

# Bonalbo Central School



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## School News

Term 4 Week 9, 2012

# The Class of 2012



### **Dates to Remember**

Dec 10, 2012 - Year 6 Graduation

Dec 10 & 11, 2012 - Y10/11 Bio Excursion

Dec 13, 2012 - PRESENTATION NIGHT- 7pm  
Dec 13, 2012 - BBQ & Musical Items 6.00-6.45  
Dec 14, 2012 - Silver Reward Excursion  
Dec 17, 2012 - Reward Day-Bowling  
Dec 19, 2012 - K-11 Pool Party

Dec 19, 2012 - Last day of School all Students  
Dec 21, 2012 - Last day for Staff  
Jan 29, 2013 - Staff Return  
Jan 30, 2013 - Yrs 1—12 Return to School  
Feb 4, 2013 - Kindergarten starts

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of the term and the year are now very close, but we still have many events coming up, so check the calendar on the front of this newsletter for the full list!

Perhaps our most important events are the celebrations of our student achievements:

- Year Six Graduation Dinner. Monday evening 10<sup>th</sup> December. Congratulations to those students who will be moving up to High School in 2013. Teachers and parents alike look forward to celebrating this big step with you.
- Presentation Night which is on Thursday evening 13<sup>th</sup> December. This is our opportunity as teachers to celebrate the achievements of our students for the year. We invite parents and community to join us in this celebration.
- Semester 2 school reports will be handed out at Presentation Night.

Portfolio interviews were organised this year by Mr Matthew Martin. Students in years 7,8,9 again accounted for their learning for the year in interviews with a panel of peers and community members and teachers.

Since the examinations and portfolio interviews were completed, there have already been some secondary excursions. The annual Canoe excursion was successful and by all accounts both hard work and fun. Thanks to the teachers Miss Ellis and Mr Muller.

Mr Stephen Gray took his Agriculture and Primary Industries students on an excursion to local farm businesses. The success of this excursion may lead to it becoming a regular event.

An important reminder: school finishes for all students on 19<sup>th</sup> December. All students should be in attendance and in school uniform. The 2013 school year commences Wednesday, January 30 for students in Years 1-12. Kindergarten students first day will be Monday, February 4. A book list and Uniform Requirement list for 2013 is included.

For parents who will be enrolling children at Bonalbo Central School for the first time (this includes Kindy and Year 7 students) or transferring back to Bonalbo, we request that the enrolments be completed and returned as soon as possible to assist with our planning for 2013.

My term relieving as Principal will end on 12<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to thank the school executive team, SAM, Front Office and teaching staff for their support in the time I have been in the position. We look forward to Mr Larsson returning until the end of term and wish him well in his Long Service Leave next year in preparation for retirement.

*Corinne Miller*

*Relieving Principal*

## PRIMARY NEWS

We have been pretty hectic this term with play practises, assessing and report writing, swimming and other end of year activities, and so Primary staff would like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank you" to all our students, parents and carers for their commitment to our school, and wish you all a safe and happy holiday and fantastic New Year. We hope to see everyone back happy and healthy next year!

A huge "thank you" to all who supported our Primary Concert last Tuesday. The large crowd provided the students with the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and to gain confidence in their creative and dramatic abilities. K-1 performed a song 'Six White Boomers', and danced to 'Marry You' with Years 2 & 3. Ms Davies and the students of 2/3, along with the essential assistance of Mr Alan Highfield, created a wonderful masterpiece, set in our local Peacock Creek, with puppetry.

Students in Years 4 & 5 performed a play of Native American folklore of the Abenaki tribe, and Year 6 boys reminded us of 'when we were young', performing Monty Python's 'Four Yorkshire Men'. Jack Henderson and Kyle Laurie proved to bear an uncanny resemblance to old gossipy women in Monty

Python's skit 'Burying the Cat'. The night ended with 4/5/6 performing 'Price Tag'.

We'd also like to thank Mr Tucker and our SLSOs for all their help, the P&C for providing a canteen and a special thanks to Mrs Whitney who created costumes or sewed back screens for all groups.

This week our Swim Scheme is underway with students participating in a week long intensive programme teaching students skills and strategies when swimming or, for older students, how to assist other swimmers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Simes Brothers Bus service and their drivers for transporting our primary students back to school each week after weekly swimming and each day during Intensive Swimming. This courtesy has been greatly appreciated especially on those very hot afternoons.

We will be having a Year 6 Graduation dinner on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December for Year 6 students and their families. The P&C will be catering, and the night will be held in the school grounds under the COLA in the Primary.

*Primary Staff*

### **Agriculture News**

**Year 7** The baby Chickens have been growing well and all students have completed a powerpoint presentation about their chicken. On Friday 7 December the whole of Year 7 will join together for an Agriculture BBQ. They will prepare and cook chicken kebabs, potato chips, boiled potatoes and various salad vegies.

**Year 9/10/11** On 26/27 November Year 9/10 and 11 went on Ag Camp. We camped at the Bonalbo Show Ground and visited various local farms. We visited Gray's beef farm, Malt's alpaca farm, Cooper's dairy and Mara Seeds. Everyone was impressed with the wide variety of enterprises in the Bonalbo area and it broadened their idea of Agriculture and career opportunities. Special thanks to the show ground committee and all the farmers, without their hospitality these trips would not be possible.

### **For Sale**

Lambs Wethers \$50 each

Chickens \$10 each

*Stephen Gray*  
*Agriculture Teacher*

### **Christmas Quilt Raffle**

The ladies of the Wednesday Mindle Sewing Group have been very busy making a beautiful quilt in cheery Christmas colours and fabrics to raffle.

The money raised will go towards fabric and tools for next year. The quilt is on display in the school office and tickets are \$1 each / 3 for \$2 available at the office.

The lucky winner will be drawn at Presentation Night on December 13.



### **Dress Green Think Green!**

Our Environmental Sustainability Awareness Committee which operates under the SRC, recently held a “dress green” day to promote green thinking. The day was held on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Many students wore green or environmentally themed clothes to school in exchange for a small donation to the committee. Students from Kindergarten through to year 11 participated.

Activities throughout the day aimed to raise awareness of environmental issues and the need to be sustainable. Students shared fun environmental facts in roll call and 8 students participated in environmentally themed mini-debates, held in the library. Students from three classes attended to show their support and learn from the debates and they were a wonderful audience.

The students involved in these debates were: Claire, Caladan, Mitchell, Chloe, Gypsy, Catriona, Sarah and Rosie. Well done to who participated, you did yourselves and your school proud. Mrs Martin adjudicated with help from the audience and although she adjudicated debates in the past she found it really difficult to pick the winners as the debates were so close! The winners were: Claire, Chloe, Rosie, and Mitchell.

The debate topics were very challenging and relevant, they included:

**“THAT THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO INTRODUCE MORE REGULATIONS TO CUT CARBON EMISSIONS”**

**“THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS”**

**“THAT AUSTRALIA NEEDS TO ADOPT POPULATION CONTROLS SIMILAR TO CHINA OR VIETNAM”**

**“THAT CSG MINING SHOULD BE BANNED”**

As often happens with a debate some students were asked to debate points of view that they do not necessarily agree with, this is always challenging and the students did a great job of looking at the other issue of the issue. Well done!

Megan acted as our chairperson for the debates. Thanks Megan for helping to run the day!

The ESAC also sold cupcakes to raise funds, and this combined with the green dress funds raised over \$90 for the committee. At this stage the committee plans to purchase 9 more recycling bins, which would make big impact in encouraging more environmentally sustainable practices. These new purchases will add to the three bins we have already established and the worm farm which has been purchased by the club and which Claire, Mr Gray and the agriculture department have been looking after.

At the end of the day the ESAC Committee awarded some certificates to students for dressing up, these included; Best Dressed Student (Sally), Most Creative Use of Green: Mimi and Best Green Outfit by a Staff member (Mr Flannery).

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support with our green day, we hope you are all thinking green. As Christmas is approaching we would like to remind you to look for (or make) recycled Christmas Cards and wrapping paper this year, and be sure to recycle cards and wrapping paper after the festive season. Students are also encourage to make and grow more environmentally sustainable gifts as the Christmas period often generates a lot of wasted consumable goods. To help students make more environmentally conscious choices this Christmas the committee will be running a Sustainable Christmas Craft Workshop during lunchtime on Wednesday.

*ESAC Committee*

### **CWA Land Cooking Competition**

Congratulations to the following students and staff who participated in the CWA Land Cooking Competition.

Butter Cake-Passionfruit: 1<sup>st</sup>-Tamykah Crosby, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Courtney Stubbings, participation-Shania Hickling & Charlie Brown

Madeira Cake-2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Montgomery

Novice Cake Decoration-Novelty 1<sup>st</sup>-Rebekah Owens

Gluten Free Lemon Tea Cake-1<sup>st</sup>-Sarah Kate Kilroy 2nd –Suzanne Taikakara

Cherry & Walnut Cake-1<sup>st</sup>-Mitchell Jung 2nd-Jessica North

Participation—Rina Brus & Jamika Gray

The Donna Latter Memorial Chocolate Cake-1<sup>st</sup>- Rachel Williams

Thank you all for your participation and we wish 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place participants all the best as they compete 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013 at the next level at Bangalow.

### **Year 12 Formal**

Thank you to the following Hospitality and Food technology students for their food service skills at the 2012 Year 12 Formal; Natalie Johnson(Head Waiter), Nattai Timbery, Mitchell Jung, Rachael Williams, Shania Hickling, Nioka Timbery and Teal McAlpine. A high standard of food service was performed with two plate service a first at the formal under Natalie's guidance.

*S.Taikakara*

### **CLO REPORT**

Term 4 2012 has been a busy one, as it is every year. It is a time to farewell some students and to welcome others into our school. The Year 12 Formal was a wonderfully proud event for students, their families and staff alike. Congratulations and best of luck to our graduates. Photos should be in the Northern Star on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

It is also the time to farewell Year 6 students from the Primary, as they move into high school next year. This is also a proud event and a very significant milestone for all of those involved. The Year 6 graduation will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Congratulations to these students and make the most of your new start in high school.

As these students move on, we also have the opportunity to welcome our new students for next year. Many of our transition kids have already been spending some time with us. Kindergarten transition has been continuing throughout Term 4, every Friday. We have had the privilege of the company of Year 7, 2013 class, for several transition days. It has been great to see them all around the school, and I hope everyone is looking forward to starting next year.

Being the last newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the many generous people who volunteer their time and expertise to make our school such a wonderful place. Remember that our P&C meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, and this will continue in 2013.

Some great websites to look up over the holidays and to help you to be prepared for school next year are listed below:

[www.schoolatoz.com](http://www.schoolatoz.com); [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au); [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au);  
[www.raisingdigitalkids.wikispaces.com/parents-as-partners](http://www.raisingdigitalkids.wikispaces.com/parents-as-partners)

For school leavers some websites are:-

[www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au); [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au); [www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au](http://www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au); or just search 'help for school leavers'.

I wish everyone a restful Christmas break and hope to see you all next year, invigorated and energetic ready to make 2013 a year to remember.

*Nicky Bernhagen*

### **P&C Report**

Another year over and it has been a busy year for the P&C. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who have helped through the year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Hellan Whitney*  
*President.*

### **Casino TAFE**

Applications are being taken now for Semester 1, 2013. If you are interested in studying next year please contact the campus on 02 6661 2000 or visit the website [northcoast.tafensw.edu.au](http://northcoast.tafensw.edu.au) for more information.

### **Bonalbo Red Cross-Good Start Breakfast Club**

I would like to thank all of my volunteers for all of the hours they have put in this year- 2012 Ron, Hellan, Jenny, Michelle & Rose and also say goodbye to Rose who has been with Breakfast Club since it started 6 years ago. Without our faithful volunteers we couldn't keep going.

Thank You to The Upper Clarence Lions Club for the BBQ breakfast the first Monday of every month & a big thank you to the Tintenbar branch of the Red Cross for taking us on each year since we started giving us \$2000 per year, also Upper Clarence Lions Club and Mark and Michelle Petty for \$1000 each year, without them Breakfast Club wouldn't keep going.

We have served 5742 breakfasts this year – volunteer hours Adults 448 and Students 159 thanks Angus, Zac and Shannon.

We have been honoured this year. The story of our Breakfast Club will be on the Sanitarium Weet Bix packets to be sold at IGA supermarkets, along with a photo of the four generations of the Petty family - Ron, myself, Hellan, Katelyn, Tuskani and Rawley who all worked together on Breakfast Club in 2011. We are the first club on the Northern Rivers to keep going.

Once again thanks everyone who helped us in any way. I hope you have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a great New Year.

*Monnie Petty  
Breakfast Club Coordinator*



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