

Bonalbo Central School



Lifelong Learning for a Positive Future

School News

Term 3 Week 6, 2014



CWA Botswana Day
and
Science Week Activities

Dates to Remember

Week 6– Science Week

August 22, 2014– NAIDOC Day - BCS

August 25, 2014– SCHOOL PHOTOS

Week 7 - Literacy/Numeracy Week

August 29, 2014– K-3 Byron Excursion

Sept 1 & 2, 2014– Sea World, Hosp Exc.

Week 8– BOOK WEEK

Sept 5, 2014– Book Week Character Parade

Sept 12, 2014 - Primary Assembly, 10.15am

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Principal's Report

Community Use Of School Facilities

The Bonalbo community is welcome to use the school's facilities when they are not employed by the school for its own purposes. The NSW DEC policy states that "schools must not permit their facilities to be used for activities that interfere with teaching and student learning or that are inconsistent with the values of Public Education."

To ensure fairness Bonalbo Central School has implemented a policy that allows community members to apply to the school for such use of the school's facilities. I want to emphasise that the key element in this process is that before anyone from the community uses the school's facilities or equipment the principal (or a recognised delegate) must give explicit, written permission. In most instances I would have no hesitation in providing this permission and I would encourage anyone who feels they might wish to use school facilities to approach the front office for details and an application form.

Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory for all children between the ages of 5 and 17 years of age. Older children can make alternative arrangements via employment or training, however in most instances all students are required to be in school during the designated hours. Parents should be aware that if child in their care is away they need to provide a written note explaining the absence with a date and signature included. A note also needs to be provided if a student is late to school. A valid reason needs to be provided for both whole-day or partial absences. A note that says "Excuse John for being late" is not sufficient. Ongoing absences, especially absences without a valid reason, can affect a student's attainment of a ROSA and can lead ultimately to court action being taken by the DEC.

Mr Trevor Hodges

Primary Report

This term has been very full of events, with many more calendar items to come. Time is flying by and we are now halfway through the school term.

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the UCPSSA Athletics Carnival at Tabulam. Thank you to all the parents and families who helped out, and once again, our apologies to those who were inconvenienced by the delayed start to the day. All of our students represented our school

perfectly, and performed to the very best of their ability. Special mention to Caroline, who won Junior Girl Champion, plus Brad, Tayla, Matthew and Bailey, who all made it on to Zone Athletics in Lismore. Bailey will now be going on to represent our school at the Regional Carnival in Lismore on 29th August.

On 8th August, the CWA ladies visited our school, and were treated to a morning celebrating the country of Botswana. A presentation was held in the Kinder room, where students displayed their posters and brochures and shared what they had learnt about Botswana. Congratulations to the winners of the competition, and many thanks to our judges, Mr Hodges and Mr Martin. The P&C provided a delicious lunch for the ladies and staff with the theme of African and, in particular, Botswana cuisine.

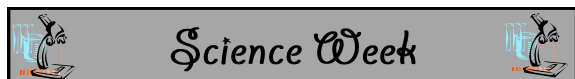
On Monday of Week 5, the Kindergarten transition program commenced. A very warm welcome to our new students, and to their teacher Miss Selmes. The transition program will continue up until Week 9 this term, recommencing again in Term 4. Enrolments are still open, any queries, please contact the school.

Next Monday, 25th August, is school photos. Please make sure your child is dressed in school uniform for the event. The K-3 Excursion to the Byron Circus Arts Workshop is on Friday 29th August. School uniform will also be required for this event.

This term has seen a high number of children ill with colds and flu. If your child is sick, please make sure they are well enough to attend school, otherwise, keep them at home until they have recovered.

Primary Staff





Our school's theme for National Science Week 2014 is *Food for our future: Science feeding the world*. The theme was inspired by the [International Year for Family Farming](#)

On Monday our Primary students participated in a lesson demonstrating how our Secondary Agriculture students are learning to farm and produce food. With the emphasis being on sustainable farming practices.

The 4/5/6 students constructed a scarecrow in the Ag. Plot to help the vegies survive the attack by birds.

Each student received a packet containing pumpkin and parsley seeds with information and instructions to grow at home. These seeds can be planted in Spring this year.

Thanks to Mr Gray for his explanation of the area especially under such difficult windy conditions. Also thanks to Ms Goldstein for her artwork on the face of our scarecrow.

Narelle Gray



Spell Well Programme

Spell Well has started again. The format is different to last time – instead of a list of spelling words, students will complete sheets on homophones, plurals, prefixes and suffixes and synonyms and antonyms. The Spell Well programme runs on Monday and Thursday each week for students in Years 7-10, with the aim of revising key literacy skills.

Ms Schumacher's classes:

Year 7/8 English are currently working on their assessment for our film study, *How to Train Your Dragon*. Students will create a Viking village and complete a map and history of their village, as well as a Bestiary or Field Guide to Dragons. This task utilises English, History and Geography skills. Students are encouraged to be as creative as they can with their

presentation.

Year 9 English are working through a comparative study of the novel and film *Holes*. Students have been working on a number of tasks such as Design your own Youth Detention Centre and a map of Camp Green Lake, as well as reading their way through the text and watching corresponding sections of film.

Year 10 Geography has finished their introductory study into issues affecting Australian environments and will be doing an in-depth study of land and water management, focusing on the local area. There is also homework given out weekly – quite a few students need to return their homework.

Year 11/12 English Studies class are examining the digital world and have been looking at, through a study of the film *Hackers*, issues of privacy, safety and personal responsibility on the internet.



School Photographs

Monday 25th August 2014

All students will be part of the class and individual photographs.

Full school uniform should be worn. Sports and specialist uniforms will be worn as appropriate.

If you wish to purchase a class or individual photograph please send the money in the supplied envelope on the day. The envelope should be handed directly to the photographer unless the class teacher has organised otherwise.

Specialty photographs (eg sport) can be ordered through the school when sample prints are available.

If any payments are made via the online option please still send the envelope with a note to that effect so no order is missed.

Thank You
Sharon Tucker

The Last Concert

Mr Tucker officially retires on the 26th of August. To say farewell to the school and celebrate Day One of his retirement, Mr Tucker has arranged a small concert featuring ex Bonalbo student, Sarah Woodland. Sarah has been preparing some spectacular pieces for her HSC Music exam, and if you thought she was good last year, you ought to hear her now. The Giant Rat of Sumatra will also be performing.

The concert starts at 2.30 on Tuesday 26th August in the Music Room. Ladies, gentlemen, students, teachers and bald-headed babies are all welcome.

Bonalbo Central School and Mr Tucker's Final Gig present

Sarah Woodland

and The Critics



Flying Hands Tour 2014

One show only

With The Giant Rat of Sumatra

2.30 Tuesday 26th August

BCS

Music Room

Find out if you're eligible for the PVC subsidy at transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you're not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

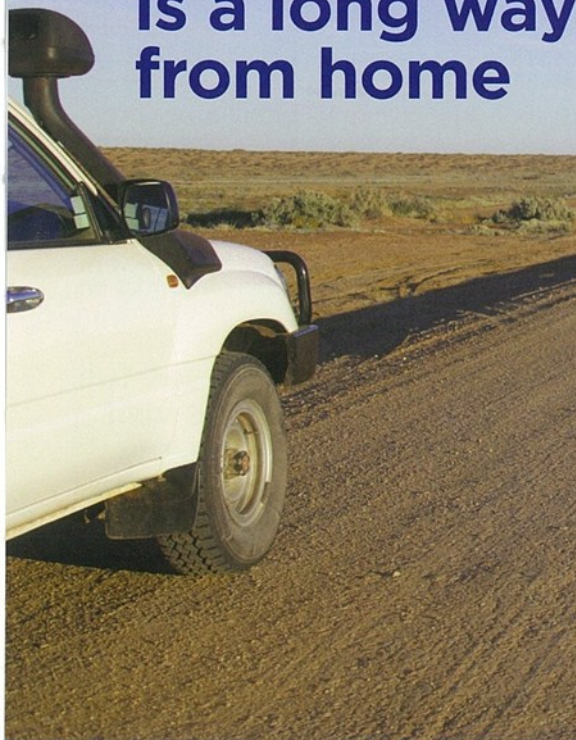
Can't get online?

Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc



When school is a long way from home



Now you can apply online for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy



Southern Cross University 20th Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday 30 August 2014**. There will be a wide range of activities on campus during the day including the sessions below, which may be of particular interest to your students.

SCU Information Hub | 11am - 4pm | Y Block

Coffee, live music and all the SCU information you could need!

Study at SCU

An introduction to study in the following disciplines:

11am - Education - Y2.12

11.15am - Environment, Science & Engineering - A Block

12pm - Visual Arts - V Block

12pm - Business & Tourism - Y2.11

12.45pm - Music & Creative Arts - D Block

12.45pm - Arts, Humanities & Indigenous Studies - Y2.11

1.30pm - Health - P Block

1.30pm - Law - Y2.11

Pathways to University | 1pm | Y2.12

If you thought you were not eligible for entry to university, this is the session for you.

Study at SCU While in Year 11 or Year 12 | 1.15pm | Y2.11

A presentation about the SCU Head-Start pathway opportunity.

Demystifying Uni for Parents and Students | 2pm | Y2.12

Find out how to unravel and simplify your university journey.

HSC Survival Workshop for Students and Parents | P165 | 12.30pm and 2.30pm

Understand what is involved in learning and memory, and learn practical strategies for managing stress. Two sessions on offer.

Returning to Study | 1.30pm | Y2.12

A presentation for those interested in study again.

Bonalbo Central School



BOOK FAIR

2014



When: September 1st to 5th

Time: During school hours

Where: School Library

**We will have a variety of picture books,
junior fiction and teen fiction on sale at
reasonable prices.**



**Something for everyone.
All community members welcome.**

**Come and support your School Library
as a percentage of the profits will go towards
the purchasing of new books.**