

# BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

*'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'*

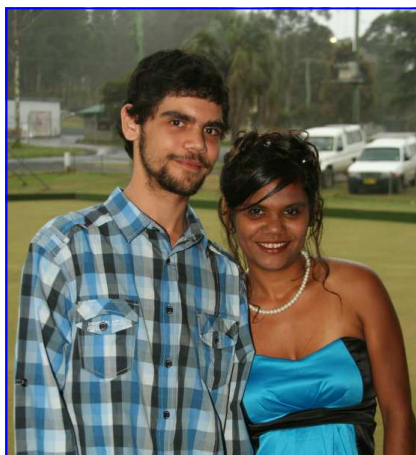
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## SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 8 2010



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### ***Dates to Remember:***

December 7, 2010– Tonefest  
December 9, 2010– SPEECH NIGHT  
December 10, 2010–  
Silver Award Recipients to Lismore  
December 13, 2010– Primary Rewards Day, Lismore  
December 13 & 14, 2010– Girls/Boys Camp  
December 15, 2010– P&C Carols Night  
December 15, 2010– Students Last Day  
December 16 & 17, 2010– Staff Development Days  
January 28, 2011– Staff Development Day  
January 31, 2011– Years 1 to 7 and 11 & 12 Return  
February 1, 2011– K to 12 Return



## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

### **Portfolio Interviews**

Two weeks ago the majority of Year 7 to 9 students participated in Portfolio Interviews with a small panel comprised of a teacher, student and parent or community member. The purpose of this was to give all students the opportunity to display and discuss samples of work they had produced throughout the year and at the same time further develop their interview and organisational skills. Once again we were impressed with the quality of the work and the high standard with which the students performed at interview. Thank you to all who were involved and to Mrs Maslen for her organisation. Students who were unavailable for interviewing during portfolio week will be interviewed before the end of term.

### **Monnie Petty Award**

Congratulations to Monnie Petty for being awarded the "Emma Gleelan Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club Volunteers award for NSW. Monnie has been a driving force behind the breakfast club program for the last few years at this school. Her hard work has been recognised by the Red Cross and Mandy Hughes presented Monnie with a framed certificate and glass trophy in front of our students at a school assembly recently. I would also like to pay tribute to the Lions Club members and other volunteers and students who have helped with breakfast club throughout the year.

### **Year 12 Farewell**

The Year 12 formal dinner was held at Bonalbo Bowling Club on Wednesday November 17. This was enjoyed by all who attended. Our special guests including Mr Selwyn Nix, our School Education Director and Mr Ernie Bennett the Kyogle Council Mayor, were very complimentary about the evening. Thank you to all who attended and in particular the staff for their input into the evening. I was also particularly impressed with the manner in which the Year 12 students conducted themselves and the hospitality students who assisted with the catering.

### **End of Year Events**

To celebrate and reward our students for their work throughout the year a number of events will take place including a canoeing expedition, boys camp, girls day, and rewards excursions for Primary and Secondary, Primary Concert and our annual Presentation Night. Information about most of these events has been sent home with students. Hopefully all Parents and Carers will be able to attend Presentation Night which will be held at the Bonalbo Community Hall on Thursday, December 9 commencing at 7.00pm.

### **Staff Changes**

Welcome back to Mrs Hobbs from her leave and thank you to Mrs Seymour for relieving as Head Teacher, Mathematics during her absence. The work that was carried out was appreciated and hopefully provided a good opportunity to develop some leadership skills. As most would be aware Mrs Seymour will be taking maternity leave early next year. Her replacement will be Brent Manieri who is a trained PD/H/PE teacher who will also assist with organising sport. Miss McGann has accepted a transfer to Nimbin Central School commencing at the start of next year and will be replaced by Melissa Ellis who is a past student who has been teaching at Tamworth. We wish Miss McGann the best of luck at her new school and future career. Her contribution to Bonalbo has been significant. Her teaching skills and excellent relationship with staff and students will be missed.

### **Holidays**

As this will be the final newsletter for the year we wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and Merry Christmas. The last formal school day for Year 10 is Thursday December 9 and for all other students on Wednesday December 15. Staff will be involved with professional learning and planning on December 16 and 17. See the front of this newsletter for when school commences in 2011.

*Keith Larsson*  
*Principal*

## PRIMARY NEWS.

The end of Term 4, 2010 is fast drawing to a close. Teachers are busy finalising reports and preparing students for the Primary Concert, Rewards Day and Presentation Night.

### Merit Assembly

A big thank you to all our parents who came and took part in our final Merit Assembly, held on Wednesday November 17, 2010. The assembly was run by Year 4 and 5 students who were delighted to see their family members come along and see what they have been doing in class. It was also very exciting to see so many of our students gain Silver Merit Awards, a great achievement reflecting the values of Respect, Integrity and Participation, demonstrating a consistent effort throughout the year.

### Lamington Drive

The Primary Lamington Drive raised approximately \$280 for future excursions and rewards days. Many thanks to Kathleen Collis and Breanna Doohan for their organisation.

### Primary Concert

The Primary Concert will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday December 1, 2010. A BBQ dinner will be catered for by the Hall Committee, starting at 6.30 and finishing at 7.00, followed by the Primary Concert. Everyone has been working hard on their presentations and looking forward to the night.

### Year 6 Graduation Lunch

Congratulations to our Year 6 students, who will be finishing Primary School in a few short weeks. To help celebrate their time at Bonalbo, there will be a Graduation Lunch, held at the Bowling Club on Thursday December 2, 2010 at 12.30. Congratulations and best wishes for the future go to Catriona Bain, Nicholas Chard, Danny Davis, Gypsy Dunne, Richard Jansen, Megan Kennedy, Tejal Kumar, Logan McDougall, Samantha North, Duncan Ryan and Laura Leppy.

### Year 6 Sleepover

The Year 6 students attended a Sleepover at the school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> with Miss O'Meara and Ms Davies. Students arrived with sleeping bags, pillows and torches prepared for a great night. Thanks to Gary Stubbings for giving his time and thanks to the Year 6 students for their great behaviour. The night was a huge success.

### Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be held at the Community Hall on Thursday December 9, 2010. Everyone is welcome to come along. Students will receive their Reports on the night.

### Rewards Day

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December the Primary will be travelling to the Aquatic Centre in Goonellabah and the Ten Pin Bowls in Lismore to reward those students who have reflected the school values of Respect, Integrity and Participation. Information and notes will be sent out closer to the date.



*Primary Staff*

### Year 12 Formal Farewell

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated the official formal farewell for the Year 12 class of 2010 at the Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club. It was an enjoyable evening for all those who attended and I would like to especially thank the Club for providing the venue, Rose Duffy and her catering and waitressing team, Shirley Smith for making the cake and Lance Kirkley for compiling the photographic CD of the evening.

We wish all of the Year 12 students the very best for the future and hope to see them all at Easter next year, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, for their first reunion which will be part of the School Centenary celebrations.

*Narelle Gray(Y12 mentor)*

### Ag News

In Week 7 our 9/10 Agriculture class completed a half day excursion to a local cattle property, where they marked the calves in a herd. Each student had a go at branding, ear marking, vaccinating and drafting calves. Students also observed castration of bull calves. For lunch we had a BBQ cooked over the branding fire. Everyone had a great day and got a good taste for cattle work.

The school sheep have settled in well. Students handle them every week and the sheep are in good condition since being drenched and shorn. Students are learning how husbandry and handling techniques are very different from cattle. Our Angus cross steers are gaining weight quickly. Every few weeks the students weigh them and they are averaging well over a kilogram a day.

*Stephen Gray*

### Year Ten Camp

#### Day 1.

The looming darkness of the Tower of Terror made the 45 minute wait both nerve wracking and exciting, as the terrified screams echoed continuously through the tower and the line continued to snake through what felt like a maze. My screams joined the others as we went 161km/h backwards into the air, it already felt like my stomach was in my mouth as the ride plunged back towards the earth. The experience was both exhilarating and terrifying, well worth the wait...

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, our Year Ten class, all packed and eager to go, arrived at school, excited for our departure out of Bonalbo to Dreamworld on the Gold Coast. We were all devastated when Mrs Seymour and Charlie arrived back from down town with the news of "there's no bus". Twenty minutes after our set departure time, we were on the road, heading towards the Gold Coast. On arriving in Queensland, we gained an hour, therefore having more time in the park. Dreamworld, holding just over 27 rides, was packed with people, making queue time consuming and rides hard to get on. It was classic looking at the screens after a ride that had captured possibly the worst facial expressions and putting them on display for all to see. The highlight of the day was the Alien Verse Predator Laser Tag. Each individual had a team, either being a human or infected human, the 'mission' being to defeat the opposite team but also hunt down the Queen Alien and earn extra points for shooting various objects throughout the course. After spending the whole day in Dreamworld, we made our way to the holiday park where we would spend the night. Dinner was a big team effort; everyone contributing by cooking, preparing food, cleaning up or giving assistance where needed. Over dinner, Mrs Seymour gave us the options of putt putt golf or ice skating for the night activity.

Ice-skating was full of ups and downs; most of us resulting on the downside. Most people soon got the hang of sliding instead of lifting your feet after several falls and holding onto the side, but for those of us who didn't, well even the regulars couldn't help us. The regulars were very friendly and kind, always giving advice and trying to help those of us who were having difficulties getting the hang of it. They held a big game of red rover to close up the night, always catching us out. Nathan seemed to be the only one who got from one end of the ice to the other smoothly. Mrs Seymour happily watched from the sideline, quickly snapping pics of the people that fell over. Everyone at the ice rink was friendly and even with the sore body parts; we made our way back to our cabins in one piece.



**Day 2**

Stepping into the clear capsule, preparing for the 18m freefall back to the ground, reaching up to 60 km/h, was terrifying. You try to avert your gaze, attempting to take your mind off what you have gotten yourself into. I looked over and my eyes fell on Anna, her facial expression mirroring my own. The countdown begins; 3, 2, 1.... aarrrrrrgggghhhh. Suddenly the trapdoor is no longer there, and you are plunging down into the watery pipes, over a loop, until finally you reach the bottom and it is all over and you pull your swimmers back into place...

On Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, most of us woke up early to explore the holiday park, hearing that there was a large jumping pillow on the premises. The boys quickly found it, jumping and flipping all over the place. We then got ready for our day trip to Wet 'n' Wild; excited because for most of us this was our first time. After a big breakfast of cereal and toast, we all got on the bus, heading up the coast. On arriving at the park, we all got into our groups and set off for the surrounding rides. The newest attraction to the theme park all caught our attention; the Aqua Loop. As we ascended the stairs, we heard the terrified screams of those who felt brave enough to have the experience. Standing on the trap door, concealed in the capsule 18m in the air was possibly the worst experience, as you knew exactly what you were in for and contemplating the fact if you would make the loop or not. Before you know it, the floor is no longer there, and you are at the bottom. One of the funniest rides was the aqua racer, 8 of us challenging each other on the downhill slide. Each time we went down, a different person would take home the gold. After a fun day out in the sunshine, it was finally time to head back home to countryside. The trip home was a long one, but well worth it for the experiences we had.

On behalf of our Year Ten class, I would like to give a massive thanks to Charlie Taikakara, who willingly drove the bus up and back, Mrs Seymour who organised and planned our whole trip and to Mr Kilroy for coming along as a second supervisor. If it wasn't for these fantastic efforts, the trip would not have happened. We all appreciate it. THANKYOU!!

*By Chantelle Montgomery*

**CWA Land Cooking Competition**

9/10 Food Technology and 11/12 Hospitality classes are entering the annual CWA Land Cooking Competition to be judged on Friday December 3, 2010, by Rita Nicholls (NSW CWA Land Cooking Judge). This is a valuable experience for all involved as during the judging process, Rita gives tips on overcoming any difficulties experienced in cooking or presenting their entry and tips for an even better result next time. Best wishes for all those entering this year.

**Centenary Cookbook**

More recipes are needed from primary and secondary students and their extended families. Please send in your family heirloom recipes with a name on it. A big thankyou to parents, students and staff who have started to bring in family recipes to be printed in the Centenary Cookbook.

*Mrs Taikakara*

**P&C Report**

We will be having a Carols Night on the 15th December at the Primary School commencing at 6:30pm with a BBQ. The carols will start at 7pm with school band singers leading us in singing our carols. Christmas goodies and glow sticks will be on sale. Thanks to our local business donations we will be having a monster raffle draw on the night. Bring your family and blanket and chairs and have a fun night.

On behalf of the Bonalbo Central School P&C I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Hellan Whitney  
President*

# 2011

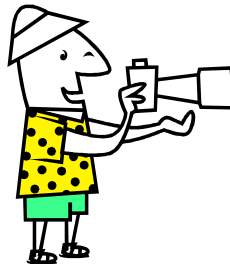
## *CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS*

Only 5 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.

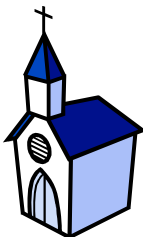
### ***Saturday 23 April - Easter Saturday - The School Celebrations***

- 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

### ***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, December 2, 2010.**

**Commencing at 6pm for the School organisation and the Bonalbo day organisation 7pm.**

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

Ideas, helpers and muscle power are all needed.

# Bonalbo News and General Store



Wishing all of our Customers a  
*Merry Christmas*  
 and a *Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.*

Stuck for stocking fillers or that extra little present???

May we suggest School Equipment- from sharpeners to pencil cases and colouring pens and pencils – You name it we have it!!-

School packs will once again be ready to purchase for  
 High School Students

- as soon as we are advised of the Special Prices for Back to School 2011



**Christmas Trading Hours: Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Closed New Years Day and Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>**



## WOODENBONG Yowie Country MARKET

**LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH**

**8am-3pm** Woodenbong Hall & Grounds

Free Live Music. Jammers welcome. Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls. Hot food. Children's Playground. Wheelchair access & Amenities. W.A.G. (Woodenbong Arts Group Inc.) displays & interaction. Insured stall site \$12

**NEXT MARKET SATURDAY 18th December**

***Please Note:** the Christmas Market brought forward 1 week to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010*

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