

# BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

## Celebrating 100 Years

### SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 Week 6, 2011



#### Year 7 Transition Day



Donna-Lee presents her Hors d'oeuvres



#### Dates to Remember:

- November 18, 2011- Kindy Transition
- November 18, 2011 - Pet Day, Primary
- November 18, 2011 - SOS Public Meeting Bonalbo Community Hall
- November 22, 2011 - Year 8 ESSA test
- November 23, 2011 - Primary Concert and BBQ, MPC 6.30pm
- November 25, 2011 - Year 12 Formal, 6.30 for 7.00pm
- November 25, 2011 - Kindy Transition
- November 25, 2011 - K/1 Pottery Day
- November 28– December 2, 2011 - Down River Canoeing Trip
- November 30, 2011 - 4/5/6 Assembly
- December 1, 2011 - Year 6 Sleepover
- December 2, 2011 - Primary Intensive Swimming 12.30-2.30pm
- December 5, 2011– Life Education Van visit, Primary
- December 6-9, 2011– Intensive Swimming, Primary 12.30-2.30pm
- December 9, 2011 - P&C Christmas Carols and BBQ, 6.30pm



Stewart participating in Bandana Day

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

### Work Portfolio Interviews

By the time this newsletter is received all students in years 7 to 10 will have been interviewed by a panel comprised of teachers, students and community members to show and discuss selected work from subjects undertaken this year. This is a very important and valuable activity for students as it develops interview skills and provides feedback to students on how they have been performing academically and with the interview process.

All students must undertake the interview unless they have a medical reason to be absent on the day of interviews. Students who are in this situation will have an interview with the Principal and Portfolio Coordinator on their return. Students will also receive written feedback on their performance on their school reports.

Thank you very much to all students staff, parents and community members who have been involved with this process and to Mrs Maslen for her work in coordinating the interviews.

### HSC and Farewell.

The HSC was completed last Friday and I am sure all Year 12 students are relieved that the exams are finished. Over the next two months the results of their efforts will be known and those who have applied for university will find out if they have been successful. Regardless of the outcomes we wish all Year 12 success in the future in whatever direction life may lead them.

Next Friday November 25, the final opportunity to Farewell Year 12 will take place in the refurbished Multi Purpose Centre. I am anticipating this will be a wonderful evening and I thank the Year 12 Adviser Ms Goldstein for her organisation and the P&C for catering.

### National Partnerships

The very involved and time consuming process of planning for National Partnerships funding is almost complete. The school plans, including targets for 2012, will be available on our school website before the end of the year after being evaluated by Department of Education and Community program managers. Thank you to all staff and community members who have been involved in the process and, particularly, to Ms Miller for coordinating and putting the plans together.

### Transition to School

Thank you to the parents, carers and students who were able to attend the transition to Kindergarten and High school days which were held recently. It was a pleasure for all teachers concerned to spend time with everyone and we are looking forward to having all the students here on a full time basis next year. If you are aware of any parents who are new to the area and considering their schooling options, please ask them to contact me at school.

*Keith Larsson*  
*Principal*

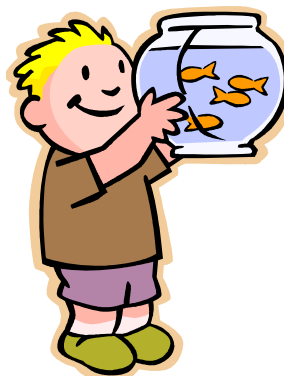
### Primary News

All the Primary teachers and students are busy, busy, busy finalising the school year.

This week we have a visiting Year 10 work placement student from Casino High School here to walk in the shoes of a teacher for the week. I trust that everyone will make Caitlin feel welcome.

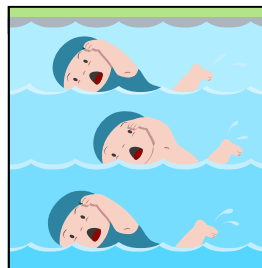
Also this Friday November the 18<sup>th</sup> the Primary SRC are holding a 'Pet Day', students are invited to bring their favourite pet or novelty pet along to participate in the day. The day will start at 12:30 for an early BBQ lunch (\$3.00 for a steak sandwich and \$1.50 for a sausage sandwich). Parents are asked to bring the pets to the school no earlier than 12:30 and stay for the afternoon to supervise the family pet. The SRC is asking for a gold coin donation per pet entry.

Next Wednesday night 23/11/2011 all students will be participating in our annual Primary Concert. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the concert will start at 7:00. The Primary Concert will showcase students from Kinder to Year 6 singing, dancing and short drama pieces. I would strongly encourage all parents to come along and support their children.



### Primary Up and coming dates

- Kindy Transition 18/11
- Pet Day 18/11
- Primary Concert 23/11
- Kindy Transition 25/11
- K/1 Pottery Day with Mrs Firkin 25/11
- 4/5/6 Assembly 30/11
- Year 6 sleepover 1/12
- Swim Scheme 2/12



### Bicycle Helmet Safety

Helmets are an integral part of bike safety and whilst they do not stop the bike from crashing they can reduce the severity of head injuries to the cyclist.

In NSW it has been compulsory for all cyclists to wear an approved and properly fitted bicycle helmet since 1991. Bicycle helmets must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Safety Standard AS/NZ 2063. This sticker can usually be found in the helmet.

Helmets are only of use if they are properly fitted to the rider's head. To do this: sit the helmet on the head and ensure there are only 2 finger widths between the helmet's rim and the eyebrows. The straps on either side should form a 'v' just below the ear and the strap should be securely fastened under the chin with one 1 finger width between the strap and chin.

Remember to replace your helmet if the straps are worn or frayed or you can see any cracks in the foam or the helmet has been involved in a crash or dropped onto a hard surface.

*Primary Staff*

### Literacy Never Ends

Last time your Literacy challenge was to find a three syllable word for each letter of the alphabet.

How did you go? If you wrote them down, grab the list. If you didn't, start writing. It's never too late to start. Remember, the idea is to get students using more three syllable words in their writing.

This time I want you to improve your chances of spelling those words properly by simply creating two new words based on each of the words on your list. They can be short or long, as long as they have some of the spelling. Use a dictionary if you like. It really works.

e.g: **actual**, actually, actualise.

**beautiful**, beautify, beautified

**currency**, currencies, current

**digital**, digitised, prestidigitation

and so on all the way down to:

zonally, zoning, zoned

### Do I need that apostrophe?

1. Do you suffer from **Apostrophitis**?

Symptoms: a burning itching need to insert an apostrophe every time you see the letter S.

Treatment: Repeat the following mantra three times a day until you are cured.

There is no such thing as a ghost.

Nobody's ever been abducted by aliens.

You don't use an apostrophe just because a word ends in S.

Prawn's \$10 WRONG, Latest Video's WRONG, Pork Sausage's WRONG

But isn't **videos** short for **videocassettes**? Yes it was, back when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

Things change, and **videos** is now a grown up word all by itself. You don't need trainer wheels on your bike any more, and **videos** doesn't need an apostrophe.

Let's be careful out there. Think before you cross the road, and think before you go chucking apostrophes around.

2. **It's** is short for **it is**. The apostrophe replaces the missing letter, **I**.

There's another **its**, and it's not short for anything.

Its foot was sore. Its roof was leaky. Its list of extras is incredible.

How do I tell the difference? Easy: just say, "it is". If it sounds right in the sentence, use an apostrophe. If it sounds rubbish, don't use an apostrophe

It's hot. It is hot. Sounds good, so use an apostrophe.

The dog licked its foot. The dog licked it is foot. Sounds rubbish. Don't use an apostrophe.

It's not fair. It is not fair. Sounds good, so use an apostrophe.

Its braking system responds to road conditions. It is braking system... Sounds rubbish, so no apostrophe.

### 3. Multi tasking is an overused phrase.

Apostrophes shouldn't multitask. Apostrophes only do one of two jobs. They replace missing letters, or (sometimes) they show ownership. Words such as **its**, **his**, **hers**, and **theirs** show ownership by themselves. They don't need apostrophes.

*Dave Tucker*

### Agriculture News

For Term 4, Year 7 students were given their choice of Textiles, Woodwork or Agriculture. The group that chose Agriculture have developed a great summer garden with a wide variety of vegetables. They have been maintaining them very well and harvesting lettuce already. In Week 7 the whole of Year 7 will be preparing and eating lunch with produce from the gardens. They have also been looking after the chickens and sheep. While in the classroom they are studying a sheep unit.



Year 9/10 Agriculture have completed their yearly exams with most students doing very well. They have completed a dairy unit in the classroom and are now studying a viticulture unit. The students are finding grape production very interesting. They have also been completing routine farm procedures including slashing and fencing.

*Stephen Gray*  
*Agriculture Teacher*

### Old Magazines

If you have magazines with pictures of fashion or recipes please leave at the school front office for Textiles and Food Technology.

*Thank you, Mrs Taikakara*

### P&C Report

A big thank you to all of the people that helped with our first Melbourne Cup Day. It was a very busy day and a big success, we raised over \$1000. The monster raffle was our major fundraiser for the day, it would be nice if, next year, it had more donations of items to make it even better.

Our next event will be a BBQ for the Primary Pet Day on Friday November 18, then another BBQ for the Primary Concert Night on Wednesday November 23 and our big event on November 25 catering for the Year 12 Formal.

Carols Night will be December 9 in the Primary Department, with a BBQ and Carols sung by Rev. Peter Boughey's friends.

As you can see it will be a very busy time for us, so if you can help please let me know.

*Hellan Whitney*  
*President*

The **BreastScreen Van** will be in Bonalbo from **Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th November 2011**. All women over the age of 40 are eligible for free breast screening and women aged 50 to 69 years are particularly encouraged to attend. Early detection of breast cancer is vital and screening is recommended every two years. For an appointment please phone **13 20 50**.

## Mallangane Hair Studio



02 6664 5262

Open Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Phone Susan anytime for an appointment

**Time to think about your Christmas Hair Style**  
**You can worry about everything else**  
**Let Susan worry about your hair**

**Book early for a great summer look.**



Sandiland St, Mallangane  
next to Moon River Café  
*Now available 100% organic shampoo,  
conditioner and styling range Australian made  
and owned*

## Piano and Guitar Lessons

Rachelle and Reuben are now  
offering fun lessons for  
keyboard and guitar.

For Primary students  
After school in downtown  
Bonalbo  
Get in quick: limited places

PHONE RACHELLE  
66651268



## 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: Carey 02 66351176

**NEXT EVENT SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> November** in conjunction with the new WOW Festival Mountain Bike Event Weekend. See [www.woodenbong.org](http://www.woodenbong.org)

