

Bonalbo Central School



Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

School News

Term 4 Week 6, 2013



Year 7/8 Concert



Dates to Remember

- Kindy Transition every Friday
- Primary Swimming every Friday
- November 15, 2013 - Year 12 Formal.
- November 18 - November 22, 2013 - Portfolio Interviews.
- November 20, 2013 - P & C meeting.
- November 26, 2013 - RRisk Year 11.
- November 26, 2013 - Pri Christmas Concert.
- November 30, 2013 - P & C Christmas markets.
- December 2- 6, 2013 - Primary Intensive Swimming
- December 5-6, 2013 - Agriculture Camp.
- December 5, 2013 - Year 6 Graduation.



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Principals Report

Adult Education Classes

Over several years Bonalbo Central School has been offering adults in the Bonalbo/Tabulam area the opportunity to access a range of courses that can be counted toward NSW Board of Studies units or are of general interest without Board of Studies accreditation. The courses currently running are in Visual Arts, Hospitality and Patchwork.

As of 2014 Bonalbo Central School has decided to expand the offerings to see if there is any demand in the community for a broader range of courses not offered in the past. At this stage we are asking interested adults in the community to contact the school and register an interest to allow us to gauge the level of demand. If there are sufficient numbers the course would be run during the normal school year in 2014/15.

We plan to continue to offer courses in the following areas:

- Visual Arts (2 unit)
- Hospitality (2 unit)
- Patchwork
- Construction (2 Unit)
- Chinese Continuers (2 unit)

If you would be interested in finding out more about these courses please feel free to contact the school and provide your details. Final details of the courses being run will be made available before the end of the school year.

Trevor Hodges
Rel. Principal

Reminder: Health Care Update forms are to be returned to the school as soon as possible please.

Primary Report

Last Thursday Gina and her Dog Tessa visited the K-3 classes and taught us responsible pet safety and awareness. The children thoroughly enjoyed interacting with Tessa and it was a great learning experience.

This Friday 15th November, is the 4/5/6 Assembly. This will be the last assembly for the year with most classes performing. Friday will also be an S.R.C fundraising day. Steve Irwin Day is being celebrated

and Bonalbo Central School will be participating in raising funds for the Joey program that is run out of Australia Zoo. Students will be viewing the Steve Irwin movie and a gold coin donation would be appreciated to go towards the Joey program.

Students have been involved in the Swim and Survive Program on Friday afternoons this term in preparation for the intensive swimming program in Week Nine. All students are thoroughly enjoying this, especially on our hot days! **Note: There is no swimming this Friday 15th November.**

Students are busy preparing for their end of year concert items. The Concert will be held in Week Eight, on Tuesday 26th November. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Primary Staff

ENGLISH & HSIE

Year 7 English were busy last week writing their scripts for their short films. The class will be filming these after exams so students may be asking to bring a change of clothes or small props to school. Dangerous items like axes will be replaced with cardboard recreations but other items such as a teddy bear or a Halloween mask may be brought in to be used as props.

9.1 Geography - Well done to all those students who submitted their Australian Communities Assignment last week. Students chose a community to research and used websites such as the Bureau of Meteorology, Bureau of Crime Statistics, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics to find out about a range of social, economic and demographic factors. Students also used programs like Google Maps to find out about the physical resources and facilities available to residents in their area. Students analysed the information they collected to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their chosen community in order to understand potential threats and opportunities for people living there or considering moving there. The communities that students chose to research included: Coober Pedy, Orange, Bonalbo, and Bondi. Many students worked in pairs to complete the task and I was very pleased to see these students working well as a team.

9.2 English have been studying representations of Aboriginality and Aboriginal people in a diverse range of texts. These have included the novel "The Fat and

Juicy Place" and the film "The Sapphires." After exams we will be looking at "Bran Nue Dae" and some of the fantastic poetry produced by Australia's Aboriginal poets. Although this is a thematic unit students are also considering aspects of texts such as characterisation, narrative structure and language devices.

Year 11 Society and Culture - Last Friday Shannon, Shania and Nioka attended the Society and Culture Association's annual PIP Study Day via live streaming. This meant the students were able to watch lectures being held in Sydney here at school on the interactive whiteboard saving staff and students travel time and costs and ensuring they access the same opportunities as students in metropolitan schools. It was a huge day for the girls, with 6 virtual lectures on various aspects of the personal interest project including content requirements and methodologies. The day also included a performance from some talented and culturally diverse hip hop artists, a real treat for our students which helped pick up everyone's spirits in the afternoon.

Agriculture News

Year 7 – The vegetable gardens are full of summer vegies including; tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, corn, beans, eggplant and capsicum. With the dry weather they need extra watering but they are growing well and already producing some fruit. Each student adopted a baby chick earlier in the term that we hatched in our incubator and they are growing as well. We have set another batch in our incubator.

Year 9/10 – Students about to do their tractor driving tests and have been learning tractor skills, including reversing a trailer. In theory lessons we are learning about cropping, in particular wheat production. In Week 9, students who have completed all projects will be invited on Ag Camp. We will be camping at the Bonalbo Showground and visiting various local farming enterprises.

Primary Industries students have been further developing their tractor skills as well as fencing. These students are also invited on Ag Camp.

Futsal

Futsal is on again this term when the MPC is not in use for other activities. All high schoolers welcome who have handed in permission notes. Monday afternoons 3.30 till 5.

Stephen Gray

News in Sport

Although the year is winding down, Sport has still had a number of highlights so far this term.

One of our talented sports people at Bonalbo Central School has received the prestigious NSW CHS Blue Award for his contribution to Canoeing. This award has been received by people like Steven Waugh and Ian Thorpe in their respective sports. Addison will be flying to Sydney to receive his award on Friday 29TH November. Well done Addison on this great achievement.

With the weather heating up, please make sure your child is suitably dressed for sport both on a Wednesday but any other day that they have PE. School shirt, shorts, a hat, suitable footwear and plenty of drinking water is needed on these days in particular.

Students will be changing Wednesday sport this week. With a number of sports not being able to run during the last half of the term, students will be participating in Volleyball, Cricket, Softball, Table Tennis, Golf and Indoor games.

Enjoy the rest of the term and let's hope Australia can win the Rugby League World cup and reclaim the Ashes

*Yours in Sport
Shaun Flannery*

Northern Star Marquee promotion

Bonalbo School has again been one of the lucky winners of the Northern Star Marquee promotion.

We would like to especially thank the Bonalbo Newsagency and community members for their help in winning a marquee for the school. Thankyou for your support.

RRISK

On Tuesday 26th November, all Year 11 students will attend the RRISK seminar at Southern Cross University, Lismore. RRISK aims to provide students with the skills, attitudes and knowledge needed to make informed decisions about driving, alcohol and drug use, risk taking behaviour and safe partying. Two Year 11 students, Shannon Smith and Mitchell Jung, volunteered to be Peer Facilitators at the seminar, where they will lead a workshop. Shannon and Mitchell travelled to Casino recently where they attended a peer training workshop, led by a trainer from Red Cross Australia. **Students will be travelling to Lismore on the 26th November by bus. A permission note will be sent home with further details.**

Kate Schumacher
Year 11 Advisor



Young people are less likely than adults to be concerned about the negative consequences of heavy drinking. They are more at risk than adults as they are physically and psychologically immature, lack experience with alcohol, are more willing to engage in risk taking behaviour and are often unaware of the dangers of excessive consumption.

Choosing not to drink or learning how to drink responsibly can be among the most difficult tasks facing young people today. The earlier young people start drinking, the

more likely they are to become high risk drinkers and experience alcohol related harm whilst they are young and in later life.

Alcohol and adolescent brain development

The brain is not fully developed until about 25 years of age. Drinking alcohol to intoxicating levels during adolescence can result in permanent brain damage. Areas of the brain that control memory, learning, decision making and problem solving can be permanently affected.

Learning problems can result in poor exam results and life skills which will reduce future career options and employment. Lack of judgement often leads to greater risk taking and increased likelihood of violence or sexual assault. Regular heavy drinking can cause irrational and aggressive behaviour, inability to understand social cues, depression and anxiety.

For more information on the effect of alcohol on the developing brain, see <http://darta.net.au/wordpress-content/uploads/2013/02/ALCOHOL-AND-THE-DEVELOPING-BRAIN.docx.pdf>

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website www.rrisk.com.au

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

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

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS 2014

General Subject requirements include the following: blue, black and red pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler (not metal), diary, glue, colouring pencils, highlighters and covered footwear. It is recommended that all students buy a **USB thumb drive**.

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11/12
All students require a large A4 Arch Lever Folder File					
English	All Students in Years 7 to 11 2 A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg (Class Work and Spelling)) 1 A4 Display Booklet * Students may require additional Booklets as they become filled with work				Year 12 students only 1 A4 Ring Binder 4 Display Booklets * Students may require additional Booklets as they become filled with work
Mathematics	All Maths students in Years 7 to 12 require the following items 1 A4 Maths Grid (not a line) Ring Binder Booklet 1 Set of Geometric Instruments 1 Mathomat purchased from school office 1 scientific calculator purchased from school office (year 8 – 12 only) 1 A4 Display Folder (years 11 & 12 only)				
Science	2 A4 Ring Binder Booklets 128pg (year 7 to 10) 1 Display folder				2 A4 Ring Binder Books 128pg 1 Display folder
Design and Technology (Metal, Wood, Plastic & Tech Drawing)	1 A4 Ring Binder Booklets 64pg 2 A4 Display Folders (Years 9/10) 2B pencil 30cm ruler Geometry Set (as for Maths) Covered Shoes				1 A4 Ring Binder Book 128pg 2 Display Folders Covered Shoes
Design and Technology Textiles/Food	1 A4 Display Folders 2B Pencil Apron (Sewn in Yr.8) 2 tea towels & dish cloth Covered Shoes Thumb drive				
Music	1 A4 Ring Music Book A4		1 Music A4 Book		1 A4 Music Book
Art	1 Visual Art Diary 2B, 4B and 6B Pencils 30 cm Ruler Vinyl Eraser Pencil sharpener				1 Visual Art Diary 2B, 4B and 6B Pencils 1 Display Folder per term
LOTE (Bundjalung)	1 Exercise books 96pg 1 Display Folders				
LOTE (Chinese)	2 Exercise books 96pg 1 Display folder				

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Information Skills		1 128pg A4 ring binder booklet 1 Display Folder			
Food Technology			1 display folder and 1 thumb drive, covered shoes Apron, 2 tea towels & dish cloth		
Textiles Technology			1 Display Folder 1 Thumb Drive Fabric & Patterns for chosen items. Covered shoes		
HSIE (History and Geography)	2 A4 Ring Binder Booklets 128pg				1 A4 ring binder Loose-leaf paper or book 128pg
Business Studies					A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg book or loose pages
Agriculture	Hat, Old Clothes and Boots 1 x 128pg A4 Ring Binder Booklet 1 Display Folder		Hat, Old Clothes and Boots 1 A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg 1 Display Folder		
Primary Industries					Hat, Old Clothes and Boots 1 A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg 1 Display Folder
PDHPE	1 A4 Ring Binder Booklet and 1 Display Folder				1 A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg 1 Display Folder
Hospitality				Year 11 & 12	Covered black leather shoes, white shirt and black pants or skirt, 2 tea towels, dish cloth, 1 display folders, 1 thumbdrive
PSS			1 A4 Ring Binder Booklet 128pg 1 Display Folder		



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Communities



Important Notice - Research in the School

The school is participating in the Aspirations Study, a research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from the school office.

For more information or to download a withdrawal form, please visit www.newcastle.edu.au/aspirations.



*“ Students interested in a career digital media, IT programming, mobile apps or game design are invited to apply for a **\$10,000 scholarship** to study at **The Academy of Information Technology**. AIT is hosting an info night on Nov 20 for students or parents interested in learning about careers and study options in the IT and creative fields. All ages welcome Register at <http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/> ”*

2014 Adult Education Classes

In 2014 Bonalbo Central School will be offering Adult Education Classes

Hospitality (VET Cert II)

Visual Arts

Patchwork



For the first time the school will also be offering



Construction (VET Cert II)

Chinese (Language)



Community members who might be interested in undertaking one of these courses are asked to ring the school and provide their contact details.

While details are yet to be confirmed, Visual Arts, Chinese Language and Construction will most likely run after school hours and Hospitality and Patchwork will be held during school hours.

Please contact Bonalbo Central School front office on 02 6665 1205.