

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 5 2009



Reuben at Multicultural Day



RAT\$ in Action



After the Duke of Edinburgh Excursion

← **Year 7 LOTE class trying Bush Tucker**

⇒ **Poppy Harry welcomes everybody to Multi Cultural Day**



Dates to Remember:

August 31-September 4 2009	BOOK FAIR
September 2, 2009-	Primary Award Assembly& Book Character Day
September 4, 2009-	Literacy/Numeracy Day
September 5-12, 2009-	Jindabyne Excursion
September 8, 2009-	Year 11/12 Visual Art Excursion
September 16, 2009-	Year 10 Subject Selection
September 17, 2009-	Secondary Disco
September 18, 2009-	Primary Regional Athletics
September 23-25, 2009-	Years 4-6 Excursion North Stradbroke
September 25, 2009-	Years K-3 Excursion Dorroughby



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Year 12 Trial Exams

Year 12 are currently undertaking their trial Higher School Certificate examinations which are the final major school based assessment before the Higher School Certificate commences at the start of Term 4. We encourage all of these students to make full use of the short time that is left to prepare for these exams. Asking for help from class teachers if problems arise and following a regular study program is necessary during the next two months, to ensure the best possible results.

School photos

In approximately two weeks information relating to school photographs will be sent home to parents. There will once again be the opportunity for individual, group and family photographs. School photo day will be on Tuesday the 29th September.

Canteen Price Rise

Included in this newsletter is a revised Canteen price list. Prices have increased slightly due to increases in purchase costs. Prices have not been increased for at least twelve months and our intention is to keep prices as low as possible but still cover our costs.

Multi Cultural Day

On Friday August 14 the annual Multicultural day event was held at the Bonalbo town oval. There are few occasions throughout the year when the school and community organisations are able to work together to put on an event. This year was again a success due to the number of organisations and people who were willing to get involved. Many outside visitors commented on what a great day it was. Thank you to all who were involved and particularly the local schools who were able to attend.

Work Experience

Year 10 students are midway through two weeks of work experience. Students usually gain many skills and experience from being involved in a real work situation. Thank you to Mrs Larsson for the extensive work she puts into preparing, organising and overseeing the students.

SES Cadets

At the beginning of this Term members of the State Emergency Service approached the school to offer a 10 week course to familiarise students with the SES and its operations. Twelve students and a teacher are currently undertaking the course which will be completed by the end of this term. Chris Scofield who lives at Drake, and is an ex student of the school, is the main person delivering the course and we appreciate the work he is putting in, to provide the opportunity to our students.

School Centenary

Last Thursday August 20 staff representing the school and members of the Bonalbo community met to discuss plans for the 2011 Bonalbo school and Bonalbo township centenary. The date is set for the Easter weekend 2011. The main school activities will take place on Saturday April 23 however other community activities will take place through out the town over this week end. Please mark this date on your calendar. Further details will be provided over the next eighteen months by means of email, Website, newsletters and other media.

Year 10 Subject Selection

On Wednesday September 16, Parents and Carers of year 10 students are invited to attend a meeting to assist Year 10 students in planning for 2010 and beyond. Representatives from Southern Cross University, TAFE, TURSA, Centrelink will be present to assist students with their planning. Mrs Larsson, along with class teachers, will also provide information relating to Yr 11 subjects.

Relieving position

On Monday 24 August I was contacted by the Regional Director and offered the opportunity to relieve for John Lynch the School Education Director (SED) in Lismore. I have accepted the opportunity and commence on Wednesday 26 August. This situation has arisen due to John's personal circumstances. I will be carrying out this role until the end of term but will be in regular touch with our school. This is a great opportunity to visit and gain knowledge about what is working well in other schools, while providing them with support. Corinne Miller will relieve as Principal and Dave Tucker as Deputy Principal. Sharon Tucker will relieve as Head Teacher English.

K.Larsson
Principal



PRIMARY NEWS

All primary students have been working well this term. Classrooms have been a hive of activity and students are taking advantage of all Public Schools have to offer. Well done everyone!

“What we learn with pleasure we never forget” John Dewey

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2010

We are currently taking new enrolments for Kindergarten in 2010. Please feel free to come and meet our staff and have a look around. If you know of anyone who has children starting school in 2010 please let them know about Bonalbo Central School. Orientation Days for students commencing in 2010 are currently being organised. Stay tuned!!

Book Week and Book Character Parade

Bonalbo Central School students are celebrating Book Week from Monday 31st August. The theme for this year is ‘**Book Safari**’. The primary students are having a **Book Character Parade** on **Wednesday 2nd September** at **2 p.m.** before our next Awards Assembly. There will also be a Book Fair in the Library during this week.

Rewards Day

On Friday 21st August primary students attended their Rewards Day at the Bonalbo Bowling Club. Students had enormous fun playing lawn bowls and a huge thankyou must go to Mandy Close who organised this activity and to Tony Mazzer, Bill Withers, Trevor Matheson, Greg Sellar, Simon Bowan, Geoff Lakey and Jack Lund who ensured the students learned the finer points of the game. Thank you also to the management of the Bonalbo Bowling Club who supported this event with such enthusiasm. Your support is very much appreciated. We have many budding bowlers amongst our primary students! The students were also treated to afternoon tea and we thank Lynne Davies for arranging this treat. Our next **Rewards Day** is in **Week 8** and all students have the opportunity to attend this event by working hard in class and consistently following school rules.

Excursions

Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students are heading off to the **Dorrroughby Environmental Centre** on **Friday 25th September**. The bus will be leaving the school at **8 a.m.** and return to the school at approximately 7.30 p.m. We have a number of very special activities planned for the day. We have tried to cut the cost of the bus by using the same bus picking up the senior students from North Stradbroke Island. Please return money and permission notes to the school as soon as possible.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students are going to **North Stradbroke Island** on **Wednesday 23rd September** returning on **Friday 25th September**. This is a great opportunity for students.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Results have arrived for some of these competitions. The Computer certificates were handed out at the last Awards Assembly. We have also received certificates for the Science and Writing Competitions and these will be handed out at our next **Awards Assembly** on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Congratulations to all students who took the opportunity to sit for these competitions. Special congratulations to **Inaya Soliman** who received a **Credit** in the **Writing** competition. Inaya did particularly well in punctuation, grammar and spelling.

Multicultural Day

Students enjoyed many exciting activities at this year’s Multicultural Day. The Kindergarten and Year 1 students were very impressive as they sang and provided actions to two songs. Thank you to Mandy Close and Benita Seymour who stood in for a very sick Kate Armfield and assisted students to perform on the day. Year 3-6 students received many accolades for their signing performance and we have some very good photos of the students in action.





NAPLAN

Students in **Years 3 and 5** will receive results of the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy during the next few weeks. Students sat for these assessments in May. The school then analyses these results to assist in future planning and programming.

Supervision of students before school

Students in the Primary can arrive at school from **8.30 a.m.** each day. Students must remain seated until the teacher comes out on duty at **8.45 a.m.** We have had a number of students arriving well before this time and playing in unsupervised areas. It is imperative for the safety of all of our students that these rules are followed.

Award Assembly

These are held in the Primary each fortnight. Our next Award Assembly is on **Wednesday 2nd September** commencing at **2 p.m.** and coincides with our Book Character Parade.

Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts

A note will be coming home this week. All students from **Year 2-Year 6** are performing on **Monday 28th September**. Students will be catching a bus into Casino for a rehearsal during the day, staying for dinner at McDonalds and performing at the Civic Centre during the evening. All students will need to be picked up from the Civic Centre after the performance. Tickets for this event can be purchased from the Front Office of the school closer to the event. **Adults \$8/ Children \$4.**

Sports Assembly

We are holding a Sports Assembly on **Thursday 1st October** at **2 p.m.** Students in the Primary who have excelled at sport this year will be recognised and presented with Medallions on the day.

Literacy/Numeracy Week

Literacy/ Numeracy week will be celebrated by students on **Friday 4th September**. During the day students will take part in a number of activities including:

- Maths Tabloids
- Word Serpent
- Word Chain
- Spelling

Speak for a minute

A BBQ lunch will be provided at a cost of \$1 per sausage sandwich.

Literacy/Numeracy sessions for parents will be organised for later in the term when we can arrange for our District Partnerships Officer, Anne Bowden, to attend.

District Athletics

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. Bonalbo Central School students excelled themselves in their behaviour and their sportsmanship. We were very proud of all of our students. Congratulations to **Saif Soliman** and **Dharringarra Trehwella** who tied for the **Juvenile Boys Age Champion**. The following students will be competing at the **Zone Athletics Carnival** on **Friday 28th August** in Lismore:

Jack Henderson - 100m; Megan Kennedy - 100m; Catriona Bain - 200m, 800m.

We wish these students well.

Class Activities

K/1 – students are currently working on an H.S.I.E. Unit “Special Places” with Ms Davies. They are looking at local environments.

2/3/4 – students are still working on their Poetry unit of work with Ms Voisey. They have written some amazing Catalogue Poems; Emotion Poems; Cinquains; Similes; Tongue Twisters; Acrostic Poems and Haiku. These are displayed in the classroom. Come and have a look! In Science students are also still working on Simple Machines and we had the privilege of having Colin Reid show us a Bow & Arrow which is made of simple machines to allow for speed. We watched Colin shoot the arrows at a target. We have also looked at levers and catapults. Thank you to Mr Larsson who has been joining us in our Science lessons. Some students have received their certificate for reading 10 Home Readers.



4/5/6 – students are currently studying Indonesia in H.S.I.E. with Miss O'Meara. They are looking at climate, position etc. and this is fitting in well with their Science unit on the Earth's Crust and the changing face of our planet. They have completed an assessment for Procedures and have commenced working on Information Reports. Three times a week students are also working on 'Random Topics'. Students speak for 15 min. on random topics which cover many of the Stage 3 Talking & Listening outcomes.

Closing Thought:

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself”. John Dewey

Primary Staff

AGRICULTURE

Stewart, Haley and Katelyn (yr 9/10 agriculture) had a very interesting excursion to the Brisbane Royal Show (EKKA). They assisted in leading alpaca in the show ring and Stewart's charge won a first in its class. They paraded Bazadaise beef cattle in the animal parade on the Wednesday. They also visited the animal nursery, agriculture pavilion, poultry pavilion, cattle pavilion, gardening centre, arts and crafts pavilion, had VIP seats for the fashion parade (all outfits were made using natural fibres), and some fun in side show alley.

The year 8 students swapped their DAT subjects and the new group are now carrying out their chicken project with 6 different breeds (they have to research their chicken's breed so I can't let you know what they are just yet, stay tuned). They are also researching their no-dig-garden and will be building it very soon. We were able to obtain a grant for \$1000 from Coles to build this garden.



Stewart, Haley and Katelyn with a Bazadaise they led in the parade.

From the Art room

Evening Art Classes for adult learners have a new time slot – 4.00-7.00pm, still on Wednesdays. We are all saddened by the loss of our fellow artist, Ben Cooper Snr, and we miss him very much. Adult learners are studying abstract painting this term. It is a challenging topic, but early indicators are that students are enjoying the freedom to explore new possibilities in art making. Visitors to the school can see works by these students displayed in the front office.

This term, Year 11/12 are studying architecture. We have looked at basic structures and are now studying contemporary works such as the Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao by Frank Gehry. Best wishes go to Luke Moore who will sit the trials exam on Wednesday. Luke has almost completed a collection of drawings which he will submit as his HSC Body of Work.

Year 9/10 are completing works begun last term, based on Land Art vs. Landscape Art. These include drawings, traditional prints and digital prints. When they have finished they will be making decorative paintings to be installed in the school canteen.

Year 8 are exploring our built environment, looking at the history of domestic architecture in Australia. They had lots of fun making humpies out of sticks and bark, similar to the shelters built according to Aboriginal traditions.

Year 7 have almost completed their lino prints based on perspective drawing. Soon they will start their landscape paintings.



ATHLETICS

The athletics results have been finalised for the secondary school, with BETA as the winning house. Congratulations!!!! The following students are the athletic age champions.

12 yrs	Shania Hickling	
13 yrs	Claire Firkin	Kemo Hickling
14 yrs	Mimi Arent-Highfield	Sam Neilsen
15 yrs	Teayanna Maiden	Jack Neilsen
16 yrs	Lily Findlay	Rory Wheeler
17+ yrs	Miri Quirk	Tye Goddard

Zone Athletics

The following students represented Bonalbo Central School at the Zone Athletic Carnival in Lismore last term.

Mimi Arent-Highfield, Charlie Brown, Hamish Clacher, Stewart Coates, Jack Cooper, Jessica Caruthers, Claire Firkin, Nathan Firkin, Tye Goddard, Kemo Hickling, Shania Hickling, Mitchell Jung, Nafu Lal, Teayanna Maiden, Jack Neilsen, Rory Wheeler, Kayden Williams, Justin Williams.

Well done to all these students, it was a great day and Bonalbo had one of its most successful days in years, with 7 students qualifying for the Regional Carnival. Rory Wheeler was 6th overall in the 16yrs boys, well done. Thank you to all the parents who drove students on the day.

Regional Athletics

Seven students from Bonalbo represented the Richmond Zone at the North Coast Athletic Carnival on the 5th August 2009. These students were:

Jack Cooper – 16yrs Relay
 Nathan Firkin – 16yrs Relay and 16yrs Long Jump
 Tye Goddard – 17-19yrs High Jump
 Shania Hickling – 12yrs Shot Put
 Nafu Lal – 15 yrs Long Jump
 Rory Wheeler – 16yrs Relay, High Jump and Triple Jump
 Kayden Williams – 16 yrs Relay



The students participated with enthusiasm and should be congratulated on their efforts. Rory Wheeler achieved 2nd Place in the Triple Jump, jumping over 12 metres. This qualifies him to represent the North Coast at the NSWCHS State Championships at Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush in early September. Congratulations Rory and we wish you all the best!!!!

Interschool House Competition – The Bloodwood Shield

The Bloodwood shield is a new interhouse competition between ALPHA and BETA. There are three sports, One Shield and One Winner. The sports are Soccer, Oz tag and Netball.

The Competition kicked off during sport in week 3 with a Game of soccer. It was an entertaining match, with high packed action and cheering. The first team to score was Alpha, followed by a goal from Beta. Alpha then hit back and looked like they had it wrapped up at 2-1 with 2 mins on the clock, before a smashing goal by Beta to tie up the game. It went into extra time, and still there was no clear winner at 2-2. So a first to two penalty shoot out was the decider. Hamish Clacher saved two excellent penalty shots from Beta, which allowed Alpha to take the title for soccer. The players chose a players player from each team, Michael Tucker for Beta and Hamish Clacher for Alpha. Well done to all students who played, and Mr Muller for refereeing the Match. It was an exciting match and I look forward to Oz tag in week 8 and Netball week 9. A massive thank you to Michael Tucker, who planned the competition and has helped with the organisation.

SES Training

Students from Year 9 and 10 are completing an SES cadetship during Sport time. Chris Scofield from Tabulam SES has been training the students. They are really working well in their teams and are achieving great knowledge. It is an excellent program to date and the students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and participation.

Archery

Some students are participating in Archery for sport this term. Colin Reid who has competed and



been successful at National level has been teaching the students the skill of focus and the terminology around archery. All students have had a go at using an Olympic bow and are becoming very safety aware. Students are to be congratulated on their behaviour as well they are improving their accuracy every week, along with Ms Goldstein.

YR 12 PDHPE,

Miri, Hannah, Jacqui, Luke and Kurtis all travelled to the Goonellabah Sports Centre for a gym session as part of their improving performance option. Students learnt about weights, sets and reps and had a good workout. All students behaved exceptionally on the day. Well done.

Sports Award Assembly

A Sports Award Assembly is going to be held on the last Thursday afternoon of this term, Oct 1st. This awards assembly will recognise those students who have had achievements in Sport this year both primary and secondary. This is to ease the amount of awards given at the end of year assembly. So please keep this date free as it will be a great afternoon with lots of awards to be handed out. More specific details to follow in the next newsletter.

Benita Seymour, Sports Organiser.

BUNDJALUNG YEAR 7

The Year 7 LOTE class visited the Bunawlbú Café recently as part of their study of the language and culture of bush tucker.

They tucked into crocodile and kangaroo entrees followed by hot crocodile and kangaroo mini pies and finished up with wattle seed scones with rosella jam. Mr Tucker was an invited guest and he certainly enjoyed the outing.

Fred Binge talked about the beginnings and aims of the Centre and the Café and explained the ideas behind the bush furniture.

We are planning to visit the Clarence River soon as part of the new unit on the environment and traditional and contemporary Bundjalung life within that environment.

Computers

A rollout of new computers this week will see new computers in the secondary computer lab and primary classrooms. The current lab computers will be distributed throughout the school as needed so our students will never be far from computer access as part of their learning.



It's time for the annual celebration of books and reading!

A Book Fair will be held in the library from Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September – lots of reasonably priced books and every purchase helps towards new books for the library.

A Book Character Parade will be held in the primary school on Wednesday afternoon 2 September, always lots of fun.

This year the theme for Book Week is Book Safari – plenty of scope for “jungly” ideas when dressing up.

The week will end with Numeracy/Literacy Day on 4 September.





Walla Rugby

Mrs Seymour and Michael Tucker will be introducing this fun, safe game to the upper primary students at sport time this week. Maybe the junior Walla Rugby players will be able to give a few tips to the grown up Wallabies after learning a bit about the rules.

P&C REPORT

A big thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the Multicultural Day, the takings for the day were \$925.00. Great Day!

Lucky Number Draw - ALL Tickets must be sold before they are drawn, Miss O'Meara has the Primary one and the Secondary is at the office, tickets are \$2.00, Good Luck.

Bull Ride

3rd October 2009 Saturday,

If you are able to help for an hour or so please let, Rose, Raelene, or Helen know please.

If you could also donate some coleslaw that would be appreciated.

President

Rose Duffy

Nominative Determinism

Now there's a phrase you don't see so often in the School News. Someone invented it to describe the way our names sometimes describe what we do. Tom Plunge might be a high board diver; Julia Slash might be a surgeon and Teddy Try might be a footballer.

In a bold act of nominative determinism, five of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants decided to climb Edinburgh Castle for their Test Expedition. Edinburgh Castle is a mountain: a volcanic plug near Urbenville. It's the big one you see on the right when you get out of the Yabbra Forest and start winding down to Urbenville.

The last time Duke students from Bonalbo climbed the mountain was eighteen years ago, so Alex Roffey, Michael Tucker, Brenden Williams, Jack Cooper and Blake McCormack decided to carry a new visitors' book and protective container up the mountain to replace the old ones.

In the old days you could follow 4wd tracks to the place where the mountain really starts to get steep and then start climbing, but the area is now part of a national park and the tracks have almost disappeared under regrowth. This added an extra challenge to the boys' trip. All drinking and cooking water had to be carried as well as cooking stoves and fuel. Add the incredibly steep climb and thick vegetation and you will realise that this trip was no picnic.

If the job was difficult, at least the weather was perfect: cool, dry and sunny. The boys made excellent time to the start of the climb then set their compasses and began the serious ascent. The climb was a great test of navigation skills and teamwork, not to mention cardio vascular fitness. As an indication of the difficulty, it took ten minutes to climb the first five metres.

Things weren't that much easier once the top was reached. The vegetation was incredibly thick, ranging from rainforest to eucalypt forest to just plain rock and scrub. The boys managed to locate a semi-flat grassy area for their campsite. Although the wind blew non stop all night the camp was sheltered. One small tent bulged like a bag of oranges because it had to house Blake, Jack and Brenden, but they made it through the night.

The trig marker had disappeared and the summit cairn was in a new location, so the boys installed the new visitors' book and container and spent some time reading through entries in the old visitors' books. A surprising number of people make the climb, but most do it easy travelling light and going up and down in a day. The number is bound to drop as the tracks become more overgrown.

The next morning was spent preparing gourmet breakfasts, admiring the views and looking, without success, for the missing trig marker. The trip back down the mountain was just as arduous as the ascent, but the group made it back to the access track safely. A quick lunch was gobbled at North Yabbra Forest Road, and then the boys stepped out for a quick march back to the rendezvous point, where they were met by Mrs Tucker.



For safety reasons, the group was 'shadowed' all the way by Mr Tucker, but he was not allowed to help. The boys showed great cooperation, responsibility and high spirits. Congratulations, Michael, Alex, Brenden, Blake and Jack.

Dave Tucker
Duke Coordinator



Numeracy and Literacy Day

Next Friday 4th September the whole school will spend the day celebrating numbers and words. All students will be involved in activities involving numeracy and literacy.

Activities will include:

Maths tabloid games
Word Serpent
Speak for a minute competition
Group spelling competition
Theatre Sports
Free sausage sizzle
Spelling championships

Stay tuned for more details.

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