

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 6, 2010



Multicultural Day Activities with the Gold Coast Titans ↑
Open Day Tabloid Sports ↓



Year 7
Gala
Day →



The
Great
Debate
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Dates to Remember:

August 30, 2010 – Questacon Years 9 to 12
September 1, 2010- Deadly Days, Casino
September 1, 2010- Primary Assembly
September 3, 2010- Seaworld Excursion Yrs K-3
September 8, 2010- P&C Meeting, 3.30pm, 4/5/6 C/room
September 8-10, 2010- Year 4/5/6 Camp, Coffs Harbour
September 8, 2010- Information Day, Subject selection
Year 10
September 14, 2010- SCHOOL PHOTOS
September 15, 2010- Woodenbong Sport Visit
September 20, 2010- Performing Arts @Casino Primary
September 23, 2010- BCS Centenary Meeting 6.00pm
Bonalbo Bowling Club
September 20-24, 2010- Year 10 and 11 Exams



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Rural Outcomes of Schools (ROOS)

At the end of last year four people for the Department of Education (DET) visited our school to interview staff, students and parents to collect information about the successful educational programs which have led to above average performances in NAPLAN, the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate in recent years. We were one of 14 schools chosen across the state for this study. The final report has now been released and is available on the DET Intranet and on the Bonalbo School website. Unfortunately the video links showing interviews are not available at this stage on the school website. I would encourage you to have a read of the report if you are able to access the school website. www.bonalbo-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Work Experience

By the time this newsletter is received, Year 10 students will have completed two weeks Work Experience as part of the Schools Work Education program. Students are working at a broad range of businesses located as far as Brisbane, Sydney and Dubbo. Mrs Larsson has made contact with a lot of employers who are very happy with the work ethic and attitude of our students. Employers will provide a report to students at the end of the work experience period. Thank you to parents and carers for your support and to Mrs Larsson for her organisation and time given to oversee this valuable program.

Lorin Nicholson – Blind Guitarist

On Thursday August 12 Lorin Nicholson visited the school to perform and provide tuition to music classes. I received many positive comments about his performance. All staff and students who were able to listen and talk to Lorin would have found him inspirational in terms of his musical ability and attitude towards life. His messages about “tolerance of others” and “never giving up despite the barriers”, I hope remain imprinted in everyone’s memory.



Lorin and Ben C.

Multi Cultural Day

On Friday August 13 our Annual Multicultural Day celebration was held at the Bonalbo town oval in conjunction with the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation. Local Primary and some Secondary schools attended. One of the main attractions was the presence of three Gold Coast Titans Rugby League players and their promotions officer. The students interacted and participated in Rugby League skills sessions with the players and eventually received signed posters and a banner to take home in memory of the event. Thank you to the Bonalbo community organisations for attending the day and to all staff and students, parents and community members who contributed to the success of the day.

Water

On Monday August 23 the long awaited upgrade of the Bonalbo water treatment plant was officially opened. I have been informed by Kyogle Council that the town water is now very safe for drinking and for other domestic uses. The school has been informed that staff and students at the school should drink the town water in preference to tank water. Over the next few weeks most of our tanks will be disconnected from bubblers and reconnected to town water. If you have any concerns with your child drinking town water you could provide them with a bottle of water to bring to school.

Tractor for Sale by Tender

As part of the Department of Education tractor replacement program, our school has received funding to purchase a new tractor. To assist with this purchase we will be selling our existing tractor. Please find included in this newsletter, a Sale by Tender notice outlining details about the tractor and the process involved in tendering.

New Outdoor Netball/Basketball court

Almost 12 months ago application was made in conjunction with the Bonalbo branch of the Lions Club for a school /community grant to have an all weather basketball court constructed at the school. The money was granted and construction has now commenced. We are hoping the project will be completed in the next two months.

School Fees

Thank you to parents and carers who have paid their children's school fees. A reminder will be sent to families soon regarding school fees for electives that are still outstanding. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or difficulties regarding these fees.

Keith Larsson
Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

Term 3 is well underway, with the students working towards their expected Stage Outcomes for 2010.

PBL

This year has seen the introduction of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Program, an initiative currently in practice in many NSW and Qld schools. PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. As a result, the Primary has had a significant decrease in general classroom negative behaviour, no suspensions for 2010, and students have a clear understanding of consequences and are able to take responsibility for their actions. Students are regularly rewarded for their attitude and application (Ripas), which result in gaining Merit Certificates up to Gold Level, plus participation in Rewards Days. Well done to all Primary students.

Primary Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Primary Athletics Carnival was held at Riverview Park in Lismore on Friday 19th August. Our school representatives were Duncan Ryan, who came first in the Senior Boys Shot Put, Megan Kennedy, 7th, Senior Girls 100 metres, Catriona Bain, 7th, Senior Girls 800 metres, and Jack Henderson, who performed extremely well in his events. Duncan will be going on to compete in the Regionals.

Merit Assembly

The next Merit Assembly, presented by the K/1 Class, will be held on Wednesday 1st September, commencing at 2.00. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending to inform parents about the school banking program and how to participate. The Merit Assembly will be followed by the P&C Meeting.

The weather is getting warmer, so please make sure your child has a hat for the playground. The school has a No Hat No Play policy, which means if they don't have a hat, they will spend their playtime in the shade on the verandah.

Please send your milk bottle caps to the school for Pauls Collect a Cap. The caps are weighed and the school is then given a donation from Pauls, according to the weight of the caps. This money has contributed towards playground equipment in the past.

The K-3 excursion to Sea World will be on Friday 3rd September, and the 4/5/6 excursion to Coffs Harbour will be on Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th September. The Performing Arts Festival, held in Casino, will be on Monday 20th September. Please make sure that all money, notes and correspondence is attended to, enabling a smoother organisation of these activities.

Primary Staff

ENGFAC NEWS from Mr Tucker**COGS**

Year 7 students are working on a COGS unit this term. In a COGS unit, teachers from several subjects get together and plan work that is related to a central question across the subjects. It has been shown that students work well when all their work is linked somehow and they can see the connections.

The central question Year 7 students are working on is, 'What connections can I make between my culture, Bundjalung culture and Japanese culture?' Students are working towards a big celebration/

demonstration day where everybody can show off what they have learned and made.

Full Refund

We are working on a play this term. It's called **Full Refund**, and it concerns a teenager trying to get a refund for a dodgy skateboard. She's not getting much help from the shop assistants, and soon things spiral out of control. Could the handsome young dude with no name be the hero? Students from years 10, 9 and 8 are welcome to try out, but you need to be quick. See Mr Tucker, pronto.

Rats

Our band has been getting plenty of match practice lately, with performances at Open Day, Lorin Nicholson's performance and Multicultural Day. Lorin Nicholson was very complimentary about the Rats' playing. In breaking news, TONEFEST, a combined high schools' concert, will be held in week 9 next term in Lismore. The Rats have been waiting over twelve months for the concert to be confirmed and will be playing two or three pieces at TONEFEST.



Congratulations to our singers, Sally, Shannon and Charlie, who are really starting to blend together well. Our newest Rat is Lewis Horne. Lewis is a drummer, but also describes himself as an 'emergency bass player'. That's just as well, because Michael T, who has held the bass chair for the past six years, will be finishing Year 12 soon. Michael is looking forward to his HSC Music exam because Marc Mittag, Bonalbo's star musician who came first in the state for HSC Music, will be returning to accompany Michael in his performance. No pressure, Michael.

Natalie has taken to the flute like a poddy to a bucket. The Year 9 student has only been playing for four weeks, but she's made outstanding progress.

Rachelle, Reuben, Jack and Brandon have a clip up on Youtube. It was recorded at the 7/8 Concert earlier this year. Google 'zombie rachelle'.

Composers.

Congratulations to Year 8 Music students, who have been using Sibelius software on computers to compose music employing a strategy called IDEA REPEAT COMPLICATE FINISH. They then vary the music using another strategy called MASC. Ask your Year 8 child what MASC means.

Tamykah and Shannon are budding songwriters and have been quietly cranking out some sensitive song lyrics.

If You Prick Us, Do We Not Bleed?

Sounds fairly violent. Well, **The Merchant Of Venice** does get a bit bloodthirsty, but Shakespeare's play has a good deal to say about love, prejudice, revenge and the law. 8 Tu English have managed to translate the whole play into a fast-moving modern version. The climax of the play is a dramatic court scene, during which Shylock tries to cut a pound of flesh from Antonio's bosom. Our next topic fits in well, because it is about the law.

Competitions.

Congratulations to all students who sat the International English and Writing competitions. Results will be released shortly.

Debaters.

Congratulations to both debating teams, who entertained the school arguing on the topic, 'The worst drugs are legal' in our annual Open Day debate. We're planning a rematch very soon. Thanks to Ms. McGann and Ms. Goldstein for their assistance and to our team of guest adjudicators, led by Peter Boughey.

Writers' Festival

Our Year 12 students who attended the Byron Bay Writers' Festival found the presentation by poet, Peter Skryznecki, very useful for their HSC presentation. Ms. McGann and Mrs Tucker found the students to be very well behaved and a pleasure to take.

Mr Tucker

Year 7 Gala Day-Evans Head

It was an early start for Bonalbo Central School teachers, parents and year seven students last Tuesday (17th August), as they made their way to Woodburn to compete in an inter-schools soccer gala day. Other schools participating on the day were; Woodenbong CS, Maclean High, Richmond River High, Lismore High, Kadina High, Casino High and Evans River.

Bonalbo played four games, with three of these games against all boys sides from Richmond River High, and one game against an all boys side from Casino High. Unfortunately, Bonalbo were unable to have a win but things were looking very close at times during the game against Casino High. Regardless, all students had fun and gave it their best, as well as showing excellent sportsmanship and shaking hands after every match.

Afterwards, students enjoyed some time at the beach at Evans Head where they played against some of the adults and teachers in some beach soccer. They managed to win that game.....just.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day for everyone involved, and the Year Seven students represented Bonalbo CS with pride. Well done students!

Mr. Kilroy.

Agriculture News

The Year 9 Agriculture class has been learning to drive the school tractor. All students can now safely turn on a tractor, drive and operate the slasher. They have also been sharpening their skills in a tractor obstacle course on the school farm. Students are currently putting together a local agricultural plant herbarium. These are due to be completed in week 7. The school tractor is being sold by tender, please contact the school if you are interested, also see ad in this newsletter.

Mr Gray

Around the Grounds Sports Report

Congratulations to Rory Wheeler and Hamish Clacher who both came 3rd at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Kingscliff. Unfortunately they were one spot away from making it to State, Well done boys and Congratulations.

The BCS Bloodwood Shield soccer match was held at the Town Oval on Wednesday 11th August 2010. The afternoon was a huge success with a high number of student participants. Congratulations to Beta who took out the match on the day winning 4-2. Mr Gray should be congratulated on a being a great referee.

Year 7 Gala Day was held in Evans Head on Tuesday 17th August 2010. The majority of Year 7 students met with Mr Kilroy and Mr Muller early in the morning. Students played soccer hard against other Year 7 teams including Richmond River. The students had a great day!! Thank you to Mr Muller for his organisation as well as Mr Kilroy, Gary Stubbings and Sissy Elliot for driving students.

Look out for more **Bloodwood Shield results!!!**

Until next time, Play Hard. Play Fair, Enjoy

Mrs Seymour (filling in for Mrs Hobbs)

Year 12 Update

Year 12 students have been very busy this term with not only their studies but also fund raising. Thank you to all community members who helped either by supplying goods to sell at the stalls or purchasing these items.

All Year 12 students are nearing the end of their school days and their HSC exams are approaching rapidly. They only have 4 weeks left till they complete their high school lessons. Trial exam papers in all subjects have now been finalised and students should be preparing for their HSC exams by completing all course work, making summaries and revising all relevant topics.

We wish all Year 12 students well in these final weeks at school.

Mrs Narelle Gray (Year 12 mentor teacher)

Questacon

Questacon Smart Moves is an interactive multimedia presentation highlighting innovation and cutting edge Science, Maths, Engineering and Technology in Australia. It is presented by Questacon-The National Science and Technology Centre and is free to all students in Years 9-12 and community members.

This year's presentation will be at the Bonalbo Community Hall on Monday 30th August at 9.00am

P&C Report

Our stall at the Multicultural Day raised \$578.

Thank you to Raelene Smith, Nicky Bernhagen and Fiona Stubbings for running the stall on the day. I think everyone enjoyed the day. It was good of the Red Cross who helped to organise some of the Titan football players to come and visit.

Don't forget Saturday 28th August is our family photos day. Could everyone wanting a photo please get your form in along with the \$15 for the photo.

Fathers Day stall will be 1st September in the Primary. Raffle tickets for a \$50 gift voucher at Bunnings will be sent home, \$1 a ticket.

Our next P&C Meeting will be Wednesday, September 8 at 3.30pm in the 4/5/6 Classroom.

Hellan Whitney

President

CLO Introduction

As a new member of the Bonalbo Central School team I would like to introduce myself to the parents/ carers I have not had the opportunity to meet or contact by phone. The Community Liaison Officer position is an area that I have been working towards with my involvement in the Tabulam, Bonalbo and Old Bonalbo communities and my current studies in community service. My role as the CLO is to provide a link between the school and the community. I can be contacted at the school on Wednesday and Thursday mornings or by email. I look forward to working with you all.

Regards

Sandra (Sissy) Elliot

Open day

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who attended the Open Day on Wednesday August 4th for Education Week. The students were very proud to assist parents and visitors in a guided tour of our new science facilities, Class room displays, art display and to entertain them with the Great Debate: 'The worst drugs are legal'. A delicious morning tea was provided by the Hospitality students while parents, teachers and staff were entertained by the school band Giant Rat of Sumatra. It was great to see parents and community members involved and interested in our school.

Sissy Elliot

CLO

Parents and teachers: two of the most important people in children's lives.

Red Cross Report

Bonalbo Red Cross sincerely thanks the Titans football club for supporting the Breakfast Club at the school. It was great to have them come along and visit on Multicultural Day and support this very valuable service. And a big thank you to those who gave a donation.

From June 2009 until June 2010 The Bonalbo School Breakfast Club has served 5,878 meals - an average of 52 students per day.

We would also like to thank all the Red Cross members/volunteers who contribute their time setting up and preparing breakfast on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. A thank you also to the Lions Club who provide a BBQ breakfast the 1st Monday of each month.

If you have a couple of hours a week to spare and would like to be a part of the Breakfast Club please ring 'Mon' on 66655133.

Expressions of Interest-Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate

If you are interested in completing a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certificate in Bonalbo please leave your name with the office staff at Bonalbo Central School. It is a 6 hour course and allows you to serve alcohol in bars or restaurants. **Must be 18 years of age.**

Old Magazines are needed for Textiles/Fashion and Food/Hospitality.
Thankyou. Mrs Taikakara

Bonalbo Central School Centenary Reunion **Saturday 23 April 2011**

Accommodation needed: If you are willing to billet someone for the night/weekend please ring/ email the details and cost to Bonalbo Central School ASAP so we can advertise on our website. Include contact details and any cost.

If you know of someone planning to come please get them to ring or email ASAP so we can start planning for catering and souvenirs etc.

The next planning meeting will be on **Thursday, 23 September 2010, 6.00pm** at the Bowling Club. All welcome.

Bonalbo Central School: 02 66651205

email bonalbo-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Proposed Celebrations:

- Saturday 23 April 2011 - School based celebrations
- Saturday evening- Supper dance
- Sunday-Town based celebrations
- Monday-Anzac Day celebrations

Young People and Risk Taking

Risk-taking in adolescence is not only normal, it is an essential part of learning and personal development. Every healthy adolescent takes risks as he or she grows towards independence. Most researchers agree that if there is no risk there is no growth. A common problem for some young people is their inability to evaluate the potential risks and consequences of everyday behaviour. Thrill seeking, speeding, the desire to impress one's friends, feelings of invincibility and the search for new experiences are all motivating forces that drive many teenagers. As a result they are over represented in every category of risk taking resulting in injury and trauma.

The RRISK Program aims to reduce risk-taking behaviour associated with alcohol and drug use, driving and partying amongst year 11 students in the North Coast of NSW. RRISK is relevant to the social life, developmental stage and concerns of adolescents. It extends the school based drug education and road safety curriculum by providing opportunities for senior high school students to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills to reduce risk taking and develop safer celebrating strategies.

This year over 4000 students from 50 high schools from Tweed Heads to Port Macquarie have been registered to attend one of 8 RRISK Seminars to be held in:

- Tweed Heads:** Tweed Heads Civic Centre on 11 and 12 November
- Lismore:** Southern Cross University on 17, 18 and 19 November
- Coffs Harbour:** Southern Cross University on 23 and 24 November
- Port Macquarie:** Panthers Auditorium on 30 November

Research shows that RRISK is effective in reducing young driver crashes by 44%

The largest study ever undertaken into young driver behaviour was conducted by the George Institute of International Health and published in 2009. RRISK was identified as the first and only program to have resulted in a 44% reduction in road crashes for participants. An earlier comprehensive evaluation conducted between 2002-2005 found an increase in protective behaviour and a decrease in risk taking for those students who attended the seminars.

Look for information about the RRISK Program including all the evaluation reports at our website www.rrisk.com.au and in this newsletter over the coming weeks.

Junior Cricket

Sign on days for Casino Junior Cricket will take place on the 4th, 11th and 18th September 2010, at the Casino RSM Club from 8am to 12md. All new players please bring birth certificate. Any enquiries to Lyn McKee 66622283/0427622283 or lynniemac@bigpond.com.au



West of the Range Australia Day Association Inc.

AGM

Mallanganee Hall 30th August 7.30pm

Calling for nominations for the following positions

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer

All nomination to be addressed to the Secretary

4 Peacock Street, Bonalbo NSW 2469



**WOODENBONG
Yowie Country
MARKET**

LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

8am-3pm Woodenbong Hall & Grounds

Features: FREE Iridology, Lee-Anne Young, Naturopath, Wiangaree. Healing Therapies, Marilyn Scott, Woodenbong. W.A.G. (Woodenbong Arts Group Inc.) displays & interaction. Free Live Music. Jammers welcome. Variety of indoor/ outdoor stalls. BBQ food. Children's Playground. Wheelchair access & Amenities. Guaranteed space. Insured stall site \$12

NEXT MARKET SATURDAY 28th August

Contact: Carey 0266351176

Casino TAFE-Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA) course being offered at Casino. Commencing September 1 will run one night per week for 12 months. For further information please contact the Campus on 6661 2000

Upper Clarence EELS Junior Rugby League Club.

In 2011 the UCEJRLC will be participating in the Northern Rivers Junior Competition. To enter our teams in the competition we have to nominate the age divisions that we intend to compete in by this October. To do this we need expressions of interest to formalise our applications We would like to invite all boys and girls aged 9-12 years and boys 13-16 years to join our club. If you are interested please complete the attached form and return to the school office by September 3, 2010.

Rick Shea

Secretary UCEJRLC Phone 6665 3315

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Upper Clarence EELS Junior Rugby League Club

Name:..... Age:..... M/F.....

Questions.....

Contact Details:.....

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Attention:- Year 10, 11 & 12

For Sale by Tender

4WD Kubota Tractor – L3250

40HP Engine-1996 Model

700 hrs

Front End Loader

Operator manual for tractor and loader provided

Well maintained, good working order.

Optional inclusion in tender-5' 6" Slasher-heavy duty



Tenders close September 10, 2010.

Viewing by appointment Mondays or Fridays 8.00am-3.00pm

Tenders to be forwarded to:

The Principal

Bonalbo Central School

Yabba Street

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For more information contact the Principal 02 6665 1205

