

# Bonalbo Central School



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## School News

Term 3 Week 1, 2013



Semester 1 Merit Assembly 2013



Stewart  
Excellence  
in  
Media-TAFE  
Awardee



Chantelle  
TAFE-SBAT  
Student  
of the Year



State of Origin!

### Dates to Remember

- July 29, 2013—Year 6 Transition Day
- July 31, 2013—English Competition
- AUGUST 1-SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- August 2, 2013—UCPSSA Athletics, Tabulam
- August 2, 2013—NCCHS Regional Athletics
- August 9, 2013—Multicultural Day
- Week 5, Aug 12-16—Year 12 Trial HSC
- August 13, 2013—Maths Competition

## Principal's Report

The year seems to have shot past and here we are at the start of Semester 2. Term 3 is always a big term and this one is no exception. It's at this time of the year that the looming HSC exams really start to play on the minds of our HSC students: this is the last full term they will have to get ready for the exams. Time doesn't stretch out into the distant future for them anymore: they face the immediate and very real prospect of sitting for their exams and finishing school. Every one of our HSC students needs to be preparing themselves for the upcoming exams and asking for help from their teachers to undertake this preparation. In this instance silence is not golden: if they need help they need to ask for it.

School photos are coming up soon on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. The package of paperwork from the company who take our photos was sent out last term so if any parent/carer reading this didn't receive this package please contact the school.

Multicultural day is on again this year on the town oval. Everyone who has spoken to me about this event tells me it's a great community day. The school is up to its neck in preparing for Multicultural day so mark August 9 on your calendar and make the effort to attend. It should be a great day.

The first transition day for Year 6 students going from primary to high school in 2014 will be held on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. The day will involve all students in Year 6 from our own school and surrounding partner schools being invited into the high school for a day of exciting lessons and activities. Year 6 have been pestering me for weeks about this and they are looking forward to it with great anticipation. A permission note will be coming home in the next few days so could all parents and carers please sign this and return it to the school as soon as possible.

*Mr Hodges*  
*Relieving Principal*



## Primary Report

The end of term came 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 morning Merit Assemblies last term have seen the largest parent and community roll up for quite some time, and students have commented that they think "they are the best ever [Why?] because of all the food!"

The students received 'Fun Run' prizes recently. Congratulations to Divya Kumar who fundraised the most amount of money. Kindergarten was the classroom that raised the most amount for the Adidas charities. Students have received their ribbons from the Athletics carnival. Well done!

On Thursday June 20 we held our first Primary Disco for the year. Many students attended and had a great time. It was fantastic to see the students dressed-up with 'Crazy Hair' or as movie characters. The SRC collected gold coin donations at the front door and the P & C catered a great dinner for everyone. No disco is complete without a 'Limbo Rock'. Congratulations to Tayla Gray, who was the winner, and managed to frighten everyone with her ability to fold in half backwards. A special 'shout out' to the two Johnston family parents who I believe danced as much, (if not more than), the kids!!

Students in Years 4/5/6 attended the NAIDOC activities at Tabulam on Tuesday June 25. Students were involved in Art and Craft activities reflecting aspects of local Bundjalung culture. Tabulam always creates a special atmosphere for these activities and our students really enjoy the day. Thank you to our P & C for providing the funds so that our students could attend free-of-charge.

NAIDOC week was celebrated during the school holidays from July 7<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is 'We Value the Vision- Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963'. Students in 4/5/6 have been learning about the history of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions and how they played a significant role in the 'turning of the tide' for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In 1963, Yolngu people in north east Arnhem Land, living at Yirrkala, sent two signed petitions beautifully bordered by traditional ochre paintings, presented on bark, to the Australian House of Representatives to protest the granting of mining rights on traditional lands. Although the people's claim was overturned, it 'set in motion a long process of legislative and

constitutional reforms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.' <http://www.naidoc.org.au/celebrating-naidoc-week/2013-national-naidoc-week-theme/>

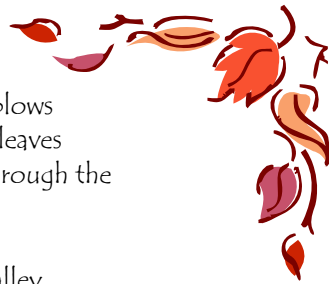
Students in 4/5/6 have also been very busy writing poetry for the Dorothea McKellar Competition. This year's theme is 'Wherever the Wind Blows'. The work produced has been very impressive, and 4/5/6 hope you enjoy the examples in this newsletter. We hope everyone has returned to school with enthusiasm and positivity. Thanks for a great term.

### Primary Staff

#### Seasons

##### Autumn

Wherever the wind blows  
rough- the autumn leaves  
and silently going through the  
calm and wispy trees  
picking up leaves  
through the silent valley



##### Winter

Wherever the wind blows  
a big storm is coming  
the wind is cold, hard and  
rough, travelling quietly  
through the cold dark valley

##### Spring

Wherever the wind blows  
over the mountains  
the calm wind goes  
whistling over  
river and creeks  
travelling silently  
through the calm valley

##### Summer

Wherever the wind blows  
the cooling wind blowing  
through the trees and leaves  
going up to the sky, going  
through the quiet valley

By Harriet



#### Wherever the Wind Blows

A bird goes the way the wind blows  
the wind blows the way a bird goes  
It blows with the tide and it blows in the trees  
it blows with butterflies, birds and bees

The wind is strong the wind is calm  
it blows in autumn to the farm  
It blows through the paddocks it blows through the  
sty,  
it blows very low and it blows very high

The wind is very old  
The wind is very fast  
And now, the wind shall cease  
At last.

By Liam

#### Wherever the Wind Blows

Wherever the wind blows  
It blows over mountains  
Trees and over seas  
Around the world  
As quick as light  
But  
If you listen  
You will hear it  
It comes  
With a storm  
It visits  
It picks up leaves  
Swishes through trees  
Birds singing  
Bees humming  
That's when I know  
The wind is coming  
by Samantha



*Wherever the Wind Blows*

*The wind blows over Australia, Austria,  
The wind blows over Brazil and Bali,  
The wind blows over the country side  
The wind blows over me!*

*It sounds like the whistling of a kettle,  
It sounds like the swooshing of the sea,  
It sounds like the roaring of a hurricane,  
It sounds like the world whispering to me!*

*It feels like the brushing of my hair,  
It feels like the buzzing of a bee,  
It feels like the rustling through the forest  
It feels like arms wrapping around me!*

*By Renee Bain*

### Success for 2012 Year 12 Students

Chantelle Montgomery, Year 12 2012, has been honoured as the TVET Student of the Year (Northern Rivers) for 2012. Chantelle studied her TAFE course as part of her HSC studies and is now enrolled in Nursing at the University of New England.

Stewart Coates, also Year 12 2012, received an Award for Excellence in Media as part of his TAFE /HSC course and is now studying digital media at QANTM College in Brisbane.

The combination of TAFE and school, as part of the HSC course of study, continues to provide our students with an excellent start to their careers.



### Excellence in Music

Caladan and Tabettha of Year 10 attended a music enrichment day recently at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium of Music. They joined with other North Coast students to work with voice and instrumental tutors and with music technology. The day was arranged by Connect Lismore and we thank them for the opportunity.

## Maths/Science

### Year 9 Maths

#### Term 3-Consumer Maths

All students have electronic copies of the chapter being studied. If they cannot access their emails at home they have been asked to copy this chapter onto their desktop. If they have had any problems doing this they are to see me ASAP.

By the end of Week 2 all students must have completed exercises 9.01 – 9.04. These exercises will be explained in class and time given to work on these. All green and blue questions must be attempted. The red questions are extension exercises and therefore are optional.

At the end of Week 2 the activities – ‘Jobs in the papers’, ‘Income tax returns’ and ‘What is brought to the table, cut but never eaten?’ are to be submitted for marking in their Maths exercise book.

By the end of Week 3 all students must have completed exercises 9.05 – 9.09.

At the end of week 3 the activities – ‘Shopper docket’, ‘The puzzle of the missing dollar’ and ‘Let’s plan a disco’ are to be submitted for marking in their Maths exercise book.

These exercises will be marked and returned to each student so they can use them as their Maths portfolio item for the end of year portfolio interviews.

### Year 7 & Year 8 Science

#### Term 3

The topics for Year 7 in term 3 will be ‘Solids Liquids and Gases’ followed by ‘Chemical Things’.

Year 8 will be studying ‘Living Communities’ and ‘Reactions - Acids and Bases’.

Science Week is Week 5, August 12<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>. During that week there will be displays of work studied by Science students. Each student will have a project to complete. This will involve an experiment to display and explain to other students and visitors to the school. This project will also include a

worksheet to complete on all the experiments displayed by all the students. The project will be marked and returned to each student so they can use it as their Science portfolio item for the end of year portfolio interviews.

*N Gray*  
(Science / Maths teacher)

### **Year Eight are legends**

Congratulations to Year Eight for their excellent participation and progress in Music last semester. Students worked well in all activities for our topics, *The Voice* and *Latin American Music*, practised hard on their performances and scored well in the exam. Mishika, Brandy, Hamish, Justin and Emily all earned very high marks. Brandy has made a great start on drums, and Mishika and Emily are becoming seasoned performers with the school band.

### **Year Nine are composers.**

Year Nine Elective Music students have their heads down and their screens up because they are working on a computer-based composition task for their Music and Technology topic. All students have learned how to use Audacity software to compose modern electronic music. They have also thought about how the invention of the didgeridoo led to new playing techniques and sounds.

### **Year Ten are travellers**

Year Ten Music students, Caladan and Tabetha travelled to Lismore last week to participate in a highly successful Music Workshop Day at the Lismore Conservatorium. Caladan (piano) and Tabetha (voice) worked hard and were excellent musical ambassadors for the school.

*Dave Tucker*

## **Agriculture**

### **Year 7**

Year 7 have nearly finished their topic on chicken and egg production. They have raised their day old chicks and each completed a powerpoint presentation about their chicken and the chicken industry.

### **Year 9/10**

This term will focus on cropping and tractor use. Last term we broadcast a paddock of rye which is now ready for pasture assessment and grazing. All students will have the opportunity to learn how to

drive the tractor this term.

### **Year 11/12**

It's getting close to the HSC for the Year 12 boys and they will be finalising competencies and preparing for the HSC exam this term. The Year 11 students will be fencing this term. This term will also see the introduction of pigs to the school farm. We will be getting two piglets and raising them at school. The Primary Industries class has already constructed a moveable shed and we plan on moving the pigs around the sheep paddock in a rotational/free range system using electric fencing.

*Stephen Gray*

## **English**

### **Year 7**

**Current Assessment Task: Film Review.**

**Due Date: Friday of Week 2.**

**Coming up: *Novels and Narratives – A Close Study of Morris Gleitzman's Once***

Continuing their film unit from last term students have started their first drafts of their film reviews. They have a scaffold to help them structure their review and write appropriately. After the assessment task is completed they will begin reading the novel *Once*. Most of the reading will be done in class with students participating in a variety of reading strategies individually, in pairs and in groups.

Students are also undertaking a wide reading challenge, this involves students reading novels of their choice in their own time. For each book they read they will complete a review sheet and there are rewards for each review sheet completed. Students who complete 5 review sheets will receive a green slip for showing dedication to English outside of the classroom. Our aim is for the class to read a total of 50 novels.

## **Hospitality/Food Tech**

### **Espresso Coffee Machine Raffle**

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students, Year 10 Food Technology students and the School Office staff are selling raffle tickets for an Espresso Coffee Machine to fundraise for an educational excursion to Sea World Resort School for 2014 Hospitality students. This excursion will broaden their knowledge of the hospitality industry. As the excursion is expensive, we require community support to help raise funds. Raffle tickets cost \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. The Espresso

Coffee Machine will be drawn at 2pm at the Multicultural Day at Bonalbo on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### Year 8 Design and Technology (Textiles)

This week students will rotate to either Textiles or Woodwork for this term. In Textiles students use a sewing machine to sew an apron to wear in food preparation next term. They will design, sew and decorate their apron.

### Year 9/10 Food Technology

This term students choose the unit 'Food Service and Catering'. This week they designed their own canapés (appetisers) and shared them in a class buffet. Next they will design their own scone variation for another class buffet.

### Year 9/10 Textiles Technology

This semester students are sewing a free choice item. Patterns and fabric need to be purchased as soon as possible so this task may be started.

### Year 11/12 Hospitality

This term they are completing a 'Salads' unit. The Year 12 are planning and organising the Bush Tucker inspired menu for the Coffee Shop at Multicultural Day on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### Year 11/12 Kitchen Operations

This term Year 11s are preparing desserts and 2 and 3 course dinners. The class are completing an industry placement and are working towards the completion of a Certificate II.

### Food Magazines

Old magazines with recipes in them are wanted. Please leave at the school office.

*Mrs Taikakara*

### 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

## Sport

Well Term 2 was a very busy term in sport. Our first term of Sports Stars has come to an end. It has been great to work with the netballers and for them to see results. Well done girls and this term Sports Stars will be Soccer.

Speaking of Netball, our 15yrs girls competed in the state wide knockout competition. The girls made it into the second round after a hard fought game against Woodenbong. The girls came up against a very strong Maclean side and were defeated. The day wasn't over and our girls had another game against Evans River. Again the girls were up against an experienced side and were narrowly defeated. I would like to congratulate the Netball team and Mrs Kilroy for their sportsmanship and their efforts at these carnivals. You showed true sportsmanship and competed hard. Well done girls.

The secondary Regional Cross Country Carnival was held in Lismore on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. We had 5 runners competing for the Northern Rivers Zone team. Sam, Brandon, Sarah, Catriona and Jeremy all competed. They did extremely well with Sarah coming 11<sup>th</sup> being the highlight. Well done to all of those students. You have represented your school well and you should be extremely proud of yourselves for your efforts.

Zone Athletics was held on the second last Friday of term. It was a very wet day but we still had 19 competitors make the trip to Lismore. After a slight hiccup with the bus (thanks for driving Charlie), we still managed to make it for the start of the day's events. Everyone competed really well with some notable results being Catriona winning the 400m and coming 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the female standings, Jeremy winning the 800m and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Long Jump, Triple Jump and being ranked 13<sup>th</sup> overall in the male standings. These two will go on to the Regional Athletics Carnival at Kingscliff in Term 3 they will be accompanied by Brandy (2<sup>nd</sup> in 13yrs Shot Put), Shania (2<sup>nd</sup> in 16yrs Discus and Shot Put), and Teal (2<sup>nd</sup> in the 16yrs 400m). Good luck to those who are going to Regional and well done to everyone who competed on the day.

This term sport continues with our boys and girls 15yrs Basketball teams and 16yrs Futsal competing in State knockout competitions. We also have our Yr 7 and 8 Gala days during the term.

Students have started their new sports for Wednesday afternoons. I urge students and parents to make sure that they are suitably dressed to participate in sport i.e running shoes, black or blue shorts and school polo shirt.

*Yours in Sport  
Shaun Flannery*



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