

# BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

## Celebrating 100 Years

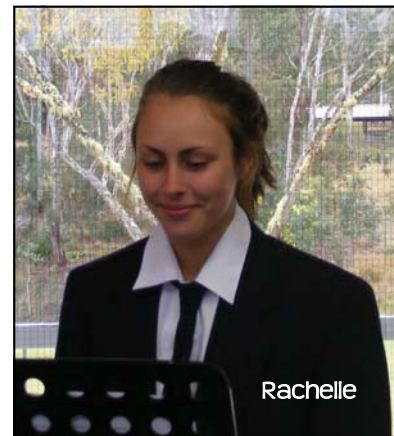
### SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 6, 2011



←The Winning Year 7 Netball Team.

Year 7 Footy Team



Rachelle



Multicultural Day

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

August 25 & 26, 2011-Year 10 Geography Excursion  
August 22-26, 2011 - BOOK FAIR  
August 31, 2011 - K/1 Assembly  
September 1, 2011 - SCHOOL PHOTOS  
September 5-9, 2011 - 4/5/6 Canberra Excursion  
September 9, 2011 - K-3 Excursion to Currumbin  
September 9, 2011 - Sports Day v Woodenbong  
September 12-16, 2011 - Jindabyne Excursion



## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

### **Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations.**

Last week Year 12 completed their Trial Higher School Certificate examinations. We wish them well with their final preparations for the HSC proper which will commence on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

The Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli has recently announced that this will be the final year that the School Certificate Examinations will take place. New South Wales is the last state to abolish these exams and it is partly due to the leaving school age being recently raised to 17. A new Record of Achievement will be developed and introduced in 2012 for students who finish their schooling before completing their Higher School Certificate.

### **Rachelle Crane**

Congratulations to Rachelle Crane for her selection in the NSW Secondary Schools State Choir. We are all very proud of her achievement. Please see details later in this newsletter.

### **Contacts**

I would like to remind all Parents and Carers to inform the school if their own contact details have been changed or their emergency contact persons contact details have been changed. If you have recently changed your living address, home or mobile phone number you need to contact the school.

### **School photos.**

You should now be aware that school photos will take place on Thursday September 1. This is a timely reminder that all school students need to be wearing their school uniform every day but in particular when the school photos are being taken.

### **Vaccinations**

Vaccinations will take place on September 15 for all Year 7 students who require their third vaccination and students that need to catch up from their Term 2 .

### **School Audit**

Last week the school auditor spent two days auditing the school finances, staff leave and OH&S compliance. Once again the auditor was very happy with all of the above. The school is well resourced as we prepare our school plan for 2012, which will also include the addition of National Partnership funding.

### **Transition to Year 7 and Kindergarten**

Plans have been completed and the process of preparing Year 6 students for Year 7 has commenced. Meetings have been held with Principals, Staff and Parents from Bonalbo, Tabulam, Drake and Old Bonalbo Public schools to assist with the planning. Staff members and myself will be meeting with as many Year 5 and 6 Parents and Carers as possible from these schools before the end of term to outline our plans and discuss what our school has to offer in 2012 and beyond.

### **Woodenbong visit and Sports Assembly**

On Friday September 9 a sporting visit will take place with Secondary School students from Woodenbong Central School visiting to compete in a number of different sporting events. This will be the first opportunity to make use of our newly renovated and extended Multipurpose Centre. We are also planning to have a Sports Assembly on Thursday September 22. This will provide the opportunity for parents and community members to view the new facility. Further details regarding this occasion will be provided soon.

*Keith Larsson*  
*Principal*

### **Coles Shopping Vouchers**

We are collecting Coles shopping vouchers so that we can purchase sporting equipment for our school.

If anybody has Woolworths vouchers we are passing them on to Old Bonalbo School and Old Bonalbo is collecting Coles vouchers for us.

### Primary News

It is great to see an improvement in the amount of Lost Property this winter, so thank-you to all students and parents who have been careful with writing names on belongings. Please remember we have second-hand clothing items, particularly school shirts, for sale through the P&C for a gold coin donation. See Hellan Whitney.

Year 4/5/6 ran the last assembly, presenting a slide show on all the wonderful work they have achieved in the gardens and with waste management and restoring some bird habitats. Thanks to Michelle Taylor from Kyogle Together as part of Foodlinks, and a Landcare Grant from Westpac, students have been able to plant 8 small vegie gardens and a circle herb garden. We also have some dwarf fruit trees and hanging strawberries.

Congratulations to Sarah Firkin for representing at District and Zone Athletics in 200m, 100m and Shotput.

Colds and Flu have hit Primary hard with many absences due to illness. Please remember to send in absent notes as soon as your child returns to school so we can keep our records up to date.

Students are busy practising for the Casino Performing Arts on Monday of Week 10. We strongly encourage all students to participate in the performances as it is an opportunity to share our talents with other schools and students. It is an entertaining night also, so parents, please get your tickets organised if you haven't already.

*Primary Staff*

### 4/5/6 Classwork

*A really, really good excuse* is a funny short story written by Andy Griffiths.

Andy (the main character) is always late for school. What is the excuse for being late for school today?

The excuse leads Andy on a fun adventure he goes to gaol gets tight undies and meets a criminal master mind. I liked the story because It has a funny start and funny ending.

I recommend this story for any age or size and funny for adults.

*Written by Jeremy*



#### *A Really, Really Good Excuse*

*A really, really good excuse* is a short funny story by Andy Griffiths. It tells a story about Andy who is always late for school and makes up all kinds of excuses.

In this story, Andy is always late for school and he somehow ends up in gaol and of course he has super tight undies.

I thought this was an excellent story not just for me but for anyone.

So that's why I recommend this story for you.

*By Summer*

### Agriculture News

Our Year 7 class has been raising baby chickens. They weigh them each lesson to plot their growth. There are several roosters from last terms class that are now ready for new homes. If anyone wants a rooster please see the school (they taste great!). We are also selling eggs from the school hens. The sheep are doing well and are kept drenched by the Year 7 class. The lambs born earlier in the year are close to weaning age now.

The Year 9/10 class has been learning to drive the tractor. They have been gaining basic driving skills as well as, 3 point linkage and trailed linkage driving and backing. They have all completed their Beef Week projects and are now working on cropping projects due in Week 9. The store steers bought last year have been growing well and the students have been monitoring their weight to decide the best time to market them.

*Stephen Gray*

### Year 7 SPORTING SUCCESS

Year 7 travelled to Evans Head to compete in a sporting gala day recently. We entered a girls netball team and a boys touch footy team.

#### Netball

It was a wonderful day for the Year 7 girls on the netball court at the Evans Head Gala sports day. The girls started out very strongly by winning their opening game against Richmond River High

School (7-0) and the momentum continued to grow throughout the day. All up, the girls played five games against various schools from the area including; Richmond River High, Alstonville High and Maclean High (they played two games each against Richmond River and Maclean).

The girls went on to become the undefeated netball champions! The girls comfortably beat all five of their opponents and their final game (14-5) was against a team from Maclean that even included a couple of boys. The girls played beautifully as a team with some accurate shooting from Celine Walker and Maria Connors, some great defence from Megan Kennedy and Melissa Cavanagh, and great passing work from Catriona Bain, Chloe White and Gypsy Dunne. Each game was thrilling to watch and the other schools didn't know what hit them! All seven girls showed great sportsmanship and determination.

### **Touch Footy**

The boys won 4 of 6 games to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams!!!! This included beating Alstonville 15 tries to 0!! They only lost the final by 1 try. Our team was Logan, Brayden, Alfred, Jeremy and Scott. All the boys scored at least 1 try. Other teams had 7-8 players and Bonalbo only had 5! They all displayed great sportsmanship and energy.

It was a fantastic day that left the other schools asking where is Bonalbo?? It shows once again that Bonalbo Central School punches above its weight in many areas! Both teams are to be congratulated on their achievements and sportsmanship.

*Stephen Gray and Alex Kilroy*

### **Rachelle off to State Choir**

Rachelle Crane has been selected to be a member of the NSW Secondary Schools State Choir. The choir comprises around forty talented singers from across NSW who meet in Sydney for two days of intensive rehearsals and then perform in two night concerts at the Sydney Opera House.

The Choir will be performing with a student orchestra. The pieces include a Hebrew love song, a work about sailors becalmed in the Sargasso Sea and some sad but uplifting songs, including one composed for Princess Diana's funeral.

Rachelle has worked hard to learn all the new material, and we are looking forward to a full report on the concerts when she returns from Sydney.

### **Year 7 Design and Technology**

Textiles students are designing, sewing and decorating aprons. Some students are very creative in their designs this term.

### **9/10 Food Technology**

Students need to bring an apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth every Monday along with their display folder with their recipe to participate in practical lessons. **Year 9 Food Technology** need to bring their practical equipment every Tuesday. Most students are well organised for practical lessons. Last term we looked at food trends and some students created some marvellous cakes. This term we are looking at Food Equity around the world.

### **11/12 Hospitality**

Students need their hospitality uniforms, two tea towels and a dishcloth every Thursday .We are practising making Expresso Coffee this term.

### **Wet shirts for Sale**

There are 3 Medium wetshirts and 1 Small wetshirt available for purchase from the front office. These are the blue canoeing wetshirts. \$30 each. Can be used for swimming carnivals etc as well.

### **CWA Education Grants**

The CWA of the Far North Coast is again offering Education Grants to students in their area of the state, who are entering Year 6, and through Secondary Studies, to Tertiary Education, or Developmental Disabilities Study.

These Education Grants are tenable for one year, but recipients may apply each year, if still within the category, and are awarded according to the needs of the students.

An application form and more specific information are available from the school front office. Applications must be received by September 16, 2011

### **Bonalbo Central P&C**

Thank You to Raelene, Wendy, Kathy and Kasandra for their help at Multi-Cultural Day. They were very busy cooking and selling chicken kebabs and took over \$900 for the day. Great work ladies. Unfortunately we didn't have our monthly meeting last week due to lack of numbers. Our meeting will be at 4pm, September 14, 2011, in the Primary.

This year the P&C will be running the Melbourne Cup Day at the Bowling Club. We will need help on the day and ideas for the entertainment on the day, if you can help or have any ideas please contact me.

We have donated money to the 4/5/6 and K/1/2/3 excursions. We were able to do this through the money raised from raffles at the hotel, thank you to the Primary Staff for their support and Raelene for helping me sell the tickets.

Our mobile phone raffle has been sent home. This will raise money for the 4/5/6 excursion. A big thank you to Bob at the Bonalbo Newsagency for donating the phone. Please return your tickets by Friday September 2, when the phone will be drawn.

This Thursday August 25 will be our Primary Disco. It will commence at 5pm and finish at 9pm. The Primary SRC will be collecting gold coin entries at the door. There will be Tacos for sale at \$1.50, Nachos for \$3 and poppers, lollies and chocolates.

*Hellan Whitney*  
President

### **TAFE Courses**

Casino TAFE have vacancies in the following two courses:

#### **Certificate I Access to Work and Training**

This course is for people who want to develop their skills to:

- Access work and training
- Retrain or gain vocational competencies
- Prepare for further education or training
- Develop computing skills.

**Certificate II Workplace Skills Program – Community Services.** This course will assist you to perform a range of work-related tasks required by employers, applying a range of workplace procedures and technologies as well as gaining communication skills such as dealing with customers and clients, managing conflict and writing workplace reports.

If you are interested in doing one of these courses please call the Casino TAFE on 6661 2000 to arrange an interview.

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WEST OF THE RANGE  
AUSTRALIA DAY ASSOCIATION  
AGM 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Calling for nominations for the following positions:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Public Officer

Nominations by Post:

Secretary

West of the Range Australia Day Association  
4 Peacock Street Bonalbo NSW 2469

Email: bonalbo1@yahoo.com

Nominations to be received by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011

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