

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

'Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future'

Celebrating 100 Years

SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3 Week 9, 2011



Dates to Remember:

- September 16-22, 2011- Year 10 Trial School Certificate & Year 11 Yearly Exams
- September 19, 2011- Secondary School Captain Elections
- September 21, 2011 - Primary Assembly
- September 21, 2011- Concert 'It Lives' MPC
- September 22, 2011- Whole School Sports Assembly 2.30pm
- September 22, 2011- SRC Secondary Disco 6-10pm
- September 23, 2011- Year 12 Last Day of School
- September 23, 2011- Last Day of Term 3
- October 10, 2011- First Day of Term 4
- October 14, 2011- Kindy Transition Day
- October 17, 2011- HSC Exams Start
- October 21, 2011- Year 11 Seniors Day SCU



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Excursions

Early reports indicate that the Primary students and staff who were involved with the recent excursion to Canberra had a very educational and enjoyable time. The opportunity to travel with Coraki Public School was an added bonus as it provided a great opportunity to mix and share the experience with other students from another school. Despite the anxiety of students leaving home, I am sure all of the students involved now feel more confident in themselves and were glad they had the experience. I would like to thank Ms O'Meara, Mrs Ludwig, Mrs Whitney and Mr Woods for accompanying the students. Details of the excursion are found later in this newsletter.

Last Saturday night, I farewelled a number of our secondary students and Ms Ellis, who boarded the train at Casino to travel to Jindabyne for, hopefully, a great week's skiing. Mr Muller, who has been marking the Higher School Certificate Design and Technology Projects, joined the group in Sydney to travel by bus for the second part of the journey. At this stage I have had no report on how the skiing has been, but I am sure they will be having a good time.

Multipurpose Centre (MPC) and Sport Visit

After more than 18 months of planning and construction the Multipurpose Centre was handed over for use last week. On Friday, our secondary students made full use of the facility with basketball and netball matches being played against Woodenbong Central School. In addition to that, two Rugby League matches were played on the school oval. The day was a great success due to the good sportsmanship shown by all players and the great organisation and support provided by staff and students. Special thanks to Mr Flannery for his organisation of the day.

Next week the MPC will get further use with a concert on Wednesday September 21 beginning at 7.00 pm and a sports assembly on Thursday September 22, with both providing an opportunity to try out the new stage. The sports assembly will commence at 2.30 pm and all Parents and Carers are invited to attend both events.

Water Tank Grant

With the MPC now completed, 4 X 22,000 litre water tanks will be installed at the northern end of the MPC. This has been possible through a grant which was provided from the Federal Government. This water will be used to water vegetable gardens in the Primary, the Agriculture plot and enable some irrigation of the school oval and Primary play area.

School Captains

With Year 12 about to complete their formal time at school, we have decided to elect new Secondary School Captains and Vice Captains who will now commence their duties next term. Interviews with the Principal and Year Adviser have taken place along with a speech from each candidate to the students. Voting will take place next week and the new Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at the sports assembly next Thursday, September 22.

School Exams

Next week, Year 11 will sit for their yearly exams and Year 10 will undertake their trial School Certificate exams. Year 11 will also commence their Higher School Certificate courses next term while Year 10 will be the last group to ever sit the external School Certificate exams in Week 5. We wish all students the best of luck with their preparations.

School Fees

Thank You to the parents/carers who have paid school fees, reminder notices will be posted shortly to families with fees outstanding.

As this will be the last newsletter this term, I hope all staff and students have a well earned rest and an enjoyable holiday. Term 4 commences for all staff and students on Monday October 10.

Keith Larsson
Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

Canberra Excursion

Last Monday, 4/5/6 travelled to Canberra for our annual school camp. Travelling with us was Coraki Public School. It was an amazing opportunity and many surprising, exciting and educational activities occurred. All students gained value from the experience. We have included some recounts from the students to best describe the excursion.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist the parents meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

The P & C are to be acknowledged for their generous contributions to the excursion, providing fundraising support and wearing some extra costs. The P&C are an invaluable component of the school community and the small team commit much of their time and energy to providing for all students. It would be great to see more parents join the Association and become part of the team.

A big thank you to all students, staff from both Bonalbo and Coraki for making the trip so great, especially Hellan Whitney and Samantha Ludwig. To our Parent helper, Adam Woods, we send a very special thank you for all your assistance and support. We hope you all slept well when you got home!

Thank you to all parents and caregivers for supporting their students in attending activities, camps and excursions. It truly provides an opportunity for them to experience co operation and exciting activities that school cannot provide onsite and links to curriculum that reinforce learning.

Football Gala Day

Well done to those students who participated in the Lismore Gala Touch Football day on Monday 12th of September. The boys tried hard and improved with each game. Students played against Coraki, Blue Hills College, Woodenbong and Casino West.

Players pick- Jack Horne & Layton Smith

Most Improved- Hamish Johnston

K-3 Excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Last Friday K-3 students set off nice and early from school to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. We had a jam packed itinerary planned with lots to see and do. Our first stop was via the Koala enclosure where each student had their photo taken cuddling a Koala. Staff & students in K-3 would like to thank the P & C for paying for each student's Koala photo. Next we headed across the road to Honey World, where we were given an up close and personal experience about how bees construct their hive and the process of making honey. There were many animals to see and pat including the laid back kangaroos. Our educational session included meeting 4 favourite friends from Currumbin, Oscar the Frogmouth, a python, a shingle back lizard and a very special and rare golden brushtail possum. All students were well behaved and represented Bonalbo Central with great pride. A special thank you to Miss Petty, our two teachers aides Mandy and Kristen, and parent helper Fiona Stubbings for their help on the day.

Casino Performing Arts Festival

Just a reminder that the Casino Performing Arts Festival is on Monday 19th of September. We encourage all students to participate, not only because it is a wonderful opportunity for the students to perform in front of a large audience and watch other schools perform, but also as it is part of our Creative and Performing Arts Curriculum. Students will travel from school by bus and then will need private transport home. All students have been learning their dance/song and are looking forward to showcasing this performance to their parents and friends. If you would like to purchase tickets (adults \$10.00 child \$5.00) see Christine Gambley at the School Front Office.

Preschool to Kindergarten Transition Program

Next term, each Friday, the school will be running a Preschool to Kindergarten Transition program. The aim of this program is to make the move from preschool to Primary School a less daunting experience, allowing students to become comfortable within the school environment and the school routines before their Kindergarten year of learning starts. An information note will be going home with students from the preschool in the near future.

Primary Staff

Australian War Memorial

On Friday, we were dropped off at a Navy War Memorial on the side of the road and then we walked to a Defence Force memorial. There was a list of what happened during WW2. When we arrived at the Memorial, we watched a movie that described how to behave at the Memorial as it is a very special place. We walked around the place looking at all the exhibits.

First we went to the discovery zone and it showed what it was like to be in a war, with a helicopter and submarine to play with, and uniforms to try on. Then we walked to WW2 zone. It was cool because it told the story of the Kokoda Trail. We went to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the whole place was made of tiny little stones forming a mosaic.

The Australian War Memorial showed us what it was like to be involved in a war and told people's stories about their military experience.

Justin Stubbings

Snow at Thredbo

On Thursday, 8th of September, Years 4, 5, 6 went to the snow at Thredbo.

First we had a 6:30am breakfast of scrambled egg and hash browns. At 7:00am we were on our way to Thredbo. The bus trip was so long. We hired our snow gear at a town near Thredbo called Cooma (boots, pants and jacket.)

We got to Thredbo and ate our lunch on the grass, and then we put our rubbish in the bin. We got into line for our lift passes. Next we went up the Merritt's chairlift and checked out the scenery on the way up the hill.

At the top of the mountain we got off the chair lift and played in the snow, made snow men and slid down hills on our tummies. Everyone got cold hands then we went down the hill.

It was awesome as, but we got to the park super late.

Eliza Woods

Canberra

On Monday, 5th of September-Saturday, 10th of September 4/5/6 from Bonalbo went to Canberra. We all travelled over night for 14 hours. We left school at 4:40pm. On the way we picked up Coraki because they were coming on camp with us.

On Tuesday, 6th of September, we all had breakfast at Goulburn and I got changed into our school uniform. After we did all that we hopped back on the bus and went to the Dinosaur Museum. We saw lots of skeletons of Dinosaurs. Then we walked to Cockington Green. Cockington Green has lots of miniature houses, people and cars. We went and had pizza for lunch, then we hopped back on the bus and went to Parliament House. At Parliament House we saw the Senate/House of Reps. Then we went to the Australian Institute of Sport. After that we went to our accommodation and unpacked the bus.

On Wednesday, 7th of September, we went to the Royal Mint, Old Parliament House, Mount Ainsley and the National Film and Sound Archive. We went back to the place where we were staying and had dinner then we got on the bus and went to Telstra Tower.

On Thursday, 8th of September, we woke up and got ready. Then we had breakfast and hopped on the bus for the snow. We picked up our snow gear at Cooma. The snow pants and jackets were enormous and they were hot. When we got there we had lunch. Then we took the chair lift up to the snow. We got off the chair lifts and went to play in the snow until everybody got off. Then we made this slide down a hill where the snow boarders were practising. Everybody started to go on it. It was fun. Finally it was time to go. We took the chair lifts back down to the bus. When we got back down there we took off all our wet snow gear. Then we went back on the bus to our accommodation.

On Friday there were some more activities like the War Memorial, Australian High Court and Questacon. After all those activities we hopped back on the bus and travelled over night for 14 hours. We got back at 9:00am Saturday morning.

Shanita Wedlock

Australian War Memorial

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Currumbin Recount

Last Friday our class went to Currumbin Bird Sanctuary. We got to see soft fluffy koalas and we also got to see a long rough python snake. We to feed the kangaroos, we got to see a big crocodile. We are learning about insects this term and we saw about 20 000 bees. Carley's favourite animals were the koalas and Charlie liked the echidna.

School Sport

On Friday 9th September, we had a sports day against Woodenbong Central School. It was the first time our refurbished MPC was used. Even though the weather wasn't the best, we all had a great day. We played open boys basketball, open and 15yrs girls netball and 14yrs and 16 yrs boys' league 7's. All students played their best and had a great day. Woodenbong started the day strongly when they won the basketball but our guys hit back to win the 15 yrs netball. Again Woodenbong were too strong in the 14yrs league but our young boys showed real character to hang in there and have shown that they will be a force in the future. The day ended with us winning both the open girls netball and 16 yrs league. Final tally 3-2 to Bonalbo.

A big thank you to Woodenbong who travelled and to all our students for the way they showed sportsmanship on the day. Thank you also needs to go to Mr Gray, Mr Kilroy and Miss Powderly who helped to run this successful day.

Well done BONALBO.

Bloodwood Shield

Alpha and Beta have been fighting it out for the Bloodwood Shield. We played soccer, oz-tag and netball. Alpha started strongly winning the soccer match before Beta levelled the scores to win the oz-tag. It came down to the netball game. Alpha started strongly leading after the first break. However, Beta fought back to take the lead. The lead was too much for Alpha to peg back and Beta took out the netball.

Well done Beta winning the Bloodwood Shield 2-1

Reminder to all students to please leave your personal sports equipment at home. This includes footy's, soccer balls and basketballs. The school is more than happy to allow you to use the school equipment at break times so please leave yours at home.

*Yours in sport
Shaun Flannery*

It Lives

Next Wednesday night we're holding a special concert to celebrate the re opening of the school's Multi Purpose Centre.

The show will feature an original musical called Full Refund and then performances by music students from Years Nine to Twelve.

Full Refund is a romantic comedy about consumer rights. It deals with many themes including the significance of skateboards, pit bulls, maths study and pizza. The students have been rehearsing hard and the show will be a hoot.

We will also present some songs from Grease, Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables as well as individual student items. The show will finish with Lily Findlay performing her exciting HSC Music piano performance piece, Theme from Doctor Pyser.

You won't believe the improvement on the old building. Actors will have headset microphones so you won't miss a word. Everyone is welcome.

Mr Tucker

Art Excursion – Surrealism Exhibition, Brisbane

On Friday 16th September students of Visual Art from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will travel to Brisbane to see the Surrealism exhibition. This collection of paintings and sculptures represents explorations by various artists into the world of dreams and the subconscious. Year 9 & 10 have been studying Surrealist painting, and their painting skills are becoming increasingly refined. Year 11 & 12 will benefit from seeing art in a gallery context, in contrast to their studies of street art.

Students will travel by bus, driven by Charlie Taikakara. They will assemble at the front office gate at 7.00am, have lunch at Southbank, and arrive back at school at approximately 6.00pm. The cost of the excursion is \$25 and students will need to bring money with which to buy lunch.

School uniform must be worn. Anyone whose behaviour is being monitored through a Blue Sheet and students with current truancy issues will forfeit their place in this excursion.

We look forward to an interesting & enlightening day, and a safe, uneventful trip.

Sally Goldstein

Agriculture News

The Year 7 Agriculture class has been raising baby chickens. The chickens now have enough feathers to graduate to the large chicken shed. The class dressed the roosters that were raised last term so they can be eaten. Their vegie gardens are growing well including lettuce, peas, radish, celery, cabbage, cauliflower, and beetroot. They will be planting summer vegies in the next few weeks. The hens have been laying well and eggs are for sale at \$2 per dozen from the school.

The Year 9/10 class have nearly completed a tractor and cropping unit. Most students have successfully navigated the tractor obstacle course which includes backing a trailer. They have a cropping project due this week which some have already completed.

Stephen Gray

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September at 4pm in the Primary school. We will be discussing upcoming events such as the Bonalbo Bull Ride BBQ. If you can help on the night please let me know. We will need helpers for the Melbourne Cup day at the Bowling Club . We will also be catering for the Year 12 Formal on the 25th November.

The 4/5/6 class has just been on an excursion to Canberra, the P&C purchased souvenirs from the Royal Mint for each student as a memento of their trip.

We had our disco for this term, finally, after cancelling due to sick students. Everyone who attended had a great night. Thanks to everyone who helped especially Ms Davies and Ms Ludwig who helped supervise.

Please remember that the first Friday of the month we organise the raffles at the hotel to raise money for school excursions.

Hellan Whitney

Casino Junior Cricket

Casino Junior Cricket sign on will be held on 10th, 17th and 24th September at the RSM Club from 10am-1pm. All new players please bring birth certificate.

All enquiries to *Lyn McKee 0427 622283*

From the Chaplain

Over the next few months I would like to present some help and tips regarding anger, particularly anger management. The school over the last few years has allowed the teaching of the Rock and Water program which in part deals with different forms of anger management. Of course there are other strategies, one is the Lion's Quest skills for Action, which explores the issues promoting peace and preventing violence.

If you didn't already know – **ANGER IS A CHOICE.**

If you have any queries or need some help contact me: Peter Boughey, School Chaplain, through the school office or my home 02 6662 5170, mobile 0428 662517, email pjboughey@optusnet.com.au

Cheers Peter

