Year 7 next year.

Intensive Swimming

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending Intensive Swimming lessons from Monday 7th to Friday 11th December at the Bonalbo Swimming Pool. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn water safety and stroke correction. Students should come to school as usual each morning and staff will walk students down after rolls have been marked. Students will need to take their morning tea with them. Students will return to school for lunch.

Closing Thought

Life is not about achievement, it's about learning and growth, and developing qualities like compassion, patience, perseverance, love and joy. Our goals should include something which stretches us.

Primary Staff

Year 12, 2009, Thank You!

The annual Year 12 formal was once again a wonderful occasion to say 'Good Bye' and 'Good Luck' to our graduating Year 12 class.

Held at the Bonalbo Bowling Club on Thursday the 19th, the girls, as usual, were elegantly dressed in a variety of cocktail and formal dresses, whilst the boys, unusually, were handsomely and immaculately attired in suits.

The room was lavishly decked out in candle light and silver balloons to suit the occasion.

The night, however, could not have happened without the help of a lot of people, so thank you to those numerous people who gave their time generously to make the night such a success. Particular thanks go to Shirley Smith for her yummy Formal Cake, exquisitely adorned with stars and miniature graduation certificates for each student. Thank you, also, to the Bonalbo Bowling Club, Rose Duffy, and Bonalbo Central Staff and students who assisted with the setting up, present wrapping, balloon blowing, table setting, etc. Thank you to Mrs Taikakara, and the Hospitality team, who assisted in the Kitchen and Servery; and to Mr Taikakara whose expertise in Photoshop produced some memorably embarrassing and funny images of students and teachers alike.

Finally, Congratulations to Miri Quirk and Jacqui McMillan on receiving early entry into Southern Cross University courses in 2011. Well done!

Mrs Muller and the graduating Class of 2009



2011 Bonalbo Centenary Celebrations

Very soon, the Centenary will be next year! Easter 2011

We need all students, staff and community members to help us plan by:

Spreading the word and asking people to RSVP to the school so we can plan for catering

Checking the school website

Checking web sites such as Friends Reunited and Facebook

Writing a short snippet for the book – a memory. We need this asap.

Drop it in to the school, mail it or email it please

bonalbo-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au or sharon.tucker@det.nsw.edu.au

ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

This year's beginners are next year's LEGENDS!

If you want to learn about ART
but don't know where to START:

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Teacher: Sally Goldstein

Enquiries and expressions of interest
in the Beginners' Class of 2010
to -

Bonalbo Central School 66 651 205

Bonalbo Community Preschool Jumbunna Mobile

Preschool days are Wednesday and Thursdays
from 9.00am to 3.00pm

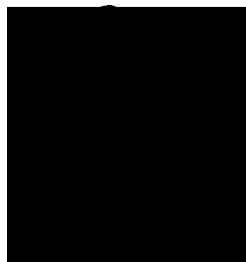
For information and enrolment forms please
ring the preschool on 6665 1440

Or call in to the preschool

Woodenbong Road on any Wednesday or
Thursday and talk to Judy or Cheryl.

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Crime Time

**With Senior Constable Kim Mewing
Your School Liaison Police Officer**

School Holidays

Hi everyone. Congratulations for reaching the end of 2009 but we want you and our Schools to make it through the holidays safely to 2010

Kids: These safety tips are for you!

Walk confidently. Be alert to who passes you and who's behind you.

Try and walk with other people rather than by yourself

If you think that you are being followed go to a service station, convenience store, the nearest police station, or any other place where there are people

Don't hang around the streets at night. Spend time with friends at home. Grab some videos or Play station/ Xbox games and stay safe and away from trouble.

If you use an ATM, choose one that is located inside a shopping centre, store, or well-lit location.

Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.

Don't be tempted by drugs, cigarettes or alcohol.

Don't break the law or hang out with people who are doing the wrong thing.

Operation Scholar: Keeping Schools Safe 2009/2010.

Police and the School Security Unit will have a zero tolerance approach to crime in schools during the Christmas Holidays.

It is a serious offence to trespass on the school grounds, damage property, steal from or break into the school or to light fires on the grounds.

Police have eyes and ears in the community and will be responding to all suspicious activity, alarms and offences.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!

If you see or hear of any offences in or around your school

Report all crimes to Police immediately by calling your local Police Station.

For all emergencies call 000 (Police or fire or ambulance)

To report non urgent crime contact crime stoppers 1800 333 000 or the Police Assistance Line 131444 .

Remember to stay safe

See you all next time!

If you need to contact your School Liaison Police Officer

Ph: 0266 260574