

# Bonalbo Central School



Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

## School News

Term 3 Week 9, 2013



**Book  
Week**

### *Dates to Remember*

- September 16-20, 2013-Year 11 Exams
- September 17, 2013-Year 10-11 Info Day
- September 18, 2013-P&C Meeting
- September 19, 2013-Sport Assembly
- September 20, 2013- Year 12 Last Day
- September 20, 2013-Last day Term 3
- October 8, 2013-First day Term 4
- October 14, 2013-First HSC Exam
- KINDY TRANSITION EVERY FRIDAY**

## Principal's Report

### Thankyou

In Week 7 some staff members and I attended the funeral of Maria Connors in Boggabilla. It was a very moving event and I'm sure all our thoughts have been with the family over recent weeks. As a part of that process the school community raised some money to send flowers to the funeral, to purchase a memorial plaque and assist the family. I'd like to thank all the staff and students who made voluntary contributions to this fund, the P&C who also contributed and Rev Peter Boughey. Peter provided support and assistance to the family at this difficult time and also assisted with financial support.

### Excursions

Two separate overnight excursions occurred in Week 8: the 2/3/4 excursion organised by Mrs Davies and the 5-8 excursion organised by Ms O'Meara. An awful lot of effort went into the organisation and running of these excursions. I'd like to thank both Mrs Davies and Ms O'Meara for their hard work and I'd also like to thank all the other staff members who accompanied the students on these trips.

### Science Expo

I seem to be doing nothing but thanking people in this report however it would be very remiss of me not to mention the work Mrs Gray put into organising the Science Expo in Week 7. Lots of staff worked hard on this but it was initiated and driven by Mrs Gray and the day was a real credit to her. I'm told by a little bird that the idea is being copied by other schools so we must be doing something right.

Well done to all the staff involved in organising and assisting in the running of these events.

### Book Week

I also need to thank the Primary Staff for all of the hard work that went into Book Week.

### Before School Care

**A reminder to parents and carers that children should be dropped at school no earlier than 8.30am as there is no playground supervision prior to this time.**

*Mr Hodges*

## Primary News

The end of term has come way too fast! Primary staff would like to thank all our students and parents for their on-going commitment to our school and all the events we hold each term. Our last Merit assembly for the term will be held this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10:15 in the Kinder room. We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers attend as possible. These functions allow a great opportunity for parents and teachers to connect on an informal basis at our morning tea which follows the assembly.

Thursday morning Reading Circle has received positive feedback from both students and teachers. 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'.

Kindergarten Transition commenced in Week 5 with now 12 pre-schoolers experiencing their first whole day at big school. The transition students have settled in very well and are happily joining in with the older students at play time.

The school was alive with Book characters on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Week 6), with the annual Book Week Character Parade being held. It was great to see so many students dress up; high school and primary students as well as teachers! Thank you to all the parents/carers and community members who came along which made the day even more enjoyable for our students. A big thank you to the P&C for holding the free sausage sizzle!

Students are busily practising for the Casino Performing Arts concert and teachers are madly getting costumes organised! Those children not attending will remain at school and continue on with the normal school activities with Ms Ludwig and Miss Whitney

Most students in Years 2, 3 and 4 attended an overnight camp last week at Gumnuts Farm Stay, Canungra, Queensland. Many thanks to our bus driver, Uncle Bucky Robinson, and also to Amanda Bowman and Adam Woods, who supported Lynne Davies for the two days. It was the first overnight camp for many of the children, and they thoroughly enjoyed the novelty. Activities included boomerang throwing, whip cracking, sheep shearing, folk craft,

and a plane rescue mission, where students had to work in a team to follow a map, make a stretcher, and rescue a child. Adam Woods put his fire captain hat on to supervise the evening camp fire, where students cooked marshmallows and watched the possums come out of the bush for their share.

Many congratulations to Mrs Armfield on the birth of her baby boy, Jaxson. Although Mrs Armfield will be on maternity leave until next year, students and staff are very much looking forward to receiving a visit from them soon. Mrs Phillips (nee Petty) will be covering the Kindergarten class, and Mrs Davies will be Relieving in the Assistant Principal position. Ms O'Meara is also on leave for weeks 9 and 10 this term. We would like to welcome Miss Whitney, who will be teaching Years 4, 5 and 6. Ms Ludwig will be stepping up to cover Ms O'Meara's Relieving Principal role.

#### *Primary Staff*

##### **Agriculture News**

Year 7 – The pigs have been growing very quickly and are now quite friendly. One of them will eat out of the students hands and rub against their legs! The chickens have been enjoying the warmer weather and laying well. In class Year 7 are completing a poster about their pigs and pig production in Australia.

Year 9/10 – Most students have completed their pig feed conversion ratio project. All projects need to be completed for students to be eligible for Ag camp at the end of Term 4. The tractor is getting a workout with students learning to drive until the end of term.

Year 11/12 – Gary and Luke have almost finished the course work to attain their Certificate II in Agriculture (Primary Industries). But before they finish, along with Year 11, they are completing some fencing including replacing a couple of strainer posts and swinging some gates.

#### *Stephen Gray*

##### **Job Offered on Hospitality Workplace**

Congratulations to Mitchell who was offered work at the 'It's About Time Cafe' at Casino Shopping Centre from a chef of 27 years. He was pleased with Mitchell's effort, enthusiasm and teamwork. Mitchell was a great representative for our school.

##### **Year 8 Design and Technology(Textiles & Food)**

With many of their creatively designed aprons almost finished we move to the food technology room next term. Students need an apron (which we are sewing and decorating in D & T), two tea towels and a dishcloth each Thursday and some weeks a container

to take home their cooking in.

*Mrs Taikakara*

## Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

## **Sport**

What a term it has been for sport. Our Sports Stars program this term has focused on soccer. The athletes have been put through their fitness and are improving each week. It has been great to work with this group and I look forward to next term's Sports Stars.

Our Girls 15yrs Basketball team are Northern Rivers Champions. The girls fought hard at their Gala day and proved too strong for Casino and Woodenbong. We then played Kadina in the final. Kadina had a number of Lismore Representative players but it didn't phase our girls. Led by Brandy, with great support from Catriona, the girls played hard and were eventual winners 28-26. We now play Southern Cross in Ballina for the chance to compete in the State Finals. Good Luck girls.

Our boys 15yrs Basketball didn't fare as well, being knocked out by Woodenbong. After an injury to Jeremy before the start of the game, the boys played hard but Woodenbong were too strong. Nicholas was a standout for our boys, playing a lot of game time and shooting really well.

Regional Athletics was held during the term with a number of our students representing Bonalbo and the Northern Rivers in Kingscliff. Shania, Jeremy, Teal, Catriona and Brandy showed their abilities in a number of sports. The highlight of the day was Jeremy coming second in the 800m. Well done to you all.

The Boys and Girls 16yrs Futsal teams went to Evans River K-12 School, to compete in the State Knockout. Both our teams came up against very strong Casino teams in the first round. The boys fought hard and were 2-0 down at the break, but the experience of the Casino team proved the difference with our boys going down 5-0.

The girls started out well with Teal showing real skill against Casino. Tanisha made a number of saves against a Casino team which had some representative players. The girls fought hard but

went down 7-0.

The Bloodwood Shield is being held again this term. Bruxner Bandits and the Clarence Crusaders have competed against each other in Touch Football and Netball with each winning one game. The deciding game will be held on Friday and it's Soccer. Good luck.

Also this week and early next week, our Canoe Team are heading to Nymboida to compete in the State and Regional Competitions. Good luck to you all.

Lastly our school Sports Assembly will be held on Thursday of next week. This is our chance to recognise the achievements of all our students who have participated in Sport at Bonalbo Central School. It would be great to see as many parents and carers attend as possible. Hope to see you there.

*Yours in Sport*

*Shaun Flannery*

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### **Casino Touch Association**

Will be run on Tuesday's Junior 4:30pm, Seniors 5:30pm  
Cost \$25 per junior.

\$800 per team senior (min 8, max 14) Open Mens/women/  
mixed

Single players welcome

Sign on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Start on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Junior, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Senior

At Junior Footy Fields 4:00pm

If you are interested please come to a meeting on Monday

23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6:30pm Cecil.

Contact Laurie on 0439 063 588/6662 2828

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Casino and District Junior Cricket Association is getting ready  
for another big summer of cricket.

The sign on dates are as follows:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm, QE cricket nets  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 4:30 – 6:30pm RSM Club  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9:30am – 12:00 RSM Club

All players from 5 – 17 years welcome.  
Please phone 66631240 for further information.

CASINO TAFE is offering a Certificate IV in Front-line Management, 1 evening per week commencing in Term 4. If interested please contact the Campus on 6661 2000.

## Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits



**It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.**

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.



Missing school leads gaps in your education

### BCS TENDER

Expression of Interest are invited for two pieces of metalwork equipment.

- Hercus Metalwork Lathe- medium sized Hercus metalworking lathe. This was in working condition when last wired up to power. It is currently configured to use 3 phase power and would need to be rewired to use ordinary household power. The lathe comes with a standard 3 jaw chuck, a 4 jaw chuck and variety of cutting tools. It is not possible to determine whether this lathe is still in working condition as it is no longer hooked up to power so any purchaser will be buying it in "as is" condition.
- Metal Roller- sheet metal roller with a rolling width of 1000mm. It is in working condition and comes on a stand.

Equipment can be viewed at the school on Monday October 14, 2013 within school hours. Equipment is offered on an 'as is' basis with no warranty.

Bids should be submitted to the school office, no later than Friday October 18, 2013 at 3.00pm (all bids must show the dollar amount being offered, in a sealed envelope with the bidders contact details included.)

### 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

## SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August primary students from Old Bonalbo, Mummulgum and Drake joined with the primary and junior secondary students of Bonalbo for a Science Spectacular. Bonalbo secondary students demonstrated many science experiments, explaining what was happening in each. Students were able to collect souvenirs of the day including a hovercraft and sherbet which they made on the day. During the afternoon all students joined together for a Science in Sport tabloids which was organised by Mr Shaun Flannery and his Sports Stars. The visiting teachers, parents and carers were treated to a sumptuous luncheon supplied by Mrs Suzanne Taikakara and the Year 11 Hospitality class. The day was enjoyed by all.*

*Thank you to Mr Flannery, Mrs Taikakara and all participating staff and students for their efforts to make the day a success.*

*Mrs Narelle Gray*



**BCS  
Futsal Team**