

Bonalbo Central School



Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

School News

Term 4 Week 3, 2014



The Project



The Ag. Team
at Lismore Show



Isha being presented with her book award – the award was donated by Federal Member for Page, Kevin Hogan in recognition of her literacy achievements.



Dates to Remember

November 3, 2014– Vaccinations Year 7 & Year 9 boys.

November 10 - 14, 2014– Y7-10 Exams

November 12, 2014– ESSA Test, Year 8

November 12– 14, 2014– 4/5/6 Camp

November 17&18, 2014– Portfolio Interviews.

November 21, 2014– Y6 to 7 Transition Day.

Kindy Transition every Monday.

Principal's Report

HSC exams

The HSC exams have started and are currently being held in the MPC most days. Students have been coming in to see staff for help in preparation for their individual exams and have been in the Library studying. All students are welcome to come to school to seek help from staff right up to the end of the exams and the Library is available for study during most periods. Contact the school for details.

Most students have brought materials in and started the sign out process. As a part of this process we've been asking students to donate their DER laptops back to the school if they don't want them. In this way they become available to younger students in following years, especially as this program is no longer being funded by the Federal Government.

Bring Your Own Device

As a response to the DER laptop program no longer being available to secondary school students the NSW DEC have developed a policy to assist schools implement a policy which partially replaces this program: the name of this process is Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). There are a number of ways a school can implement a BYOD policy, however BCS held off implementing such a policy during 2014 until the DEC had formalised the way it wanted schools to approach this issue.

Our school cannot afford to provide students with laptop devices however the school has good technology infrastructure resulting from the DER program and we would like to encourage students to bring devices to school so that they can use them in class. In addition we would like to settle on a device that we "recommend" parents buy their children that we feel is good value for money and has all the features and software that a student would use.

The school has commenced this process and we are looking at a range of options that would allow us to put forward to parents a recommended device that we know will operate in the school's wireless environment. We are also looking at different ways of encouraging the purchase of the device we recommend.

After consultations with staff and the P&C the school should be ready to introduce this policy, hopefully in time for the first half of 2015. If any parents are thinking of buying a device for their children to use at

school we would recommend holding back the purchase till we have settled on our recommended device.

Sports shirts

As of the start of 2015 all students will need to wear an approved shirt to participate in school sport. The school and P&C have chosen a design and these can be ordered from the front office. The shirts will have a crest on the top left of the chest and the P&C are currently considering whether they wish to have any further words screen printed on the back. The price of shirts will be approximately \$20-\$25. A Bonalbo Sports Stars shirt can be worn as a sports shirt by any student who has participated in this program.

Mr Trevor Hodges

Primary Report

Term Four already! How fast a year can go by. Our Kinders are huge now next to the transition pre-schoolers, and Year Six are showing some wisdom and are nearly out the door!

We are all very mindful that this term especially is all about up-coming change for a lot of our students. Some students start to 'turn-off' early thinking the year is over. It will be a very busy term, with Reports and Presentation Night, End of Year Concerts, Intensive Swimming and the Year 4/5/6 Excursion just to name a few AND keeping our regular classroom routines going! Please keep an eye out for our primary calendar coming out this week.

We have had some staff adjustments in the Primary this term. While we wait anxiously to hear of Mrs Phillips looming delivery (due this week!), Miss Claire King is competently running the Kindergarten room, with Mrs Armfield back Fridays until end-of-term.

It is heating up and so we ask that parents and carers provide water bottles for their children to avoid dehydration, and please continue to write names clearly on jumpers. We do have quite a pile accumulating again, so please come and check if jumpers are not coming home.



Primary Staff

YEAR 8 SCIENCE ESSA Test

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) is an assessment program for all students in Year 8 in New South Wales. An interactive, multimedia online test called ESSA online will be held on Wednesday 12th November 2014 (Week 6).

It is a diagnostic test that will provide information about what your child knows and can do in Science. Tasks in the test are framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus*.

Each student needs earphones to be able to complete ESSA online on a school computer. Results of ESSA online will be available in Term 1, 2015. A personal report prepared for each student will describe the scientific knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test.

There will also be information about how the student's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

Mrs N Gray
Year 8 Science teacher

Agriculture News

Year 7

Year 7 are studying potatoes in theory lessons this term. The pigs were a great success last term and have now gone back to their farm. Thanks so much to Stuart Edwards for lending us the pigs.

In the gardens the students have carrots, tomatoes, watermelon, corn, spinach, chilli and capsicum already growing for summer.

Year 9/10 – Lismore Show

Students from year 9/10 camped at the Lismore Showground on the 15/16th October. We entered three steers in the school and open led steer competition. It was a terrific experience for all the students. They had to look after the steers as well as themselves overnight and during the show. All students led in the show ring and presented themselves and their steers well.

In the open carcass competition our steers came 6th and 14th out of 34 in the middle weight class and 16th

from 29 in the heavy weight. A big thankyou to Darryl Amos who transported the steers to Lismore. Without community help these events would not happen. Also thanks to Belinda Makejev and Razi Karni for their work with both the students and steers in preparation and during the show.

Congratulations to Layton, Justin, Scott, Eliza, Cody, Lachlan, Jacob and Taylah, they all represented Bonalbo with distinction. Once again it made us proud to be from Bonalbo!!

On the Saturday of the Lismore Show Layton competed in the North Coast region finals for junior judging. He did himself and his school proud. Well Done Layton!!

Primary Industries

Good luck to Hamish, Justin, Steven and Shane in the HSC exam.

Stephen Gray

1/2/3 Food Technology

This term students are focusing on healthy eating choices. They have already prepared soft breakfast tortillas with scrambled eggs and coco-banana bites with cookie cutter watermelon kebabs and over the next few weeks will make ribbon vegetable parcels, tangy melon salad and frittata. **Each Tuesday** they need their apron, tea towels, dishcloth and hair tied back if long enough.

Packing a school lunch

When children eat well they behave better, are able to listen well and concentrate for longer. Packing a healthy school lunchbox will help children to learn and play well and be happy at school. Nutrition Australia suggests fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and yogurt, bread and crackers.



Year 12 Hospitality

Congratulations to Mitchell, Courtney, Charlie and Mick who all achieved a Certificate II in Hospitality (Food and Beverage), a great addition to their HSC and in their resume.

Year 11 Hospitality

In preparation for a Light Luncheon for invited guests, students are busy trialling salads to accompany their chosen appetisers and drinks. They are eagerly preparing for their final HSC VET work placement at the Casino RSM for the Casino High School Year 12 Formal and Year 10 Dinner Dance. They will participate in food preparation with the chef and food service to the guests.

Year 9/10 Food Technology

Students this term are continuing a unit on Food in Australia. They have selected and prepared food from a variety of cultures that influence Australian eating habits; tabouli, sushi, lasagne and quiche. They will also prepare fried rice, macaroni cheese and flap jacks with Mrs Beatrice Torrens. This will culminate with a cultural buffet incorporating bush tucker into each dish.

Year 8 Design and Technology

Last term students prepared healthy snacks; chicken and wedges, designer pizza and burgers, stuffed potatoes and biscuits and a slice. This term they are preparing breakfast dishes; fruit salad, French toast, honey oat squares, muffins, corn fritters and designing and preparing their own breakfast in pairs.

Mrs Taikakara

SPORT

This term sees our girls and boys cricket teams head to Inverell to compete in the Central Schools Super 8's competition. This will be the first time our school has competed in a cricket competition for a number of years. Both teams are excited and are looking forward to the trip.

This term for Wednesday Sport, students are swimming or participating in lawn bowls, table tennis, softball/cricket and Zumba. Please make sure that on both Wednesday and PE days, your student has plenty of water and a hat and sun-screen.

Sports Stars continues this term with a focus on Cricket. This will allow our cricket teams to have a bit more training before their competitions.

A reminder that with the hot weather it is important that students drink plenty of water and wear protective clothing for sun protection.

*Yours in Sport
Shaun Flannery*

P&C Report

We have changed our meetings to the 3rd Monday of the month due to people being unable to attend. Our next meeting will be Monday 20th October at 3.30pm in the Primary.

Once again we will be holding our Melbourne Cup Day at the Bonalbo Bowling Club. It will commence at 10 am \$15 entry for lunch and lucky door prize. There will be prizes for best dressed male and female and best head wear. We will have a Calcutta and sweeps. We will need help on the day, if you can help please contact me on 66653152.

Hellan Whitney

Bonalbo P & C**Melbourne Cup Day**

Tuesday 4th November 2014 at Bonalbo Bowling Club.

Commencing at 10am

\$15 entry for lunch and lucky door prizes

\$5 monster raffle and sweeps

Calcutta, Candle display, Coin toss, Prizes for best dressed male and female and best head wear

This could be your lucky day so come along, join us and have a fun day.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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The purpose of this program is to support people who want to get their Learners' Permit. You will be supported in preparing for and sitting the Drivers' Knowledge Test.



This program is fee exempt, and there are other benefits for completing this program, for example, you will pay no fee for sitting the RMS Driver Knowledge Test.

The course will run for 4 hours a week for 7 weeks, or 3 hours a week for 10 weeks, depending on demand. The course will run when we have 8-10 people interested in doing the training.

Times, dates and venues for this course are –

Start - Wednesday 22nd October 2014

End - Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Where - Casino TAFE Campus in room L9

When - Mondays 9.00am till 11.30am

Wednesdays 12.30pm till 3.00pm



For eligible participants State Debt Recovery payments are available.



If you are interested in doing the program, please contact the Aboriginal Learning Circle Coordinator below or attend the information session listed above

Leanne Holmes – Lismore/Casino

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Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

Need help?

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal or the school counsellor. In primary school you could also approach the assistant principal and in secondary school, your child's year adviser would be a good contact.

Home school liaison officers offer support with attendance at school. Some school areas also have Aboriginal student liaison officers who support the attendance of Aboriginal students.

Telephone your local Department of Education and Training regional office and speak to the student welfare consultant if you would like further support. A list of regional office telephone numbers can be accessed at the web site address: www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm or by telephoning 131 536.

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