

# Bonalbo Central School





Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

## School News

Term 3 Week 6, 2013



  
*Multicultural Day*  
2013  


### Dates to Remember

- August 22, 2013–  
School Captains visit to Parliament House
- August 23, 2013– Book Week Parade, Pri.  
Book Week Dress Up Day, Secondary
- Every Friday– Kindy Transition
- August 26, 2013–  
Science Spectacular, Years 4-10
- August 29 & September 13, 2013–  
'Bloodwood Shield'
- September 4-6, 2013–  
Coffs Harbour Excursion, Years 5-8
- September 4 & 5, 2013–  
Gumnuts Farm Stay, Years 2/3/4
- September 13, 2013– Primary Assembly

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## Principal's Report

In the last newsletter I wrote about a number of events that were coming up and to start this report I just wanted to touch on one or two of these that have now occurred and are just a fond memory.

### Multi-Cultural Day

Bonalbo Central School's involvement in Multi-Cultural Day has been ongoing for the last nine years. The day was an outstanding success and we had beautiful weather for the event. I may not be able to take much personal credit for the work that went into organising the event but I did say to Mrs Tucker and Mrs Moore that I was taking credit for the sunshine. Both Sharon and Rachel put a great deal of work into organising the school's participation in the event and I'd like to thank both of them publicly for all their hard work. I'd also like to acknowledge Cedric Walker and Fred Binge for their efforts on behalf of the Aboriginal and the broader Bonalbo community.

### Year 6 into 7 Transition Day

The secondary school hosted Year 6 students on Friday the August 2, to give them a taste of secondary school and introduce them to the teachers they will most likely be having in 2014. We had a great roll up and I'm certain the students all had a wonderful day. The next transition day will be in the first half of Term 4.

### Sporting Success and Perceptions of Our Town

Early in the term some of our secondary students travelled to Lismore and participated in the North Coast basketball knockout competition. All the students acquitted themselves well but the girls' team did particularly well and won their grand final with a margin of one goal against a school that is acknowledged to have real strength in this sport. All the participants should be congratulated on their fine efforts and I'd like to congratulate Mr Flannery for the work he's been putting into our students sporting success this year.

It's possible that most people didn't notice that this win by our girls was reported quite widely in both the print media and on local television. I won't go into details but some of us were less than impressed with the way the story was reported on TV. I rang the television station and spoke to the journalist and let her know my concerns. In spite of this I feel it's important that we all remain positive about our kids and their successes. When you're unhappy about something I believe you should let the appropriate person know, but this should always be done politely.

I happen to think we have outstanding kids at Bonalbo Central School and on a fairly regular basis they demonstrate that they are the equal to the best the rest of the state has to offer. We all know this, let's all celebrate the fact in both word and deed.

*Mr Hodges*

*Relieving Principal*

## Primary Report

Students are well settled into Term 3, working hard and experiencing positive growth in learning. They are also enjoying being able to play in the sunshine, after months of rain. On that note, please ensure your child's jumpers are clearly labelled so as they can be returned to rightful owners at the end of each day.

Teachers and students are running a new program on Thursday mornings called Reading Circle. This program involves all students from Kinder to Year 6 collaborating in multi age peer groups to read, discuss and illustrate set texts. This activity is programmed by the Primary staff using content from the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum, targeting 'Making meaning through language'. Feedback from students and teachers has been very positive.

Kindergarten Transition commenced last Friday (Week 5) with 10 pre-schoolers experiencing their first whole day at big school. Their teacher, Mrs Phillips (nee Petty), had a very busy day organising activities, and it was lovely to see the new little students join in happily with the older students at play time. Transition has been proven to help pre-schoolers become comfortable with the thought of big school, and enable them to be well prepared for Kindergarten the following year.

In Week 8, Years 2, 3 and 4 are very excited about going on an overnight camp to Gumnuts Farm at Cunungra, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, returning Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Stage 3 and 4 Camp to Coffs Harbour will also be in Week 8, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, returning Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Camp notes and reminders have been sent out. Any queries, please contact the school.

Book Week Character Parade will be held in the Primary on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character to join in the fun. The Parade will commence at 12:00, with a Story Telling by a mystery guest. Characters will be judged, and awards handed out. The P&C will then hold a free Sausage Sizzle for lunch, followed by a fund raising Linen Party, held in



the 4/5/6 room.

Students are preparing their items for the Performing Arts Festival, held in Casino, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. More information about the running of the event will come home closer to the date.

*Primary Staff*

## Agricultural News

### Three Little Pigs!!

We have three pigs at school. They are Landrace cross Large White gilts. They are very popular with all students from Kindergarten to Year 12. They have settled in well to their new home and seem to enjoy the daily attention from the students. The pigs need to be fed and have their water cleaned and refilled daily. We are very grateful to have the pigs on loan for the term from Adam Greer. Thank you Adam.



The Primary Industries class constructed an outdoor shelter from recycled materials for the pigs. They also constructed the iron pig run and set up the electric fence to train the pigs.

The Year 7 class is mostly responsible for feeding them and keeping their water clean.

Year 9/10 is conducting a Feed Conversion Ratio experiment with the pigs to determine how much grain they eat to gain a kilogram of weight. We weigh the feed they eat and track their weight gain.

The other enterprises on the farm are also going well. The steers have had access to the rye grass sown by the Primary Industries class and are showing the benefits of the green winter feed. The sheep are looking well and some of the ewes look quite pregnant. The chickens are laying well. There are beetroot, lettuce, raddish and cabbage almost ready for harvest in the gardens and the wheat and oats grown as a small trial have fattened the local rabbits...

*Stephen Gray*

## Science

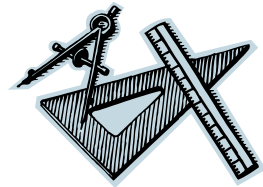


The Junior Secondary Science Students of Bonalbo Central School are presenting a Science Spectacular on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013. This will involve the Science students demonstrating and explaining Science experiments in the morning and in the afternoon participating in a tabloids sports carnival. All students from Y3 to Y10 from Bonalbo Central School and students from local primary schools will be taking part. All students are reminded they will need to be prepared by researching their experiment and by wearing covered shoes on Monday. Parents/carers are invited to join us for the day. At 12.30am there will be a light lunch for parent/carers supplied by the Senior Hospitality Students. Students can either bring their own lunch or purchase food from the school canteen.

## MATHS

### Year 9

Year 9 Maths (Mrs Gray's class) are now studying co-ordinate geometry. They all have a copy of the chapter and need to stay up to date, completing class exercises at home. The homework for this week is 'Gradients in Building' and 'What is the Easiest Job on a Watch Factory?'



### Year 10

All year 10 students should be practising their touch typing as there will be a touch typing test later this term.

*Mrs Gray*

### Espresso Coffee Machine Raffle

Congratulations to Neville O'Malley from the SES who won the Espresso Coffee Machine that the Hospitality students raffled for fundraising for their SeaWorld Hospitality training school. Thank you to the students and staff who bought tickets and supported the hospitality student's excursion to Sea World.

Congratulations to students who sat University of NSW Global English competition in Week Three: Samantha, Gary, Brandon, Sarah, Mitchell, Sarah, Chloe, Caladan, Rochelle, Kaila and Mimi. Now we have to wait until October for results of the competition. All students from Years Four to Twelve are welcome to participate in the competition, which runs in August each year.

## Music News

If your child has been coming home red-faced with numb lips lately all is well; it's probably from practising on a trumpet, clarinet or saxophone. Students in Year Eight to Year Ten Music classes have been learning band instruments this term. Similarly, if your child plucks the same five notes incessantly on guitar it's probably because Year Seven is studying guitar riffs.

The Rats performed a big set at Multicultural Day and premiered two new tunes; an Argentinean tango and a rearrangement of Bob Dylan's *The Times They Are A-Changing*. Congratulations to Tabettha and Shecki'nah, who made their first performances with The Rats. Nioka and Sarah, representing Year 11, made their drum debuts playing an arrangement of Yothu Yindi's *Treaty*.

Kinder performed an elephant song, complete with trombone, 1/2/3 performed *The Mummy Song* and 4/5/6 combined with The Rats, Mr Kilroy, Ms O'Meara and JJ on drums to perform a stirring version of *Home*.

Sarah was invited to play at Casino High School's CAPA night last Thursday. She was the only student in an all star band of Music teachers, and she impressed everyone with her ability to trade solos on the spot. We welcome new student, Joshua, to Year Ten Music. Joshua is a good pianist and guitarist, and he's already made a great start on trumpet.

### Concert

Years Seven and Eight have started preparing for their big concert, which will be held in Week Two next term. Every student is expected to perform in two items and take on one job to help the running of the concert. We ask all parents to come to the concert and help assess their children's performances.

*Dave Tucker and Alex Kilroy*

## ENG'FAC Book

We will be producing another book of student writing this year. Every secondary student is welcome to submit a story, poem, opinion piece or image. Just give or email your item to your English, Music or Art teacher before the end of this term.



Bonalbo Central School is seeking to establish a pool of casuals for occasional casual work as a teacher's aide, or in the office. Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified community members for these openings.

These are child-related positions. Applicants must have a valid and current Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance as a condition of employment. To apply for a WWCC clearance, visit the Children's Guardian's website at <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/>.

In addition, your employment will be subject to the Department's National Criminal Records Check to determine your suitability for employment.

Please contact the school for further information on 6665 1205.



## Chaplain's Ponderings

*\*Acknowledgement to Brett Murray's book "Give yourself permission to fly" for permission to use some of his material.*

### Kick start your life and fulfil your dreams

Story: One morning Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Co. called a meeting with his production staff and chief engineers. His dream was to build a V8 engine for one of his cars-they all laughed and said it was impossible. He would ask that question on a regular basis – the reply was always the same-'impossible'.

Ford's response was stern but sure: 'IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, OR YOU THINK YOU CAN'T, EITHER WAY YOU ARE RIGHT!' Then he would walk out of the room.

Fourteen years later the first mass-produced V8 engine in the world was produced, developed by Ford.

- ◇ Jules Verne dreamed of a submarine well before anyone attempted to build one.
- ◇ Leonardo da Vinci designed flying machines centuries before flying came to

pass.

- ◇ Dr Martin Luther King had a dream of equal civil rights for all African Americans.

Talk to your grandparents and ask how many things that were dreams are now reality.

Dick Tracey-the cartoon character- 60 years ago had a watch that was also a phone.

We dream because we have the potential to take that dream and make it reality.

What have I learned?

- ◇ Your dream is what will carry you on your life's journey.
- ◇ Our dreams are birthed from deep-seated passions and desires.
- ◇ The way you think and the way you see yourself affect your dreams, you have to think positive and believe in yourself for your dreams to come true.

If anyone would like to talk about their dreams I would like to listen to them.

*Chaplain Pete*



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Chaplain Pete is a member of the school welfare team and available to:

- ◆ Provide support for students
- ◆ Refer students/parents to specialist services
- ◆ Assist staff
- ◆ Provide crisis support
- ◆ Liaise with school community

Contact at the school or at home 66625170 [pjboughey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pjboughey@optusnet.com.au)

This service is provided through the Australian Government National School Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care Program



**Thank you to local businesses**

CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET course.

- Casino RSM
- Lismore Workers Club
- C.K.Catering
- Zeebras Restaurant and Café
- Drake Public School
- Lynns Electrical Pty Ltd
- Busy Bee Café
- Hungry Gecko Café
- Lunatic Hotel

**Mummulgum Public School**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
 Friday 13th September 2013  
 6:30pm  
 Mummulgum Community Hall  
**THEME: Friday 13th 'Spooky'**  
 Get involved and come along in costume!  
 Tickets \$10pp  
 Supervised children's activities—\$2pp  
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In a remote community of Darwin, Belyuen the Australian Red Cross Club in 2007. Since then we have generously volunteered to prepare breakfast every school day.

Witnessing how important breakfast is in order to perform well in school, Vebb explains, "Breakfast is important for children if they are going to be successful at school. All students are sitting down together and enjoying a bowl of Weet-Bix. This meal provides the energy needed to get



Mon Petty (far right) and her family of Red Cross volunteers

**New South Wales:**

### *Bonalbo Central School*

The Australian Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club at Bonalbo Central School in Northern NSW that started in 2005 is led by Red Cross Volunteer, Mon Petty, from Bonalbo.

Since its inception, four generations of her family have been volunteering to help run the Breakfast Club.

The Breakfast Club operates 3 days a week and served 5485 breakfasts in 2012 to Bonalbo students.

Some children live very remotely and travel from as far away as Ewingar and Tabulam. It can take 1.5 to 2hrs for these students to get to school so they are often hungry when they get off the school bus.

The Breakfast Club provides them with a nutritious breakfast so that they can perform at their best in class. Often, if they are lucky, they can enjoy some of the healthy slice that Mon makes out of Sanitarium Weet-Bix.