

Bonalbo Central School



Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

School News

Term 3 Week 9, 2012



Year 12 HSC Projects ↑



Lake Ainsworth Excursion



Story Bridge Climb

Bloodwood Shield ↓



Dates to Remember

- September 17-21, 2012– Year 11 Yearly exams
- September 19, 2012–P&C Meeting
- September 20,2012–Farewell Disco
- September 21, 2012– Last day for Year 12
- September 21, 2012–Last day of Term 3
- October 8, 2012– First Day Term 4, Students & Staff
- October 15, 2012– HSC Exams start
- October 17, 2012– P&C Meeting

Every Friday Term 4

Primary Swimming for Sport & Kindy Transition

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Excursions

Since the last newsletter a number of excursions have taken place including the Stage 3/4 (Years 5,6,7,8) excursion to Brisbane on August 27-29, the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality excursion to Nara Resort on September 3 and 4, a Year 2/3/4 excursion to Lake Ainsworth on September 6 and 7, an HSIE excursion to Bald Rock near Tenterfield and a Year 7 GALA day to Evans Head on Tuesday August 21.

Reports from staff indicate that all these excursions were very successful in terms of what students learned and how the students enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank all of the staff who spent a lot of time planning, participating and organising these events. One of the biggest challenges is the receiving of notes and money by due dates to ensure excursions go ahead. For future excursions, if parents and carers could make sure deadlines are met it would be greatly appreciated.

Performing Arts

Good luck to the K-6 students who will be participating in the Performing Arts Festival on September 17 in Casino. Thank you all the teachers, parents and carers who are supporting and providing this opportunity for our students to be involved.

Year 12 End of Term and HSC

The HSC has already commenced with the Design and Technology students having had their major projects marked recently. Mr Tucker and our music students having been working hard in preparation for their practical HSC pieces which will be performed in front of examiners on Friday September 14.

Friday September 21 will be the last official school day which will involve a slave auction to raise money for the Year 12 Farewell and a short farewell assembly. I wish all the Year 12 students the best of luck with their preparation and completion of their HSC exams which commence at the start of next term.

Year 12 Formal 2012

The P & C will again be catering for the Formal and I would like to thank all those involved for the hard work it takes to cater for such a large event. The ticket price is set by the school to cover the cost of the meal plus a subsidy to help cover other Formal costs.

These extra costs can include the cake, gifts, decorations, hire fees, stationary and postage and meals for special guests. Some fundraising also occurs, particularly through Year 12 day activities. Mr Flannery, the Year 12 advisor, has been busy organising many of these aspects of the Formal.

Year 12 should be looking forward to their Formal on November 16 but at this stage the HSC should be their main priority with a serious study programme in place. Assistance with planning a study programme can be obtained from Mrs Maslen or Mrs Tucker.

Next Term

As this will be the last newsletter this term I wish all students, staff, parents and carers an enjoyable and restful holiday. School commences for all staff and students on Monday October 8.

Keith Larsson
Principal

Primary News

As Term 3 comes to an end, a busy Term 4 approaches. This week Mrs Monnie Petty came to school to present the state CWA awards. The projects were judged in Sydney with Bonalbo receiving two 1st place awards. Brad Cousins received 1st in the Kindergarten section and Zachariah Meadley received 1st in the Years 3/4 section. A big congratulations to the boys!

K/1 Visit to Tabulam for No bears performance by Tony Bones.

Last Monday the K/1 class joined other small schools from our region to visit Tabulam Public School for a performance of the children's book No Bears by Meg McKinley. The students of K/1 thoroughly enjoyed the story being on the stage and laughed along with the songs and dances. The students are still singing and performing the monster chant in the playground. These learning experiences are

an invaluable resource as students are engaged with their learning and retain this memorable moment for years. Thank you to Mrs Whitney for her assistance on the day.

Stage 3 & 4 Brisbane Excursion

Students said they had a great time on the excursion and enjoyed many of the activities. It was the first time we had taken Years 5-8 away on a 3-day trip together, and it was excellent to see all the students getting along. Some of the highlights were the bridge climb over Storey Bridge, Australia Zoo and the Mummy exhibit. As tiring and long as each day felt, it was well worth the effort. Thank you to Sam Ludwig, Stephen Gray and Alex Kilroy for all their help and support, and thanks to all the students for making it an enjoyable trip.

Megan O'Meara

The following are recounts from students in 4/5/6.

The Brisbane Camp

On the Brisbane camp we went to the Port of Brisbane. We saw all the ships and the loading containers. Then we went to the cafe the port had on the 7th floor and we got to have a look through some binoculars. I saw some ships in the harbour.

One night we went to the Brisbane Wheel which is like a big ferris wheel. We had to go in groups because there wasn't enough space in the cabins for all of us. When we got to the top they stopped the wheel and it was really high. There was a ladies voice telling us what the buildings and sights were. We went around two more times. It was really fun.

Ellie Breen

Australia Zoo

On the 27th of August Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 went on a camp to Brisbane. We did lots of fun things but I'm just going to tell you about Australia Zoo.

When we arrived we got into groups of about 6 or 7 people and then we went to look at the animals.

First, we saw komodo dragons and lots of other lizards.

Next, we saw a family of really cute otters and then we went to see the dingoes and Tasmanian Devils. The dingoes were asleep, but the Tasmanian Devils were running around and they did not even look a tiny bit sleepy.

After that we came to the crocodile section. There were so many different types! We went to see the cassowaries, bush turkeys and the cute, cuddly koalas. Next we saw a show about the Galapagos tortoise. They were so big compared to the turtles we get back at home.

On our way to the elephants we saw some kangaroos and wallabies and one little echidna. When we finally reached the elephants we had to line up and get a vegetable to feed an elephant. It felt really weird on my hand. Then we went to see the red pandas and then the safari animals like the zebras, giraffes and the rhinos. We went to the tigers but there was only one.

Finally we went to an animal show. It had crocodiles and awesome birds; there was even a bird that was trained to fly and pick up five dollar notes. Australia Zoo was so fun and I highly recommend visiting it.

Summer Clarke

My First Broken Bone

Six or seven weeks ago I broke my wrist and fractured my arm playing club rugby league at Lismore. I was playing for my rugby league club, the Upper Clarence Eels, against the Lismore Marist Brothers.

I made the worst tackle in the history of tackles; I moved as fast as I could and waited for him to run to me when I should have run to him. I should have dove at his legs, but I did not use my shoulder or dive at his legs. I used my arm and fell back and landed on my wrist.

The pain was a sharp throbbing pain that sat on my wrist and did not move one little bit, not even one inch up my forearm. When Percy, the assistant coach, came out he told me to relax and it wasn't so bad. I was walked off the field and I felt stupid for what I had done and I was in a little bit of pain, but not as much as I had been.

I waited for the game to finish before I went to hospital and waited about 20 minutes for an x-ray, then another hour and a half to see the first Doctor, another hour and a half to see the second Doctor, and one more half an hour to get it fixed. I was very scared and worried I would have to stay

overnight. I got home at about eight o'clock and my sisters made me a gigantic five decker cake. The colours were yellow, purple, blue, red, green. It was really one of the best cakes ever. We did not even finish all of the cake because it was so big.

Jack Horne

2/3/4 Lake Ainsworth Camp

In the afternoon of Day Two, the class went rock climbing. A man called Jeff taught us how to put some harnesses on. It was hard for me, but I liked it. I climbed a quarter of the way to the top, which was 20 metres high! Once we were done rock climbing, we went home.

Bradley Davis

Year 7 Gala Day

On Tuesday of Week 7, twelve Year Seven students made the trip down to Evans River K-12 School for the annual Year Seven Gala Sports Day. This event sees Year Seven students from all around the region competing against each other in a variety of different sports. We had seven boys competing in touch football and five girls competing in basketball.

The girls played six games of basketball against schools including Maclean, Evans River and Richmond River and improved from game to game, managing to win and tie at least half of these games, which was a wonderful effort.

The boys also played six games against schools including Richmond River, Casino High and Kadina. The boys managed to easily win four out of their six games and made it to the final against Kadina and only narrowly lost in the dying minutes of the game, which gave them second place overall in the competition.

All of our students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and had a really good time. Considering that we were up against some high schools that had more students in Year Seven than we do in our entire school, this was a brilliant effort by our students and they should be very proud of themselves.

The students are already looking forward to the Year 8 Gala Sports Day next year!

Ms. Powderly/Mr. Kilroy



Hospitality STAR Performer at SeaWorld Hotel, Operations, Training, Education and Learning School

Congratulations to Rainelee who was chosen as the STAR Performer for her enthusiasm, punctuality, exceptional grooming, outgoing personality and helpfulness at the SeaWorld Resort at SeaWorld Hotel, Operations, Training, Education and Learning School on the September 3 and 4. Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students gained knowledge and experience in all of the different departments at the Sea World Resort at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast.

Bonalbo Central School Volunteer Waiters at Black Tie Centenary Ball at Mallangane

Under the guidance of mature age hospitality student Chris Zervos, Rachel Williams, Sally Montgomery, Gary Stubbings, Tamykah Crosby and Courtney Stubbings did an outstanding job as waiters for the Black Tie Centenary Ball at Mallangane. These Food Technology students, both past and current, worked very hard. This was appreciated by all those who attended the ball. Thank you.

Mrs Taikakara

Richmond Valley Little Athletics
Upcoming Registration days:
Wednesday, September 12 & 19
Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino
5pm – 6pm
All most welcome!

Environmental Sustainability Awareness Committee Report

A group of keen environmentally conscious students (Claire, Megan, Catriona, Gypsy, Rosie, and Shannon) have banded together to found an Environmental Sustainability Awareness Committee, a sub-group of the SRC. The group have had two meetings and have outlined some short term goals to make the school more environmentally sustainable including; the purchase of a worm farm and compost bins for the high school, and greater promotion of recycling in the high school. These goals follow on from similar initiatives that are already underway in the primary school.

To achieve these goals the group will be holding two fundraisers: a **cupcake day** on Friday the 15th of September and a **dress in green day** next term (date to be announced).

The Environmental Awareness Committee would like to share some **tips** on how to make your home more environmentally sustainable, they hope to make this a regular feature:

TIPS TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT (AND YOUR MONEY)

- ◆ Use blackout curtains to insulate windows and save on power bills!
- ◆ Use laundry and dishwashing concentrates to reduce plastic packaging!
- ◆ Always recycle!
- ◆ Buy a wrapper free lunchbox to save on plastic wraps and packages (it will save your money too!).

P&C Report

Hi everyone, school holidays are just around the corner I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break.

We had a Fathers Day stall for students to purchase gifts for their dads, I hope all the dads had a great day.

Next term we will be hosting the Melbourne Cup day at the Bonalbo Bowling Club and catering for the Year 12 Formal, more information as it gets closer.

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President

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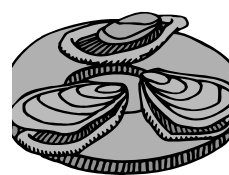
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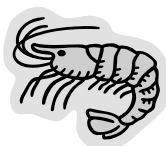
Seafood

Oysters - \$10 / ½ dozen

- \$18 / dozen



Green Prawns— \$20.99/kg



Salmon Fillets - \$26.99/kg

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