

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 2, 2010



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Dates to Remember:

October 22, 2010- All School Sport Assembly 2:00 pm
October 27, 2010- Kindy Orientation 9:00- 11:00am
October 27, 2010- Primary Assembly 2:00pm
October 28, 2010- COGS Day Years 6 & 7
October 29, 2010- Bandanna Day SRC
November 1, 2010- Year 10 Mock Interviews
November 3, 2010- Kindy Orientation 9:00-11:00am
November 3, 2010- Year 6 Transition Day
November 4, 2010- Concert Years 9-11
November 8-11, 2010- School Certificate
November 8-12, 2010- Years 7-9 Exams
November 9, 2010- COGS Year 7 to Nimbin
November 17, 2010 Portfolio Interviews Years 7-9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 12

Year 12 commenced their Higher School Certificate examinations on Thursday October 14. Along with the many faxes and emails which have been received from other schools, politicians and community members, we wish all students luck and hope that the exam questions are kind and the effort put into preparing for the exams, will be rewarded with pleasing results in mid December.

The last day of Yr 12 formal schooling last term was celebrated by a slave auction which raised \$377.00 which will be put towards their formal dinner to be held on Thursday November 17 at the Bonalbo Bowling Club. Thank you to all the staff and students who bought the Year 11 and 12 slaves and supported the initiative. Also on the final day a Literacy and Numeracy trivia afternoon was held, where mixed teams of students from Year 3 to Year 12 used their collective minds to answer a broad range of trivia questions.

The finale to the day was an assembly where Year 12 were applauded from the assembly area to the sounds of "Schools Out Forever" by Alice Cooper playing in the back ground.

Bonalbo Students on Show

At the end of last term a large number of our primary students performed two items as part of the Casino/Kyogle Performing Arts Festival at the Casino Civic Hall. Many other schools throughout the Richmond Valley also performed either a music, dance or drama item in front of a large and appreciative audience. Well done to all the students and staff who were involved in the preparation and performance.

Last week students from Years 7 to 9 participated in a fashion parade at Lismore Workers Club. I understand that all students enjoyed themselves and of all the schools involved, Bonalbo was the only school who had boys parading. Thank you to Mrs Taikakara for her work in preparing for this event.

I believe both events provided a great opportunity for students to develop the self confidence required to perform in front of an audience.

Transition to High School

As part of our preparation of Year 6 students for High School, our local primary schools have been invited to attend the High School on Thursday, October 28 and Wednesday, November 3. More information relating to these two days will be provided to parents and carers prior to these two days.

Coming events

This term is very busy for students and staff as there will be a lot of examinations, reports and planning for 2011. Many of these events are outlined on the front of this newsletter. I would encourage parents and carers to support your child by taking interest in what they are doing in relation to preparing for yearly exams, portfolio interviews, mock interviews for Year 10 etc.

Building Works

With the Science Centre and associated works almost complete It was pleasing to be informed recently, that the Multipurpose Centre will be renovated and extended as initially planned. There were concerns that the cost of the works would minimise the amount of work which could be completed, but this problem has been addressed. Hopefully all the work will be completed by the start of next year.

Centenary

School staff and members of the community met again on Monday October 18 to discuss plans for the Bonalbo and School centenary to be held on April 23/24 2011. It was pleasing to see a number of Bonalbo Community members present to help discuss and plan for the event next year. If you have an interest in being involved with the school or town celebrations please contact, Sharon Tucker, Tom Cooper or myself.

Keith Larsson
Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone to Term 4, 2010. We hope everyone had a lovely holiday and has come back to school refreshed and ready to learn.

This term will be extremely busy, with many activities and events being planned. A calendar of events will be sent home as soon as dates are confirmed.

Lamington Drive

We are planning to hold a Lamington Drive, notes and information will be sent out this Friday October 22, 2010 to be returned Friday November 5, 2010. Lamington orders will be at the school on 12th for students to take home. The fundraising will go towards our end of the year Rewards Day.

Kindy Orientation

Mrs Armfield is commencing Preschool to Kinder orientation this week Wednesday October 20, 2010 by visiting the preschool. This Orientation Program will continue each Wednesday from 9:00am-11:00am, Week 3 October 27, Week 4 November 3 and Week 5 November 10. On November 10 there will be a parent/carer information session.

Merit Assembly

The Primary Merit Assembly will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2010 at 2:00pm. Please come along and join the audience to celebrate your child's achievements in the classroom.

No Hat No Play

All children need to have a hat for the playground. The weather is at last getting warmer, the UV index is high. Children without a hat will have to sit on the verandah.



Paul's Collect a Cap

Please send in your milk bottle tops to the school for the Collect A Cap fundraiser. The weight of the caps determines how much money we can raise.

Primary Staff

Celebration of words and numbers

Thanks to all students and teachers who participated in our Numeracy/Literacy activities on the last day of term. The questions were tricky, and the pace never slackened, but all teams worked hard in our celebration of words and numbers. It's always good to see Primary, Junior and Senior students working together.

This term we're hoping to fit in a session of debating, Speak For a Minute and Theatre Sports.

Youtube

BCS students are building quite a presence on Youtube. So far this reviewer has spotted offerings from Rachele, Jessy, Michael and that celebrated auteur, Jordan. There are always opportunities for young film makers to enter their works in competitions, and there are regular musical competitions too. See your English teacher or Mr Tucker.

Spelling

Serious about improving your spelling? Here's a hint that works.

Write down some words that give you trouble. (check the spelling before you write)

Make as many words as you can based on each word.

Here's an example.

Noxious. Noxiously, obnoxious, obnoxiously.

Different. Difference, differ, differing, differently, indifferent, differential, differentiate.

Where's your dictionary?

It doesn't matter if you have to hunt for your wallet, purse, iPod, socks, textbook, undies or keys.

The one thing you want to be able to put your hand on immediately is your dictionary.

We are all lazy. We don't want to have to get up and hunt around for a dictionary. Keep it on your desk unburied and within easy reach. You will **always** learn something when you open a dictionary.

Dave Tucker

Year 12 Update

All year 12 students are now finalising their school studies by completing their Higher School Certificate exams. These exams will be finished by Thursday, November 11, 2010.

The Formal Farewell Dinner will be November 17, 2010.

We wish all year 12 students well in these exams and success in their future endeavours.

Narelle Gray

(Year 12 teacher)

North Coast Combined High Schools Textiles Expo

Mimi Arent-Highfield, Zara Warrington, Madi Williams, Natalie Johnson, Hamish Bernhagen, Luke Herbert, Sally Montgomery, Charlie Brown, Shannon Smith, Shania Hickling, Amber Elliot-Shea, Jessica North and Teal McAlpine were part of 250 students from twelve North Coast High Schools that participated in the Fashion Parade at the Lismore Workers Club on Wednesday, October 13.

Students were able to showcase their sewing creative talents and feel proud of their effort and achievement. The students enjoyed the experience of being on stage and found great support in being with like minded peers.

Students have been inspired by the high standards in the designs and construction work from other schools. Congratulations to Natalie, Teal and Madi whose photograph made it into the Northern Stars 'Fairytale Night for Students of Fashion' article. Thankyou to Marion Arent, Sissy Shea, Mr and Mrs Bernhagen and Raelene Smith who assisted with transporting and supporting the students in this exciting bi-annual experience.

Bonalbo Central School Centenary Recipe Book

Bonalbo Central School will be celebrating their centenary next year The Year 8 technology class is asking everyone in the community to enter their favourite recipes as a contribution towards a centenary recipe book!

Please post or hand recipes with your name to the office or email

SUZANNE.TAIKAKARA@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Taikakara

Jingella Konnichiwa

Year 7 students have been involved in a Connected Outcomes Group Project - a cross subject learning activity involving Japanese, Bundjalung, English, Music, History and Visual Arts.

The Presentation Day will be on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at BCS.

Nimbin CS Year 7 students, Year 6 students from our partner primary schools and interested parents and carers are all invited to share the day.

Ask your Year 7 student all about it.

Sharon Tucker

P&C Report

Thanks to everyone who bought Fathers Day raffle tickets. The winner of the Bunnings voucher was Drew Collis (Mrs Collis son).

We had our BBQ at the bull ride in the holidays. This is our big fundraiser for the year. I would like to give a big thank you to Raelene and Gavin Smith for all of their help in organising and helping on the day and night. The other parents that gave a hand were Nicky Bernhagen and Fiona Stubbings. Two of our Primary school teachers helped, Ms O'Meara and Mrs Collis. Mrs Collis came from Casino to lend a hand, she was accompanied by my niece Kandas Petty. David Thomas and his partner Helena, friends of Gavin and Raelene Smith also came along to help, a big thank you to everyone.

It is very disappointing on a big fundraiser like this that no other parents could lend a hand. Without guaranteed parental help on the night this fundraiser may be put in jeopardy in the future.

Hellan Whitney

President

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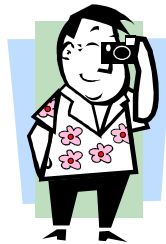
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Only 6 months to go and plans are moving along.

Please tell everyone - especially ex students and staff-to check out our school website for details and let us know if they are coming so we can cater for them.

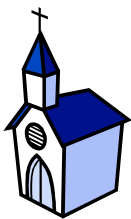
Saturday 23 April - Easter Saturday - The School Celebrations

- Official Ceremony
- Official photos
- School tours
- Cake cutting
- Decade reunion tents
- Open classrooms
- Souvenirs
- Supper Dance



Proposed/maybe Agenda

Sunday 24 April - Easter Sunday - Bonalbo Day



- Ecumenical Church Service
- Unveiling of a memorial
- Centenary Parade
- Art Show/ markets ?
- Sporting reunions and activities
- Fireworks ?

Monday 25 April - Anzac Day

All enquiries about the school activities to Keith Larsson or Sharon Tucker.

A committee has been formed to co-ordinate Bonalbo Day. The co-ordinator is Tom Cooper.

The next meeting will be held at the Bowls Club on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7pm.

Everyone very welcome, dinner may be bought from the club if desired.

Ideas, helpers, muscle power and brains are all needed.

Parties - Will You Allow Alcohol at Your Adolescent's Party?

Many parents and carers will be helping young people in their family celebrate birthdays, special occasions, finishing their school year or leaving school.

It is time for careful planning so that everyone enjoys themselves. Some parents may not be aware of their responsibilities in relation to supplying alcohol to under 18's.

Regardless of where the function will be held, it is against the law to obtain for, or supply alcohol to anyone under 18 years of age - even at private parties. This activity is often called secondary supply of alcohol - an offence that carries a maximum penalty of \$5,500 per offence or \$11,000 and 12 months prison in very serious circumstances. On the spot fines of \$550 can also be issued by police.

This information comes to you from the NSW Department of Liquor, Gaming and Racing. Check their website for further information: www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/liquor_info_young_people_2nd_party.asp

Points to consider:

What do you do if an underage guest arrives with alcohol?

What do you do if students arrive intoxicated?

What do you do if your alcohol has been consumed during the course of the party?

How can you plan a successful party that addresses these issues?

It is much easier to plan and control what happens at your next party if you follow some simple guidelines. Here are some suggestions that can make a difference:

Ideally RSVP invitations should be issued, giving as many details as possible about times of starting and finishing, the nature of the party, a dress code, how it will be supervised and how guests will return home. Indicate guests will be required to bring their invitation for party entry.

On the invitation, suggest guest parents contact host parents to fine tune details and discuss any concerns. This will ensure parents are not pressured against their better judgement and gives everyone permission to talk about supervision, safety, alcohol and drug issues etc.

Have only one entrance or exit to make it easier to control who attends your party.

Guest lists should be kept to a manageable size. If guest numbers are large, ask other parents to assist with supervision or consider hiring security personnel.

Host parents need to be aware of appropriate return transport for guests and/or provide overnight, supervised accommodation.

Make it clear in advance it is an alcohol free party. (Parents are reminded of the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing penalties cited earlier).

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Alcohol at parties is not easily supervised. Alcohol can easily be consumed in advance or mixed with soft drinks prior to the party. Alcohol may be left outside in cars or hidden in bushes. Although these problems can occur, they are less likely if the party is well supervised.

Confiscate BYO alcohol from under 18's. Return it to their parents or carers.

If guests are a mixture of under and over 18's, there is less control over the consumption of alcohol. A nominated adult should serve alcohol.

Actively serve non-salty food throughout the party. This will slow down alcohol consumption for those who are drinking.

Attractive non-alcoholic drinks should always be provided. For example, "Mocktails", non-alcoholic punches, soft drinks, fruit juices, coffee, tea and of course, water.

If under 18's consume alcohol or other drugs during the party, their parents should be contacted and asked to collect them. Parents should be advised of unacceptable behaviour.

Be firm about excluding gatecrashers. If admittance is by invitation only, gatecrashers are less likely. Prior to the party, encourage students not to broadcast party details in the school community, via the Internet or mobile phone. If gatecrashers arrive, ask them to leave immediately or tell them the police will be called.

Parents should be present and provide active supervision throughout the party. If you are planning a large party, it may be a good idea to employ security guards.

Register your party with NSW Police

NSW Police have developed a range of strategies and an online **Party Sign Up form** which must be completed at least 72 hours before your party. Register your party at www.mynite.com.au. This way local Police will know that you are having a party and can offer support. Have emergency numbers handy and call police before the situation gets out of control. Advise neighbours of your party as common courtesy.

Other useful websites to help you plan a successful party and avoid problems:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/languagesupport/alcohol/acs_english.pdf

Alcohol: celebrations and supply information for parents

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/hot_topics/safe_party

http://www.youthsafe.org/safe_celebrate.html

This website has current safe partying information, games, and competitions on how to party safely for young people and information for parents

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website www.rrisk.com.au



Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to those who have already supported our school by sending in their vouchers gained by shopping at Coles and Bi-Lo.

This promotion ends on October 31, 2010. More vouchers means more gear for our school.

Upper Clarence Junior Rugby League

The footy season may be drawing to a close but we have been busier than ever! Our trip to Woodlawn on the September 4, was a day of ups and downs. It was a wet and miserable day but our under 9 boys were victorious in both their games against Kyogle and Casino! A huge thank you to everyone who helped assisted us on that difficult day.

Tabulam Oval was alive with activity on the September 18. It was fantastic to see so many local people come down and support the teams! An estimated 180-200 people turned up and by all accounts everyone had a great day. We invited the Border Bears from Tenterfield down for an invitational game or two for our last hit out for the season. The under 12's played 2 games and won both, with the best and fairest award going to Anthony Woods. The under 9's played one game and also won that, with Timothy McGrady being awarded best and fairest. So if you do the maths, that means Upper Clarence won 3 from 3 games! Look out next year when we are a part of the regular season, hopefully this is a sign of great things to come in 2011! There were many locals who generously gave their time to help us out on the day and on behalf of the kids – thank you!

Our last function for 2010 was our Fun Day/Presentation Day on October 2. This was held at Tabulam Oval with a 9:00am start. Food and drink were supplied free of charge for the players on this day. There were games/activities for the kids a cool down by the RFS! It was great to see lots of people come down and join us to show the kids just how proud we are of their achievements.

Kylie Martin