

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

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SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 3, 2010



Working in the new Science Centre ↑

Year 8 Food Tech students ↓



Primary Art Auction



↑ Green Up, Clean Up

Primary Athletics ↓



Dates to Remember:

- August 6, 2010— Primary District Athletics
- August 6, 2010— Jeans for Genes Day
- August 10, 2010— Life Education Van visit— Primary
- August 12, 2010— Lorin Nicholson Performance
- August 13, 2010— Multi Cultural Day
- August 17, 2010— Maths Competition
- August 19, 2010— BCS Centenary Meeting
- August 20, 2010— Zone Primary Athletics
- August 25, 2010— Fire Brigade Visit-Primary
- August 30, 2010— Questacon Visit-Years 9-12

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Community Liaison Officer Position

Congratulations to Sandra Elliot who has been appointed to the Community Liaison position for the remainder of the year. This position is linked to Priority School funding and will be reviewed on an annual basis. Sandra has already made contact with a number of Parents and Carers advertising our Education Week Open Day, to be held on Wednesday August 4. Sandra has the role of providing a link between the school and the community particularly in relation to school events. Thank you to the applicants who applied for the position. I understand that all applicants were of great quality and had particular skills suitable for the position, which made the selection process difficult. Unsuccessful applicants may be offered employment in the future to utilise their specific skills.

Lorin Nicholson – Blind Guitarist

On Thursday August 12 Lorin Nicholson will be visiting the school to perform and provide tuition to music classes. Attached is a Flyer with information about Lorin. All students will be encouraged to attend however there will be a cost of \$5.00 per student to cover his costs. A permission note has been sent home with all students but must be returned to the front office with \$5.00 for entry by 9.00am Thursday August 12. Parents and Carers are also invited at no cost. We believe this will be a performance you should not miss. The performance will be between 9.15am and 10.15 am and will take place at the Bonalbo Town Hall. This will be followed by further tuition by Lorin for some music students.

Multi Cultural Day

On Friday August 13 our Annual Multicultural Day celebrations, held in conjunction with the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation will take place at the Bonalbo town oval. Local Primary and some Secondary schools have been invited to attend this day. One of the main attractions will be the presence of the Gold Coast Titans Rugby League players. These players will participate in a Rugby League skills session as well as meet and talk with those who attend. Other community organisations have been invited to participate in the event. There will be singing, dancing, activities and a wide variety of food and drinks. The day will commence at the school with a flag raising at 9.45. The official welcome will take place at 10.00am at the oval. All events and activities will conclude at 2.00 pm. Parents/Carers and community members are most welcome. If you require more information contact myself at school or Cedric and Fred at the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation Centre.

OH&S Training day

Approximately 16 students from years 9 – 11 participated in an Occupational Health and Training day on Thursday July 29. Mr Chris Simpson from Casino who delivered the training was very complimentary about the manner in which the students presented, behaved and involved themselves during the day. These students will receive a National OHS Construction Induction Training Certificate (White Card) allowing them to work on a construction site. We now have 32 students with this qualification in our senior years. Thank you to all students and to Mrs Larsson for her organisation.

*Keith Larsson
Principal*

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. We hope you had a great holiday. As usual, this is going to be another very busy term with the calendar rapidly filling up with coming events.

School Athletics Carnival

In Week One we held our Athletics Carnival. Many thanks to our parents and helpers, including Dave Bain, Justin Fuller, Kathy Bain, Petrina Mansfield and Brooke Ballard who helped the day run smoothly, thanks also to Grantley Roffey for his assistance in collecting and setting up the equipment. Well done to all students who took part in the events and to Miss Doohan and Mrs Armfield for organising the day.

Seniors Champions Logan McDougall and Megan Kennedy
Year 11 Champions Sarah Firkin and Nathaniel Okkonen
Junior Champions Summer Clarke and Jack Henderson

Juvenile Champions Connor Heycock , Ben Sankey and Keeli Paige
Good luck to all those students who will be competing at Tabulam on Friday 6th August.

Staff Changes

Ms Judy Voisey is extending her time at Tuntable Creek as Relieving Principal for Terms 3 and 4. We are very lucky to have Mrs Kathleen Collis continue to teach the K/1 Class in Ms Voisey's absence. A big welcome back to Mrs Kate Armfield, who is returning from maternity leave to teach her 2/3 classes on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. Miss Breanna Doohan will continue to teach 2/3 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Armfield and Ms Davies will share in the Relieving AP role to support Miss Megan O'Meara.

GREEN UP CLEAN UP

Green Up Clean Up was held again this year on the 30th July 2010. This year we also incorporated National Tree Day with this event.

The activities commenced at 12.30pm with a very short assembly followed by a cleanup of the Primary and Secondary school grounds. Students then planted their lovely, healthy seedlings (planted in week 11 of last term and tended to by Ms Davies over the holidays) in our new raised beds.

Thank you to the P&C for paying for one of our raised beds and the SRC for contributing to the cost of other raised bed. Thank you Mr Larsson for picking up the compost and soil mix for our beds and to Miss O'Meara for picking up the beds for us.

Our vegetable garden will be tended by our students and the vegetables used in cooking classes early in term 4.

Education Week

Week 3 is Education Week and we are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 4th August. Primary activities will include a NAPLAN Information session in Ms Davies' room before morning tea. We will then hold open classrooms in the periods between morning tea and lunch. We are looking forward to seeing you all on the day.

Competitions

The English Competition will be held on Tuesday 3rd August, and the Maths Competition will be held on Tuesday 17th August.

End of Term 2 Events

Art Auction

Thank you to everyone who came along and took part in our SRC Art Auction on the 30th June last term. The SRC raised approximately \$800. Many thanks to all those businesses who donated goods and vouchers for our lucky numbers raffle, which added to the day. Mr Larsson did a fantastic job as Auctioneer and kept the pace fast and furious. Money raised by the SRC will go towards the 4/5/6 Camp and the K/1/2/3 excursion.

Rewards Day Circus Challenge

On the final Friday of last term the students were entertained by the Circus Challenge troupe, who travel around Australia and New Zealand to share their talents and circus tricks with school children. As well as being entertained by the circus performers, our students learnt to spin plates, juggle silks, twirl sticks and manipulate Diabolo. The Circus Challenge focus is for children to be active and to have lots of fun in the process.

PLAYING FOR THE AFL BRISBANE LIONS

On the second Saturday of the holidays I went to Brisbane to play AFL on the football grounds of the Brisbane Lions. I was playing for the Brisbane Lions in the Under 10's. We were playing against St Kilda. It was scary sitting and waiting but when I got out on the ground it was fine. I could hear the crowd cheering. Brisbane Lions Under 10's won. Every week I play for the Lismore Swans, and I was one of three to get selected to go to Brisbane to play for the Lions. My favourite part of the day was when everyone got on the field at the end of the day. By Jack Henderson



Mathematics Assessment Tasks-Term 3

Mr Sharpe's Classes

Year 7: Integers Topic Test, Week 4; Percentages Topic Test, Week 8

Year 9: Probability & Trigonometry Topic Test, Week 5; Co-ordinate Geometry Topic Test, Week 9

Year 10: Consumer Arithmetic & Volume & Surface Area Topic Test, Week 4; Graphs & Data Analysis, Week 9.

Mr Tomczyk's Year 11 General Maths Class

Assessment Task 3: Date - August 17, 2010, Formal Class Test

Suggested Preparation: In depth revision of chapter six and seven content of New Century Maths II Textbook.

TAS ASSESSMENT TASKS

8 Technology (Mandatory)- Term 3

1. Practical-Shorts, pants or skirt due week 8(Monday 6th September) 40%
2. Design-Pocket or fabric decoration due week 9 (Monday 13th September) 10%
3. Herb Research due week 10 (23rd September) 8%

Food Technology Assessment Tasks-Term 3

1. Practical lessons each Friday (Each student must bring an apron, 2 tea towels, dishcloth) 20%
2. Religious Celebration -Power Point and Oral Presentation, week 7 (Tuesday 31st August) 10%
 - Practical, week 7 (Friday 3rd September) 4%
3. Celebration Cake -Practical-Bake cake week 8 (Friday 10th September) 2%
 - Practical-Decorate cake week 9(Friday 17th September) 6%
 - Portfolio using the design process, week 10 (Friday 10th September) 12

Hospitality Assessment Tasks-Term 3

Year 12

Week 4-Develop and Update Hospitality Knowledge (Wednesday 11th August)

Year 11/12

Week 8 -Organise and Prepare Food (Wednesday 8th September)

Week 9 -Present Food (Wednesday 15th September)

Week 10-Practical Assessment Task- Crumbed Fish and Vegies (Wednesday 22nd September.)

Mrs Taikakara

Agriculture News

Prior to the school holidays the agriculture class went on an excursion to the Casino cattle saleyards. The students were able to experience how the saleyards operate, including a guided tour of the cattle weighing system. We bought 4 Angus cross steers at the sale to be run on the school farm. The students have ear tagged, vaccinated and earmarked the steers. In the past couple of weeks the steers have settled in well to their new surroundings. Thanks to Phil McCormack for transporting the steers to the school farm. Also thanks to the parents who drove the students to the sale.

Stephen Gray

The Central Schools' Conference, 2010.

The Central Schools' Conference in Albury in southern NSW during Week 1 of the term (22-23 July) gave Ms Miller and I a chance to not only hear from some great keynote speakers who are considered experts in the field of education, it gave us the opportunity to showcase to staff from other Central Schools across NSW some of the great things we do here at Bonalbo.

We ran a workshop in which Ms Miller spoke about the programs and strategies we have put in place to make our school more engaging and then I followed with a hands-on demonstration of the everyday strategies I use in my classroom to engage the diverse range of students who make up any of our classes.

My belief is that to be an effective teacher, I need to get to know every one of my students as an individual and then I need to identify and use strategies that will meet the needs of all of my individual

students. It was very refreshing to hear one of our keynote speakers, Professor Stephen Dinham, use both of these ideas in his address, immediately before our workshop. It was a coincidental but very opportune introduction to exactly what we were about to present!

Our workshop was very well received and we were busy at the end of it swapping email addresses with people from other schools who were keen to access more information about our programs and strategies at Bonalbo Central School.

Jan Maslen (Head Teacher Secondary Studies)

Green Up Clean Up Day

On the 30th July I had the pleasure of sharing growing moments with the students participating in National Tree Planting Day. The theme of the day was green up and clean up.

The children were excited to plant their sprouting seeds into the new Corro Raised garden beds. Silver beet dwarf peas and tomatoes were planted and watered with much care. The students will be able to nurture and watch these plants grow, and hopefully be able to use their vegetables in future cooking. Unfortunately after greening up it was time to clean up. Garbage bags and gloves were handed out and the children walked around collecting the rubbish to clean up their school. A good job was done by all.

Sissy Elliot

CLO

P&C Report

Last Friday 30th July we had a canteen for the Primary athletics, we raised \$222.75. A big thank you to Raelene Smith and Fiona Stubbings for running the canteen on the day.

Paul Attwood Photographics will be coming on the 28th August to take family photos as a fund raiser. Information will be sent home this week.

We will be having a stall at the Multicultural Day on 13th August anyone who could help on the day would be very much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be 11th August 3.30pm in the Primary 4/5/6 room all welcome.

Hellan Whitney.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Are you paying too much for your whistle?

What is the first thing you remember buying with your own hard-earned money? Can you remember what it was? Every kid has had some longed-for, worked-for, saved-for dream. For me as a kid it was a top of the range train set. I can still see it in my mind's eye today. I went to sleep at night deciding what types of trains and carriages, how I would build the tracks, tunnels, platforms, etc.etc. I knew that such a train set would make me happy forever.

I never got it.

But the things we did save up for and get as a kid? How'd that work for you? Did life's earliest purchases always work out well? The super man "action figure" doesn't actually DO anything. Bummer. The superdooper water pistol jams and never fires again after the first six shots. Bummer. The cheap plastic yacht floats in the water for a minute then sinks into the dam never to be seen again. Bummer.

Benjamin Franklin never forgot the first purchase he ever made. It was a tin whistle. When he was a little child he saw it in a store window and coveted it, and finally got the money and went and bought it. Almost as soon as he had purchased it, he knew he had been cheated. It had cost him too much. It wasn't worth what he had paid for it. But if he paid too much for the whistle, he didn't pay too much for the lesson it taught him. It stayed with him all through his life.

And ever after he would look at men and women, friends and acquaintances, politicians and statesmen, absorbed in the pursuit of power, or of fame, or of wealth, and see that they were all getting too little for what it was costing them. Never one to be shy, Ben would say to them, "You are paying too much for your whistle!"

How much are you paying for your whistle? The first lesson in Economics should be that everything in life comes at a cost. Everything exacts a price.

Want to get into a great uni? Start spending your hours and days studying hard, investing in knowledge, compounding your cognitive abilities. Want your family your marriage, your children, your

relatives to be strong and whole and healthy? It doesn't just happen by chance. You have to make special time for each person you love. You have to listen to each concern and care about every problem.

You have to watch sporting events of your children and grandchildren when you would rather be doing something else. You have to be able to know the names of the latest celebrities and latest gadgets and how to find out anything about anyone on Facebook. Not progressed that far yet?

Life costs. The question of life is this: is the whistle you are investing in worth it? And if it is, how high a cost are you ultimately willing to pay for your whistle? What whistle have you been paying big bucks for that isn't worth the cost?

So many of our kids are convinced that the whistle of "popularity" is worth everything they have. Our kids think the prize of popularity is worth spending all their money on the "right" clothes, the "right" hair, the "right" look, the "right" music. To be "popular" at all costs can cost our kids their self-identity, their independent mind, their unique personal curiosity, their spontaneous compassion.

We parents might chastise our children about chasing after "popularity." But we have an adult version that is just as bad, if not worse. That "game" is called "fame" and a socially acceptable "success." Is your "whistle" a house in the "right" neighborhood. Is your "whistle" a membership in the "right" club? Is your whistle the next promotion, the newest electronic toy, the latest model luxury car? Or is your whistle giving off a more subtle sound? The sound of influence? The siren song of power over others, of command and control, of making colleagues into subordinates and then making them toe your line?

Are you paying too much for your whistle?

There are some helpful books available for loan, just ask me – Peter Boughey, school chaplain, phone school 66651205, or my home 66625170, or for any other help you may need.

"The five love languages of teenagers"

"Why boys don't talk and why that's important"

"Why girls talk and what they are really saying"

"Raising boys" (Australian author)

"Manhood" (Australian author)

Cheers, Peter Boughey, School Chaplain.

Upper Clarence Junior Rugby League

Celebrations all round as we have had our first match win! The Carnival at Kyogle was a great success, topped off with a win by the Under 9's against Casino. Although we didn't make it through to the finals we all had a fabulous day. The best and fairest awards went to Saif Soliman (under 9's) and Brayden Avery (under 12's), well done! Once again the number of spectators was very encouraging and the community assistance in organising everything for the day was fantastic. Thank you to all those concerned. It was very nice to get many comments from other team officials and organisers on the day all telling us what a fantastic job we are doing and how they wished they had as much community support as we do, especially the number of volunteers who have no boys/sons playing but just help out due to their love of seeing the kids involved in sport.

We have had some very exciting news this week! We have been very fortunate to secure a 2 year sponsorship deal with the Parramatta Eels. This will encompass such items as jerseys, training equipment, footballs etc. As a result our team colours and name will obviously be changed accordingly to the Upper Clarence Eels in blue and gold colours.

We also received news that our application for funding from the government's Volunteer Grants 2010 was successful – this funding will enable to purchase a fridge, water bottles and other equipment.

At this point in time it is now necessary, due the success of our venture, to formalise our club and form an official committee. A meeting will be held on Saturday 14th August at 11:30am in the Tabulam Hotel Beer Garden following our training/game sessions. We would like to invite all interested parties to attend and be present for this important meeting and become a part of our club from its inception.

The next Carnival is a mini league carnival for the under 9's only at Yamba on the 7th August. Hope to see you there!

K. Martin. Upper Clarence Junior Rugby League

Mc Cain School Veggie Patches Program

As we have our new vegetable patches being planted in the primary the P&C have kindly registered Bonalbo Central School for the Mc Cain School Veggie Patches Program. This will allow the school to claim gardening tools and consumables (seeds, compost, gloves, wheelbarrows, etc) through the program.

What to do: If you commonly buy Mc Cain frozen products , please save the bar codes from them and send them to school. Collection boxes and a list of McCain products that are included in this promotion can be found at the main office and in the primary staff room.

The program ends on 31st October 2010, so all barcodes will need to be in by then.

Thank you

Primary Staff

Bonalbo Central School Centenary Meeting

**Thursday August 19, 2010
Bonalbo Bowling Club
6pm**

For Sale

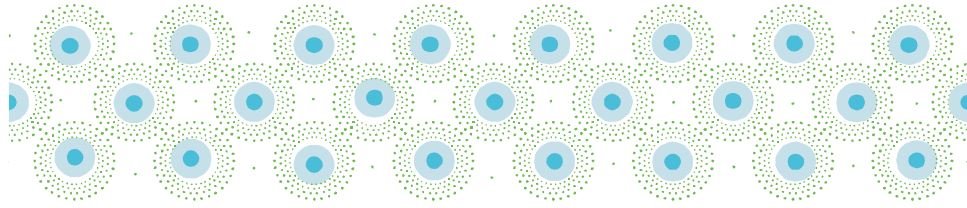
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Multi Cultural Day

Unsung Heroes

Friday August 13, 2010

9.45 am Flag Raising Ceremony at Bonalbo Central School
10.00 am Official Welcome at Town Oval
Activities, singing and dancing and a wide variety of food and drinks will be available.
Some Gold Coast Titan Rugby League players will be present.
All activities will conclude at 2.00 pm

Parents/Carers and Community Members are most welcome.
Community organisations are invited to participate.

*For more information contact Mr Larsson at Bonalbo Central School
or Cedric and Fred at the Aboriginal Corporation*

