

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

Celebrating 100 Years

SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 3, 2011



Mufti Day/Goodbye Year 12 ↑
African Famine Day / Mufti Day ➔



Dates to Remember

November 2, 2011 - Primary Assembly
November 3, 2011 - Year 6 to 7 Transition
November 4, 2011 - Kindergarten Transition
Day with Parents
November 7-11, 2011 - School Certificate Exams
November 7-11, 2011 - Years 7-9 Yearly Exams
November 11, 2011 - Kindergarten Transition
Day
November 14-18, 2011 - Portfolio Interviews
November 17, 2011 - TVET taster Year 10 girls.
November 18, 2011 - Kindergarten Transition
Day



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Keith Larsson
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Kate Armfield

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4 which is always busy with exams, portfolio Interviews, evaluating and reporting and planning for the following year. Year 12 are well into their Higher School Certificate examinations and are hopefully trying their best. Results of the efforts will be known at the end of this term. All other secondary students will be sitting exams and participating in portfolio interviews over the next month. Dates for exams and most other events will be advertised in this newsletter and throughout the term.

School Captains

Congratulations to Stewart Coates and Rachelle Crane who have accepted the position of School Captains and Anna Bain and Nathan Firken who have accepted the position of Vice Captain.

To reach these positions all students had to be nominated, interviewed by the Principal and Year Adviser were required to make a speech to the Secondary students and then be voted into the positions by all staff and students.

I believe all four students are very worthy candidates and will carry out their roles until the end of Term 3, 2012. I am looking forward to working with these students during the next twelve months.

The Primary Captains will go through a similar process this term and the Captains will be announced on Presentation Night.

Coles Shopping Vouchers

Thank you to parents/carers and community members who have provided Coles shopping vouchers to the school. These vouchers will be used to purchase sporting equipment. It has been noticed that some vouchers have come from as far afield as Malvern in Victoria.

Transition to School

The transition to Kindergarten is well underway with our new 2012 Kindergarten students beginning to appreciate what life at school is like. This program will continue on Fridays with Mrs Armfield, who has organised the program and will be teaching the students in 2012.

Our first full day of Year 6 being at High School will take place on Thursday November 3. Principals of Tabulam, Drake and Old Bonalbo Public Schools may have passed on information in relation to this day. Further details of activities planned will be provided shortly. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend the first session of the day which will be between 9.00 and 10.30 am. They are also welcome to stay the whole day if they choose. Students may wish to travel on the school bus or by car with a parent or carer.

Keith Larsson
Principal

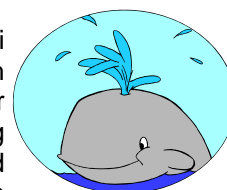
PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back to another busy term, with dates filling up very quickly. A primary calendar will be going out this week with all our known dates for the term.

A reminder that as the weather heats up it is compulsory for students to have appropriate sun protection at school and especially when in the playground and at sport. We have a "No Hat, No Play" policy and students who do not have a hat to wear must sit in the undercover area. Please ensure your child has a hat/cap with their name inside.

Youth Environmental Council Report

Teal, Chloe, Eliza and Layton had the opportunity to spend an amazing day (Fri Week 1) on the ocean at Byron Bay as part of their commitment to the Youth Environmental Council. Travelling by car with Ms O'Meara, they met other students at the Dive Centre in Byron. After filling out paper work and organising groups, students from Kyogle High and Public, Collin's Creek, Casino High and Bonalbo were taken to the beach in the back of troop carriers and deposited in three dinghies. They saw many whales that day, even a calf, and had the amazing experience of spotting them fairly close by.



Teal, Chloe, Eliza, Justin and Layton have all contributed to the YEC all year. We thank them for their commitment and hope they have valued their experiences. Next year we aim to begin our own school-based YEC and hope that students will be interested in working towards building sustainability in all areas of their lives.



Primary Staff

Primary SRC Report

Primary student representative council (SRC) members are very busy this term organising fundraisers and gathering ideas for next year. Last Friday students dressed in light blue, green, white and red-the colours found on the Djibouti flag a small country that has been severely affected by the drought in Africa-to raise money for the famine. Primary school students raised \$30.70.

This Friday, primary school is participating with the high school for Bandanna Day. Money raised will be donated to Canteen-teenage cancer. Students are asked to wear a bandanna and make a gold coin donation. Bandannas will also be available at the library on Friday for \$4.00.

This Wednesday morning SRC are holding a 'scary cake stall'-all donations of cakes and biscuits will be very much appreciated. The SRC would like to thank everyone for the support they have received this year.

Secondary S.R.C.

Welcome to our new leaders – Captains Stewart Coates and Rachelle Crane and Vice Captains Anna Bain and Nathan Firkin.

The term started with 2 of our students attending the regional S.R.C. camp near Uki. Shania Hickling and Sally-Ann Montgomery represented Bonalbo Central School wonderfully and also had the chance to develop their own leadership skills in a challenging environment. Thank you to Ruth Montgomery for providing transport.

The S.R.C. has already this term had a fundraising day to support relief efforts for the African famine and started a letter writing campaign to raise awareness of our need for a doctor in our community and hospital. A Halloween dress up day will combine with Bandanna Day to raise funds for teenage cancer research.

The S.R.C. members will also soon be taking part in a video conference to discuss increased student participation in Department of Education planning.

Portfolio Interviews and Mock Interviews for 2011.

Week 6 this term will be "Interview Week" with all students from Years 7 to 10 taking part.

On Monday 14th November Year 10 students will each face a panel of 2 adults who will interview them according to a job advertisement they have selected for their applications. Students will have completed their cover letter and job application in Work Education prior to the interview date and will then attend their interview at the allocated time, answering questions and offering information to their panel, as they would if they were actually applying for a job in the real world.

Students will be graded in their interview according to the quality of their job application, the way they present themselves at the interview (including appropriate dress for the occasion) and how they are able to talk about themselves with their panel. All of us who have applied for a job and had an interview will recognise these three areas as exactly the same as those any prospective worker will be judged on.

Given that our students have limited opportunities to experience job interviews before leaving school, this is considered an invaluable experience for them and, therefore is a compulsory part of their Year 10 Work Education course.

Following the Year 10 Mock Interviews, Years 7 – 9 students will have their Portfolio Interviews. At this stage of the planning, Year 9 interviews will be on Tuesday, 15th November, Year 8 on Thursday 17th November and Year 7 on Friday 18th November.

As in past years, each student will talk with a panel made up of a community member, a teacher and a student from another year. They will bring with them to the interview a minimum of 5 tasks they have completed throughout the year (from 5 different subjects) and use those tasks to answer questions put to them by the panel about their learning in 2011. Unlike the Year 10 students who are expected to dress appropriately for their "job interview", Year 7 – 9 students will be expected to wear full school uniform to their interview and this will be one of the grading criteria.

Students will be given feedback at the completion of the interview and will receive a certificate detailing their achievement in the interview process with their school report at the end of the term.

If any parents or community members are available to be part of any the interview panels, please contact me at school a.s.a.p. so that planning in this area can be completed. Ring me at school if you wish to know more about it.

Jan Maslen
Portfolio Interview Co-ordinator

Trent White
Careers Adviser

7/8 Concert

Our 7/8 Concert will be held next Wednesday night, 2nd November from 7pm in the school's Revamped Multi Purpose Centre. All students in Years Seven and Eight are expected to participate in the concert, and we'd love to see all parents here supporting them.

This year our show will be a little bit different. Mr Muller has been working with the students in German classes preparing a German Oktoberfest Song and Dance spectacular. The costumes and dances really are something special. Ms. Powderly's Year Eight English class will present a humorous play about the perils of film making.

There will also be the usual individual items by students and special guests, so a big night is assured. As usual, the students will be organising the concert themselves. Year Seven and Eight committees have been discussing the finer points, and every student needs to take on a job to help with the running of the show.

We will be rehearsing during Sport on Wednesday 2nd November, and students will need to be back at school by 6pm to get ready for the show.

Please come and support the students. Gold coin donation please.



Senior Music Concert

Congratulations, Years 9-12 Music. We've received rave reviews for student performances in our recent **It Lives** concert. The acting was particularly impressive, and our new headset microphones meant that the audience could hear every word and every note. \$130 was raised for African Famine relief. Thank you to everyone who supported the show.



He's Back

Our senior Music students are on a roll. Having barely scraped off the grease paint from the mini musical, **Full Refund**, they are already in pre rehearsal for the return of **Bismo Roach**, the Insect Epic. We hope to stage the show early in Term Two 2012. While students in years 9-12 Music will be filling most of the roles, there will be an opportunity for other students, and even teachers, to do some acting, singing or dancing, so stay tuned.

Reconsider.

Maybe you haven't heard of ENGFAC. That's the name we give to the school's English Faculty, which includes the teachers of English, Music, Art, LOTE and Library. This term ENGFAC is compiling a book to showcase our students' work, and we are seeking poems, fiction, song lyrics, opinion pieces and photographic work to include.

I have asked all ENGFAC teaches to put their pen where their mouth is, lead by example and submit a piece of their own work to show the students that we're not just pretty faces.

Every student in the high school is invited to submit something. We'll even take a look at contributions from parents. We are hoping that the contributions will have something to do with the theme of **Reconsidering**, but we will have a look at anything. The theme is very broad; we can reconsider an action, a person, an attitude or a piece of information.

Ms. Schumacher will be our editor, and the deadline will be the end of week 6. Just send/give your contribution to an ENGFAC teacher or email it to Ms Schumacher. We hope to have the book ready for Presentation Night.

Dave Tucker
Head Teacher, ENGFAC.

Literacy Never Stops

Congratulations, Year Nine. Our NAPLAN test results show that more than half of our Year Nine students' growth in Literacy over the last two years is above the state average. However NAPLAN also showed that our Year 7 and Year 9 students need to improve their spelling of three syllable words.

Can you think of five three syllable words and spell them properly?

Here are some: admiring, dictation, annual, terrible, prettily. They're really not such big words, are they? All you have to do is use them more and spell them correctly, and your Literacy score will improve.

Challenge.

Write a three syllable word for each letter of the alphabet, from '**actual**' all the way through to '**zanily**.'

Agriculture News

The Year 7 Ag class have planted a variety of summer vegetables in their gardens, including; lettuce, corn, tomatoes, zucchini, parsley, beetroot and beans. They have been managing them well and look like getting a great harvest before Christmas. Before the end of the year the whole of Year 7 will have a lesson together where they can prepare and eat food grown solely on the Ag Farm.

We have a new dorper ram with our ewes, courtesy of Dave Whitney. The ram has settled in with his new girls well. We are looking forward to his lambs next year.

The Year 9/10 Ag class have finished their cropping and tractors unit. They have a cropping project due now. We have started a dairy unit and look forward to visiting a working dairy.



Stephen Gray

Certificate II in Hospitality

Congratulations to Chris Zervos and Gillian Gorry who recently completed a Certificate II in Hospitality. Since enrolling in the course in February 2010 Gillian gained employment at Bonalbo Bowling Club restaurant and Chris has set up his own mobile catering business called 'CK Catering' which caters for parties, weddings and any special occasion. He recently catered for a 21st birthday party which I attended and the food served was truly delicious. Best wishes to both of you as you continue employment in the Hospitality Industry.

Any adults interested in joining Hospitality in 2012, please contact the office staff at Bonalbo Central School. Our new Commercial Hospitality room will open at the beginning of 2012.

9/10 Textiles Technology

Students are completing a variety of chosen sewing articles in 9/10 Textiles, including formal and casual dresses, a tie dyed doona, tie dyed curtains, a large teddy bear and a colourful wrap skirt. Come along to speech night and see them on display.

Year 7 Design and Technology

Once students have completed their core Year 7 work in Textiles, Agriculture and Woodwork, they are able to choose any of these areas of interest for extension work. The textiles group have decided to sew either navy stretch skirts (to wear as school uniform) or white stretch skirts (to colourfully tie dye). Gypsy Dunn is designing a dress with blue and pink panels, a very original idea. They hope to model these at the Lismore Combined Schools Fashion Parade this time next year. They are currently drawing up the patterns they will use. These will be displayed at speech night.

Mrs Taikakara

P&C Report

Thank You to everyone who helped at the bullride BBQ . It was a long night, we cooked until 11.30pm and made about \$2000.

There will be a Halloween Disco on Wednesday October 26, 2011, for Primary Students.

Tuesday November 1, 2011 is our Melbourne Cup Day at the Bonalbo Bowling Club, starting at 10.00am, entry will be \$10 and there will be \$2 sweeps, a Calcutta and \$5 tickets for our monster raffle. Parents please remember we still want prizes for our monster raffle, they can be left at the school. Helpers for the day are most welcome.

Hellan Whitney
President

Year 12 Raffle

Thank You to everyone who bought tickets in our raffle.

The winners were; Corinne Miller, Foodworks Voucher
 Ruth Montgomery, Pharmacy Voucher
 Debbie Smith, Hardware Voucher
 Cedric Walker, Newsagency Voucher
 Mon Petty, Post Office Voucher.

Thank you to all local businesses for their kind donations.

Year 12 Students

PRESS RELEASE

Bonalbo Students Help Famine Victims

Bonalbo Central School students have responded to the devastating famine in the Horn of Africa by mounting an all out fundraising effort. The school's SRC organised Famine Friday to raise awareness and collect donations for Red Cross famine relief.

The fundraising campaign has been spearheaded by school captains, Stewart Coates and Rachelle Crane .

'Last month we staged a concert and musical and wanted to donate the proceeds to a charity. It's hard to pick just one, but the African famine seemed so pressing and immediate', said Rachelle.

Stewart said, 'On Famine Friday students and staff have come dressed in the colours of the six African countries affected by the famine and donated money to the cause.'

Rachelle said, 'We approached our Principal, Mr Larsson, first because we knew he'd lead the way with a big donation.'

'The Federal government is matching individual donations dollar for dollar so, with the three hundred dollars raised today, we will be able to send over six hundred dollars to Africa very soon.' , said Rachelle.

CLO REPORT**School Community Survey:**

Thank you to all the parents/carers and other community members who have completed and returned the school National Partnership survey. The information gathered is most important in restructuring / modifying the school's engagement with the community.

Red Cross Breakfast Club:

Breakfast is still available every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. A BBQ breakfast is also provided the 1st Monday of the month by the Lions Club. Any assistance with the Breakfast Club would be greatly appreciated. Ph: Monnie on 66655113.

Mindle

Mindle ladies have completed sewing their bags and are now busily learning to sew patchwork quilts. The quilts look great and it's been a great achievement for the ladies who have never sewn before. Well done.

Sissy Elliot
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WOODENBONG

Yowie Country

MARKET

LAST SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

8am-3pm Woodenbong Hall & Grounds

Country atmosphere. Free Live Music. Sheltered seating. Variety of indoor/outdoor stalls. Hot food. Face Painting. Children's Playground. Wheelchair access & Amenities. W.A.G. (Woodenbong Arts Group Inc.) displays & interaction.

Insured stall site \$12 **Contact: Geoff 02 66351571**

NEXT EVENT SATURDAY 29th October



Thank you to local businesses

CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

Williams Auto & Ag Repairs
 Dog 'n' Bull Hotel
 Brown & Hurley
 Thearle Electrical
 North Coast Cabinets
 Lismore City Council Parks & Recreation
 Adon Building
 Zeebras Restaurant and /café
 Cargolink
 Tranquil Pools & Landscapes
 Chris Warrington (Handsome House)

*S*ave *O*ur *S*ervices -Committee

MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

... to be drawn at the Charity Auction at the Bonalbo Showground on
 10th December

Donations Needed

Please ... anything suitable for a quality Christmas
 Hamper

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Support your local businesses and buy Australian-Made products when purchasing your donations



FAMILY PICNIC

All are invited to gather together to say ...

Thank You

To

Dr Trevor Tierney

... who is due to retire on the 31st December 2011



*Bring your family and friends, a Basket Picnic tea
& blanket/chairs for your comfort*

to

Bonalbo Showground

6.30pm Saturday 10th December

Enquiries: 66 651 286 or 66 655 154

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Upper Clarence Health Committee

PUBLIC MEETING

To ensure uninterrupted medical
services in the Bonalbo area

When: 1.00pm, Friday November 18, 2011

Where: Bonalbo Community Hall

*Come and hear contributions by our elected
representatives and health CEOs