

Bonalbo Central School

School News
Term 3, Week 3 2015



Inverell Snow/ Rugby/ Netball Trip



K/1 enjoying sports on the oval

Years 1/2/3 sampling the treats they have made in cookery

Year 8's completed mandala



Our victorious Rugby League 7s team



- Dates to Remember**
- July 31, 2015—UCPSSA Athletics Tabulam
 - July 31, 2015-North Coast Zone Athletics Coffs Harbour
 - August 10-18, 2015— HSC Trials
 - August 10-12, 2015– Aboriginal Education Leadership Camp
 - August 14, 2015– Zone PSSA Athletics Lismore
 - August 14, 2015—Kindergarten Transition begins each Friday until end of year
 - August 21, 2015—NAIDOC Day-start 9:30am
 - August 24-28, 2015—Book Fair-Library
 - August 28, 2015—Book Parade-Primary 2pm

Principal's Report

"We're Off To Dubbo..."

An important part of the role of being a principal is to make sure that success is celebrated and that striving is supported in all areas of school life: academic, sporting and cultural. We may not always succeed with everything we attempt but surely success first requires that we try. Not trying means we don't fail but it also ensures we never succeed because if we never test ourselves we never change and move from where we are to where we might want to be. So, in this sense, the key to a sound education is one that fosters in students the courage to try: winning, if it comes, is just a side effect of trying.

I've worked in about five Central Schools in my 30 years as a teacher and I strongly believe that these schools do an outstanding job of fostering a culture of trying and striving for success. Bonalbo Central is an outstanding example of this and possibly succeeds in fostering this culture better than any school I've ever been in. Recently our students were given the opportunity to make the trip to Inverell to participate in the rugby and netball gala held there every year. This trip was marked as special because of heavy snow falls and by the fact that Mr Flannery and Mr Gray got "nailed" (Mr Gray's words) by snow balls from our students. Maybe we should sign them up for baseball rather than rugby and netball?

As many in our school community will already be aware the boys were successful in placing second in the competition and will now be heading to Dubbo later in the term. The girls worked hard but were not placed high enough to allow them to go on. Mr Gray deserves our thanks for getting the boys to this stage and I know he's extremely proud of their achievement. His passion is boys' education and he acts in this interest by organizing on his own and, at other times, with other staff a range of activities throughout the year that will extend and round our students education.

However, I think for me the real achievement in this success is once again demonstrated by our students' willingness to participate, sometimes just so their friends can be involved in an activity and won't miss out. Winning builds self-esteem but striving builds character. I have no doubt that in our own small way we're producing the next generation of leaders at Bonalbo Central School.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Welcome back from holidays to all of our families. I hope that you were able to spend some quality time together over the break and are well rested and ready for Term 3. Members of the school are already planning and preparing for excursions and special events for this term and, in particular, we are looking forward to our NAIDOC celebration on the 21st August.

Secondary Assembly and Parent/Teacher Evenings

Thank you to the parents who attended the Primary and Secondary Parent/Teacher evening last term. It is always a good opportunity to catch up with teachers to discuss your child's progress and I know teachers value your attendance. If you have any feedback concerning our Parent/Teacher evening please contact me and let me know. Better still, I would also encourage parents and carers to attend P&C meetings. This is a great way to meet staff and other parents as well as having valuable input into school activities and functions.

Semester 1 in the secondary school concluded with an assembly to celebrate student achievement. Congratulations to our school leaders who conducted the assembly and to those students who received awards. It is always wonderful to see so many students rewarded for their enthusiasm, excellent attitude and outstanding results. This year, I included Deputy Principal Awards for students who had attendance figures of 98% and above as well as no negative entries on our database. Congratulations to Angela, Lila, Zara, Jacinta, Dan, Divya, Rhianna, Kirah, Shayla, Charlotte and Nadine who received Deputy Principal's Awards in the Primary School and to Renee, Samantha B, Bradley, Bailey, Taylah, Alexandria, Rosie, Kirra, Samantha N, Daniel and Michael who were the Secondary recipients.

Aspirations Longitudinal Study

As you would be aware, Bonalbo Central School has been involved in the "Aspirations Longitudinal Study conducted by the University of Newcastle. Those of you who have not already completed a survey and would now like to do can access the survey via: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PC_Bonalbo_CS

For parents new to the school or those of you who just like to know more about the survey, you can find information at the Parent/Carers section of their website:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/education-arts/teachers-and-teaching/research/aspirations-study/for-parents>

Ms Desiree Moore

Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Primary Report

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. It is lovely to see all our students return to school happy and ready to put in a big effort for a very big and busy term.

Staff Development

Primary staff spent their Staff Development Day at Tabulam where we met with the teachers from Drake Primary. This was a profitable day where we shared ideas, programmes and teaching and classroom strategies. This will be followed up Thursday Week 3 where Drake staff will visit us in our classrooms, and hopefully we will be able to visit Drake later on in the term.

Calendar Items

Calendar items are coming in thick and fast, starting with the CWA Country of Study celebrations, held at the school on Tuesday 28th July. This will be followed by the UCPSSA Athletics Carnival held at Tabulam, Friday 31st. NAIDOC Day will be held at the school on Friday 21st August, and the Book Character Parade will follow this on Friday 28th August. Primary assemblies will be held on the Fridays of Week 5 and 10, the first to be hosted by K/1, and the second to be hosted by Year 1/2/3.

Students have also started preparing for their Performing Arts items, which will be held in Casino on Monday 14th September.

SRC News

Last term the Primary held a State of Origin raffle to assist in raising funds to go towards sport banners and other student activities. This raffle helped to raise over \$300. The SRC would like to thank all who supported the raffle by either purchasing tickets or selling them. A big congratulations to Lola of Bonalbo for winning first prize and Peter Doyle for winning second prize. This term we are organising a pie drive. Stay tuned for notes coming out soon!!

Preschool Transition

Last Friday 17th July saw us welcoming some of our Preschool transition students and their parents to the school as we held our first parent/teacher 'Meet and Greet'. The Transition Program will commence on Friday 14th August and continue every Friday for the rest of the year. We welcome pre-schoolers and their families to our school and are looking forward to seeing their smiling faces. If you are interested in your child attending the program, please contact the school for further information.

Primary Staff

The Secret Diamond

by Shayla Year 4

Once upon a time four young girls by the names of Jemma, Valmar, Kirah and Ellie lived in a cottage in the clearing of a thick bush. They had just finished a game of hide and seek and they sat down to think of something to do.

"Well... why don't we explore over there" said Ellie pointing to a large, dark cave in the middle of some thick trees. "Are you sure about that Ellie? We have never been over there before and it looks scary" said Valmar, twirling her long ginger hair.

"Oh, toughen up you big chicken. It will be fun you'll see!" said Jemma her golden hair shining in the bright sun.

"Ok let's go" Kirah shouted, already walking over to the dark cave, her emerald green dress sparkling in the sunlight. While they were walking down, Kirah caught a glimpse of something shining. "Hey guys look over there!" she shouted, running ahead of the others, wind blowing through her dark shiny hair. She stopped next to the cave waiting for the others to catch up.

When they did, Valmar said "Did I ever mention that you have a bad habit of rushing ahead."

They all stared at her, crossed their arms and shouted "Valmar!!"

Valmar flushed and smiled. They walked around to the front to focus on the cave again and when they looked inside they just stared as if they were under a spell. There in the middle of the cave was a diamond, the most beautiful diamond they had ever seen. It was huge and it

was shimmering like a thousand specks of fairy dust.

Then Ellie spoke up "Let's have a closer look."

They walked in and then out of the gloom a little baby monkey was curled up in a corner. Jemma walked up and slowly picked him up and he buried his head in Jemma's arms, and the others came over to pat him. "He's so cute," Kirah said, stroking his soft fur. Suddenly men started crowding around the diamond and chatting about how much money it was worth.

Ellie, being the bravest, started shouting "Leave that diamond alone!" But the men had rope and tied the girls up.

"Let us go," they shouted.

"It's all your fault," said Valmar pointing to Kirah, shouting over the loud shovels.

Kirah gave her a weird look but did not say a thing. Then they heard a nibbling noise and they looked down. The little monkey was nibbling on the rope and it fell to pieces. The girls were free. They grabbed the leftover rope, tied the men up and made them promise to never try to steal the diamond again. They ran out and they escaped and what happened to them?

Well that's another story.

Secondary Reports

Snow Trip / Inverell Sports

The sun was just rising on the hills east of Tenterfield, 20 students from Bonalbo were half asleep on the bus travelling to Inverell for the Zone Central Schools Open Netball and Rugby League 7s. Some rather soft rain started to fall then we realised it was not rain, it was snow! Before long the entire country side was covered in snow, up to 10 cm thick, covering everything. Mr Flannery stopped the bus for a quick look, a photo and of course a snow ball fight! The idea of playing sports was far from students' minds, however once we reached Inverell, they went into action.

Victory to Open Boys Rugby League 7s!

Our boys came away from the Central Schools carnival in Inverell with 2 wins against Ashford and Boggabilla. These wins secured them second place in our zone and they now progress to the State Central

School finals in Dubbo on 21st August. We had 7 different try scorers and every member of the squad was essential to their success. Jacob was unstoppable in gaining metres and scoring tries through the centre of the park. Matt, Cody, Isaiah and Trey were our hard men in the middle making many tackles and all scoring tries. Jeremy and Daniel were our flying wingers, with both scoring tries out wide. Jack, Buddy and Rory gave us impact off the bench with the Year 9 boys running into much older opponents. The win against the previously unbeaten Boggabilla team was one of the most impressive sporting feats in recent Bonalbo Central history.

I couldn't have been more proud of our young men and we can't wait for Dubbo!

Open Netball

Due to the cold snowy weather the netball was moved indoors where there was a fire to keep warm. The girls were competitive in every game, with the highlight being the win against Bundarra. Many of our girls were against much older and taller opponents. Mr Flannery was very proud of all the girls.

Ag News

After the success of the Ag Team last term we are continuing the program this term. To be part of the team students must fill out a nomination form and answer the questions. The main activity for the Ag Team will be preparing steers for Lismore Show on 22 – 24 October. We will also be attending the *Bos Indicus* camp in Casino.

Year 7 will continue growing vegies and looking after the chooks. We now have 5 lambs and we will soon have some weaner pigs as well.

Year 9/10 will be studying a cropping unit that also involves tractor driving. They will have a project due later in the term.

The Year 12 Primary Industries boys will be completing their final competencies and preparing for the HSC.

Monday Futsal

Monday afternoon Futsal is in its 4th year. We start at 3.30 and parents are welcome to join in. It is for high school students.

Mr Stephen Gray

Year 8 Art Legends

As part of a Visual Arts unit of study called "It's Not Forever", Year 8 learned about non-permanence in art. They studied the colourful sand mandalas made by Tibetan Buddhist monks, which are carefully constructed over several days, then destroyed, with the sand being tipped into a nearby body of water.

During the course of this unit, students drew circles using a compass, and discovered properties of circles whilst devising designs for mandalas. They also contemplated the notion of non-permanence in art.

The final part of the unit was to make a big mandala in the playground. Rather than coloured sand, they were going to use salt. In an impressive show of teamwork, the class worked out how to collaborate in order to draw big circles on the ground. Then they worked together to design their mandala.



Finally, the mandala was made in the assembly area. It was drafted in chalk, then salt was poured over the chalk lines. When the mandala was completed, all paused for a photo before the mandala was swept up and discarded (not into Peacock Creek but into plastic bags which went into the bin).



Year 8 students who participated are to be congratulated for their excellent teamwork. They carried out the task with responsibility and enthusiasm. Most importantly – they had FUN.

Ms Sally Goldstein

BYOD update



There seems to be some confusion about what BYOD (Bring Your Own Devices) laptops are suitable for use with our secondary school network.

Firstly, it is not mandatory that secondary students bring their own device to school. It is highly

encouraged that they do so as many subjects are increasingly making use of internet resources but there are three computer labs in the school (including the library's computers) and there are 5 laptops that teachers can hire from the library for classroom use.

So if you do decide that you would like to buy a BYOD laptop for your child in the secondary school, then the most important information you will need is this:

For Wi-Fi access, your device needs to support **5GHZ (gigahertz) dual band wireless** or **802.11 a/b/g/n** (it needs to support **both 'a' and 'n'**).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.



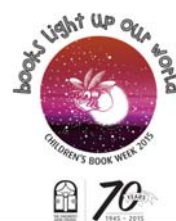
NAIDOC Day



This year, NAIDOC Day will be held on Friday, August 21 (end of Week 6 this term) from 9.30am on the school's oval. The theme for 2015 is 'We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate'. With the invaluable support of our AEO, Rachael Moore and our CLO, Nicki Wright-Bernhagen, the day is shaping up to be a great day to celebrate and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture amongst our local community.

All members of the community are invited to come along and enjoy a day filled with many activities such as damper making, boomerang making and the bucking bull ride. There will be various stalls on the day offering food for sale, information and entertainment from a variety of local groups. We hope to see you there!

Book Week



Book Week will be held throughout Week 7 this term (August 24-28) and the theme for this year is 'Books Light up Our World'. Parents and carers are welcome throughout the week to come, browse and maybe purchase a book that will be on display in the library. Book Week will end with a Book Parade on the Friday afternoon (August 28) in the Primary school from 2.00pm. Primary students and interested secondary students are welcome to dress up as the book character of their choice, to listen to Mr. Hodges read a past Children's Book Award book and to participate in the Book Parade which will follow; there will be awards!

Hope to see you there.

Matthew Martin
Librarian (Relieving)

School Chaplain

Introducing Myself

This is just a short introduction to make parents/carers aware that I am available.

My name is Allan Lambie and I am the new School Chaplain to both Bonalbo and Tabulam. I will be at Bonalbo Central School on Mondays and Tuesdays. If parents/carers need to talk to someone I am also available for to meet with them.

I am a registered Marriage Celebrant and an ordained Pastor. My qualifications are a Bachelor of Ministry and I have spent the last 20 years working with the homeless and street people of the Gold Coast.

If anyone needs to contact me you can call and leave a message at Bonalbo Central School on 66651205.

*Blessings,
Allan Lambie*

Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club

I would like to thank all my volunteers for their help with the Breakfast Club and for thinking like me that it's a worthwhile cause to give our children a good start to be able to perform well in class after something to eat. They give generously of their valuable time to help us with Breakfast Club.

You are all very important to us and we couldn't do it without you.

Also thank you the Upper Clarence Lions Club for doing the sausage sizzle on the first Monday of every month, we really appreciate this.

In the last year we have served 5,831 students in 104 days which averages out to 56.61 per day. Adult volunteer hours for the year are 523.5 and student hours are 212. These are amazing figures.

We have just gone into our ninth year of Breakfast Club, not bad for our small town. Once again, thank you to all.

*Monnie Petty
Co-ordinator
Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club*

P & C News

A Special Meeting was held Monday 15th June and new Executive Committee members were appointed. The committee for the remainder of 2015 are:

Scott Williams	President
Nicky Bernhagen-Wright	Vice President,
Martine Rousetty	2nd Vice President,
Wendy Johnston	Secretary
Manoj Kumar	Treasurer.

Upcoming functions

Term 3	Stall @ Multicultural Day Friday 21/8
Term 4	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
	Year 12 Formal Dinner
	End of Year Presentation night (canteen)

Without extra helpers the P & C will not be able to cater these functions. If you can assist please call Wendy Johnston PH: 67376637 after 5pm evenings

Next meeting: 17th Aug, 3:30pm in Primary

Support your child, support their school. Become an active member of the Bonalbo Central School's Parents and Citizens Association.

Wendy Johnston
Secretary

Woolworths Earn & Learn



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives Schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school:

*Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent.

*Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet inside.

*Once it's complete, pop it into a Collection Box at your school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets from our website:

woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Bonalbo Central School is taking part in the Earn & Learn promotion and would greatly appreciate the community's support in collecting stickers. Stickers sheets will be available from the front office for anyone who needs them.

BONALBO NAIDOC CELEBRATION

WHERE: BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

WHEN: **Friday, 21ST AUGUST 2015**

TIME: FLAG RAISING 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO COUNTRY 10.AM

BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO COME ALONG

& JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE NAIDOC DAY

WELCOME TO

ALL PARENTS/CARES & COMMUNITIES MEMEBERS

LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL

THE FAMILY & COMMUNITY

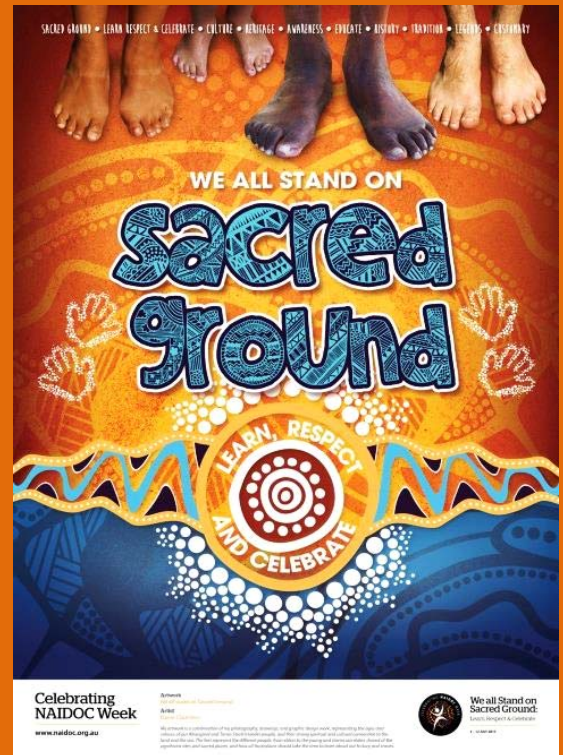
TO TAKE PART IN

PAINTING ACTIVITY, TRADITIONAL GAMES
BOOMERANG DESIGNING, DAMPER ON A STICK
MECHANICAL BUCKING BULL & LOTS MORE



- AGENCY STALLS FOR INFORMATION
- HUMAN SERVICES
- HEALTH & LOTS MORE
- THERE WILL BE FOOD FOR SALE ON THE DAY
- BUSH TUCKER & SAUSAGE SANDWICH & SHOWBAGS,
- SCHOOL HOSPITALITY WILL SELL COFFEE, TEA & CAKES, SLICES
- LIVE PERFORMANCES

YOU BEING THERE WILL ONLY MAKE IT BETTER



WOODENBONG

URBENVILLE

OLD BONALBO

BONALBO

TENTERFIELD

DRAKE

PRETTY GULLY

JUBULLUM

TABULAM



MALLANGANEE

MUMMULGUM

CASINO

LISMORE

BALLINA

EWINGAR

MALABUGILMAH

BARYULGIL

GRAFTON

MORE INFO OR TO RSVP

RACHEL MOORE (AEO) or

Matthew Martin

6665-1205

Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note

Child/Caree _____ Year _____ was absent on _____
(Full Name Please)

Reason being _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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