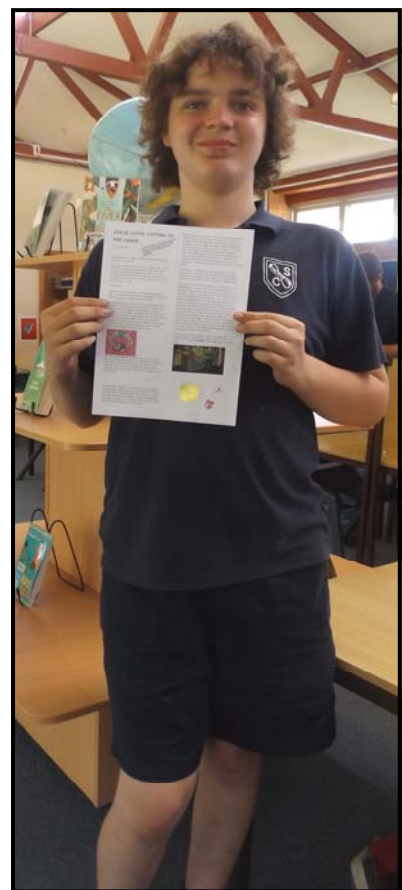
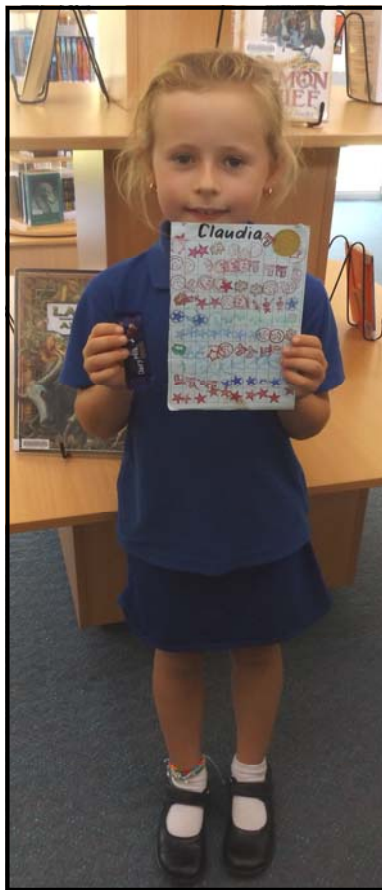


Bonalbo Central School

School News
Term 4, Week 9 2015



Dates to Remember
December 7, 2015 – Y6 Graduation Dinner
December 8-9, 2015 – Yr 9/10 Gold Coast excursion
December 10, 2015 – Presentation Night
6:30pm start
December 14, 2015 – Silver Rewards
K-6 Skating
Y 7-12 Dreamworld
December 15, 2015 – Year 6 sleepover
December 16, 2015 – K-6 Pool Party
December 16, 2015 – Y11 Chuan Tian Temple visit
December 16, 2015— Last day of term for students.

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Principal's Report

Promoting Tooth Decay

When I arrived at Bonalbo Central I was determined to follow some advice of a very good friend of mine who also happens to be a principal. She told me that "praise is free and you can't lay it on too thickly with kids." So I decided that I was going to start a process where I would try to encourage teachers to send children with good work to my office so that they could get a pat on the back, a sticker with "Principal's Award" written on it and, and this is all important, a chocolate.

I don't know about you but my memories of the people who were principals of the schools I attended as a student were of these rather distant men (they were all men at the schools I attended) who would occasionally emerge from their offices to deliver a speech at an assembly or berate us for being slovenly, late to school or because we had failed to march in step as we paraded around the oval on Friday morning. We did a lot of marching in the 1960s.

I still hold to my belief that kids haven't changed a great deal in the time I've been a teacher: what has changed is ideas about parenting and also ideas about what a principal's role is. I strongly believe that you catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar and this translates into trying to be more to the students at our wonderful school than just some distant old bloke who they sometimes see on an assembly stage. I don't always succeed in getting out of the office as much as I'd like but my efforts at promoting tooth decay among the students by handing out the occasional chocolate is my effort to overcome this. You can see a number of photos of our lucky principal's award winners on the front page of this newsletter.

PS: I do always ask the students who come to my office if they would rather not have the chocolate in the interests of promoting a healthy lifestyle and their own well-being but very few of them ever say they'd rather not have it.

This is our last Newsletter for the year so I'd like to wish everyone in our school community and merry Christmas and hope that you all have a happy and safe summer break. I'd also like to

thank all of the staff at BCS for all their hard work in 2015.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Year 12 Formal

Year 12 students celebrated the end of their school days last Friday at a glittering event held in the M.P.C. The red carpet was rolled out for the students who arrived in style. It was lovely to have a room full of students, family, staff and community members celebrate the beginning of the next chapter in these students' lives. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Gray and her team of students and staff for the organisation of a wonderful night. Many thanks and congratulations to the P & C and their band of helpers who catered for the evening; the support that you give our school is much appreciated.

Although we are fast approaching the end of the year, Bonalbo Central School students have quite a number of activities in which to participate. Our portfolio interviews for students in Years 7-10 are now underway and the Year 6 graduation dinner, the Year 6 sleepover, the combined CAPA evening and the school Presentation Night are all coming up in the next few weeks. The Silver Awards reward excursion for all years (K-12) will take place on the 14th December. Students are reminded that the excursion is open to all students who have achieved silver and gold award status provided that they have maintained good behaviour and high levels of co-operation throughout the school year. Thank you to all the staff involved in organising and co-ordinating this event.

As this is the last Newsletter for 2015, I'd like to personally thank the school community for your support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with the students and staff at Bonalbo Central School during 2015. I also wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Ms Desirée Moore
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Primary Report

It has been another full year of sporting carnivals, performances, assessments and special events and we are always amazed at how we manage to fit it all in and still survive the year! We know we cannot do this without the dedication our students, teachers, SLSOs and all volunteers who assist us at various events. We cannot do this without the support of our wonderful parents and carers who turn up to assemblies, sign and return notes, provide fees for excursions and events and generally want the best for their children. So bearing all this in mind, Primary staff would like to say thank you and wish you all the very best for a happy holiday and safe return next year!

The SRC Art Auction was a success again this year with students presenting beautiful artworks and some slow to start bidding that quickly escalated in to some serious competition. Many parents and carers chose our pre-bid option which works for those who cannot attend. Thank you to Mrs Collis, Mrs Armfield and Mr Hodges (auctioneer) for all their efforts leading up to and on the day.

This week, students are not only participating in Intensive swimming, but also rehearsing for our first combined Creative and Performing Arts Concert on Thursday 3rd December. We wish all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 the best for the night. I'd also like to acknowledge the efforts of our secondary staff, Mr Kilroy and Ms Goldstein, who work with Primary students who benefit from their expertise.

Year 6 are graduating! Well done to all eleven students who have worked so hard over the years, not only at Bonalbo, but at their previous schools as well. This is a big transition for these students, and the anxious excitement of moving onto high school (even if it is just 'over there') is very real and important for them. This year, the students will have a graduation dinner and ceremony on 7th December at the Bonalbo Bowling Club.

The Silver Rewards excursion is in the planning process for Monday 14th December, and students eligible should receive a note this week. Congratulations to those students who have made it through to Silver. This is quite an accomplishment!

Please don't forget that Presentation Night is Thursday 10th December. We love seeing our students attend and ask that they be in uniform for the ceremony.

On Wednesday 16th December, Primary students will be heading to the pool for a 'Pool Party'. More information regarding this will be available soon.

Primary Staff

Secondary Report

Proposed Changes to Secondary Sport Organisation for 2016.

For as long as I can remember Bonalbo Central School has, like most other Secondary and Central schools, had sport on a Wednesday afternoon.

Given our ever-tightening staffing and timetabling constraints we have found ourselves having to think more creatively for 2016 and, as a result, we are going to trial 'Integrated Sport'. This will mean that sport is integrated into the timetable at different times for different grades. The Stage 4 students (Years 7 & 8) will have sport one afternoon a week while the Stage 5 and 6 students (Years 9 to 12) will have their sport on a different afternoon. Both groups will have 2 teachers timetabled onto the sport block.

The advantages of this organisation is that sport can be better staffed by teachers who are personally committed to sporting participation themselves and who will look to extend our students' involvement in sport.

The disadvantage is, of course, that sports carnivals that involve all grades will have to be held on a day that is not necessarily the student's sports day – however this only happens a handful of times a year.

As I stated above, this is a trial only and if we see any unpredicted problems arising we can make alternative arrangements when the permanent timetable is constructed towards the end of Term 1.

Jan Maslen

H.T. Secondary Studies.

Ag Camp

This year for Ag Camp we visited Holden's Sheep Farm, Amos' Cattle and cropping farm and Malt's Alpaca farm. We hired a mini-van for travel and camped at the Bonalbo Showground.

At Holden's we learned about sheep production, handling, welfare and husbandry. Everyone got their hands dirty and were involved in drenching the sheep. At Amos's we learned about feedlot rations, cattle husbandry and cropping. At Malt's we learned about the Alpaca industry and husbandry. It was great to listen and learn from passionate locals that are informed and love what they do.

A big thank you to the Bonalbo Show Society for the use of the Showground and a huge thank you to Boyd, Darryl and Michelle for welcoming us to their beautiful properties.

Year 7 are having their annual "100 metre Meal" Monday 7th December. They will prepare, cook and eat a meal from the produce they have grown on the school farm.

Review of 2015 'Ag Team'

2015 was the first year for the 'Ag Team'. In our school, learning activities involved cattle, sheep, chickens, pigs, tractors, fencing, vegetable gardens etc. Here are some of the events we participated in out of school;

- Bonalbo Show
- Woodenbong Show
- Casino Beef Education Day
- Casino Beef Week
- Casino Meatworks visit
- Beef Week carcass Competition
- Casino Bos Indicus Camp
- Lismore Show
- Ag Camp

We are looking forward to next year!!

Stephen Gray

Agriculture/Primary Industries Teacher

Food Tech/Hospitality/Textiles

60 Minutes of Physical Activity a Day

The best thing for wellbeing is at least 1 hour of activity per day, whether it's walking, playing sport, keeping active or getting fit, this is the recommended national guideline. It will help students to develop healthy lifestyle habits and

increase their chances of avoiding obesity related problems such as heart disease and diabetes later in life.

Year 7 and 8 Design and Technology (Food)

Students have developed basic food preparation skills culminating in the preparation of the Year 7 Healthy Breakfasts and Year 8 Designer Hamburgers. Photos will be on display at the school Presentation night.

9/10 Food Technology

All those who participated in the Years 9/10 Recipe Challenge designed by McCormick and the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc. in Australian schools will shortly receive a Participation Certificate which can be placed in their resume. These entries will be on display at Presentation night. Although many worked very hard, we did not receive a placing this year but, there is always a chance next year.

Year 11 Hospitality

Currently students are running a Coffee Shop each week to improve their espresso coffee skills.

Year 12 Hospitality

Congratulations to Teal and Tamykah who achieved a Certificate 11 in Hospitality (Food and Beverage) and to Jessica who completed her HSC Hospitality. They have shown exemplary teamwork skills throughout this two year course and will be missed.

Year 12 Formal Food Service

Thank you to Lachlan, Sarah, Kirra, Eliza, Melissa, Torian, Kaitlyn, Isha, Samantha and Ally who worked hard to provide good waiter /waitress service for the guests at the Year 12 and to their parents who provided transport.

An Espresso Coffee course for Years 9/10 Food Technology and 11 Hospitality will be run from 9am-2.30pm on Monday 7th December in the Hospitality room. All those enrolled in the course will need their cooking equipment, covered shoes and a cold water bottle.

S.Taikakara

P & C Report

Firstly, on behalf of Nicky, Fiona and myself I'd like to thank the army of helpers for their efforts in making the Year 12 Formal dinner a huge success. It's true what they say "Many hands do make light work".

Thank you also to Mrs Taikakara and all the waiter/waitresses who gave up their time to help on the evening. Without the help of all these volunteers, events such as this would not be possible.

As this school year comes to an end, the P & C would like to acknowledge all the helpers throughout 2015 for volunteering their valuable time. Your efforts enabled the P & C to raise funds for the following:

- \$200 Primary Sensory corner
- \$400 Primary State Swimmers
- \$300 Primary Sports
- \$300 Secondary Sports
- \$154.50 NAIDOC Day donation
- \$241.96 Shirts for State Canoe Team
- \$200 Year 4/5/6 Excursion
- Purchasing of gifts for Year 6 Graduates
- Subsidising the Silver Rewards excursions
- Paying for Year 12 Formal meals (students)
- Each year new Kindergarten students are given a free school hat and school polo shirt
- \$500 Reorder of school hats with embroidered logo
- \$761 General Public Liability Insurance payable annually.

Without the support from parents, carers and the community, Bonalbo Central School P & C could not have achieved these goals in 2015.

There are still a few functions to cater for before the end of year:

Thursday 3rd December—CAPA Concert

Thursday 10th December—End of Year Presentation Night

Wednesday 16th December—Last day of school-Canteen at the Pool

If you are able to help at these events please talk to Wendy or Nicky.

We will be holding one final raffle for 2015 to be drawn at Presentation Night. First prize will be a Christmas hamper and we are asking for donations of non-perishable items to help us out with this. Second prize will be a slushy maker kindly donated by Kathleen Collis. If you can help with a donation, please leave it at the Front Office before Monday 7th December.

Last but not least, the P & C would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and joyous festive season!

Wendy Johnston
Secretary

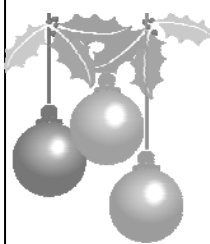
Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club

I wish to thank my small band of helpers who have volunteered their valuable time to help run the Breakfast Club 3 days a week; without their help we couldn't continue.

Since October last year we have served 5,429 meals. In eight years we have served 42,393, not bad for a small group of volunteers who think it's a worthwhile cause.



Also, thanks to Rachel Woods for her assistance and the Upper Clarence Lions Club for giving their time on the first Monday of each month. Your involvement and support is greatly appreciated.



I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and health and happiness in 2016. Have a restful holiday in preparation for another busy year in 2016.

Many Thanks
Monnie Petty
Red Cross
Good Start Breakfast Club.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Safe New Year.

See You in 2016!



Term 1, 2016 commences:

Wednesday 27th January: Staff return.
Thursday 28th January: Years 1 - 7, 11 and 12 return.
Friday 29th January: Years 8 – 10 return.
Monday 1st February: Kindergarten commences.

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