



Bonalbo Central School

School News
Term 3, Week 6 2015



A Textile student at work on the sewing machine.



An Ag student showing her skill and control at leading a steer.



K/1 displaying trust and co-operation in the classroom.



Our successful canoeing team at the North Coast Championships.



Dates to Remember
August 24-28, 2015— Book Fair
August 26, 2015— Preschool visit to BCS Library
August 28, 2015— Book Parade in Primary
August 28, 2015— Kindergarten Transition continues each Friday until end of year
August 31, 2015— Yrs 9-12 Hamlet Lismore
August 31, 2015— Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition
September 9-11, 2015— Yrs 4/5/6 Brisbane Excursion
September 14-18— Yr 11 yearly exams

Principal's Report

P & C

There have been some recent changes to the P & C at Bonalbo Central with new members of our school community taking up executive roles. I would like to acknowledge the work of the previous executive and thank them for their efforts in leaving the P & C's finances in such great shape. There have been a lot of calls on limited P & C funds recently so in spite of the finances being in great shape fundraising is an ongoing task. The best way to lighten the burden of fundraising is for as many parents and carers to become involved in the P & C as possible. Can I encourage parents to come along to P & C meetings? This invitation includes all parents and carers; primary, secondary, mothers & fathers. I relieved in a school where the P & C executive was all male and our current President is a male. Everyone is welcome, even blokes!

Dubbo Football Trip

At extremely short notice Mr Gray organized a fund raising event at the school on Wednesday 12th August to help support the boys going to Dubbo. Mr Gray should be congratulated on his initiative, with the day raising over \$800 to support the trip. Everyone had a great day and while Old Bonalbo were runaway winners in the Primary touch footy, all the Bonalbo kids participated enthusiastically and never gave up. The secondary boys vs the "Old Bulls" match was a more even affair. I've been told that the adults came out on top but I've had conflicting reports on this: some of the boys claim they won. I think we might need a rematch to settle it. The funds raised will allow the cost for each boy attending to be reduced significantly. This is especially important to families with more than one child attending. We all wish the boys the best of luck in Dubbo. While I'm sure there will be plenty of people there who will have never heard of Bonalbo, after the competition I'm sure that number will be reduced.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

It has been a very busy start to Term 3 at Bonalbo Central School with students from across the school being involved in a variety of activities. At the moment Year 12 students are

completing their trial Higher School Certificate examinations and it won't be long before their final exams are upon them and their secondary education comes to a close. We all need to support them in the next few weeks as they prepare themselves for the final exams and in ensuring that they are able to do their absolute best. At the same time, Year 11 will begin their final year of studies. As they do so, they should reflect on what they have achieved so far and challenge themselves to attain an even higher standard. Bonalbo Central School has high expectations of all students and they are encouraged to give their best effort at all times.

One of the highlights for me this term was to participate in the showcasing of student work in the Primary School for the C.W.A. day. This year the CWA chose Italy as the country of study. I enjoyed talking to the Primary students about one of my favourite topics: Italy and Italian history! The students asked some thoughtful questions and I was very impressed by their PowerPoint presentation. The standard of the work that the students presented was of a very high standard and the representatives from the C.W.A. commented positively, not only on the standard of work, but also upon the enthusiasm of both the students and the teachers. Congratulations to the primary students and staff and thank you to the members of the community who supported such a wonderful event.

We are celebrating NAIDOC Day at the school this Friday (21st August). The theme for NAIDOC this year is 'We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate'. I am looking forward to celebrating this event with the students and staff of Bonalbo Central School along with the wider community. I am assured by many that this day is an event not to be missed!

Ms Desiree Moore
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Primary Report

K/1 Reading

A huge thank you to volunteer parents Rachel Morgan and Michelle Meadley for assisting in the K/1 reading sessions, this assistance has really been appreciated. Next term Rachel is unable to assist so parents, carers and community members are invited to come and help on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Mrs Taikiakara if you are able to assist.

P & C Report

Our last meeting was held on Monday 17th August. Thank you to all for attending.

Upcoming events:

The P&C will be holding a stall at NAIDOC day this Friday 21st August. Thank you to those people for volunteering their time to help on the day.

Father's Day Raffle: tickets will be sent home this week with great prizes up for grabs.

1st Prize: 70 piece Tool set valued at \$99.00

2nd Prize: \$30 Mitre 10 Gift Voucher.

Thank you to Scott and Sam for kindly donating these prizes.

Please return all ticket books and monies by **Wednesday 2nd September** as raffle will be drawn Friday 4th September.

Bonalbo Central School P & C will be holding a stall @ Mummulgum Fete on **Saturday 5th September**. Thank you in advance to volunteers.

Meat Tray raffles will be back each Friday night @ Dog and Bull Hotel. Thank you Kerry and Paul for your support.

Next Meeting: Term 4 Week 3 Monday 19 October 3.30pm in Primary

Support your child, support their school. Become an active member of the Bonalbo Central School P & C.

Wendy Johnston
Secretary

Secondary Reports

Dubbo Here We Come!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Open Boys Rugby League 7s team. In week 5 we had a match at school between the boys and the Bonalbo All Stars. It was a tough, fast encounter with the boys winning 6 tries to 5. Thanks to all the men who played and I hope the aches and pains are subsiding! We raised money through a hundred club and BBQ at the match. The success of the boys has spread beyond the school with the Dog and Bull Hotel also running a hundred club and a raffle. Thank you to Kerry and Paul at the pub, as well as Mrs Ludwig for selling tickets. The money raised will go towards accommodation and transport to Dubbo.

Ag News

The Casino Bos Indicus camp is on 12/13th September. We are preparing 4 steers for the camp and then we are on to the Lismore Show.

Interested students need to complete the entry form for the Bos Indicus camp.

Year 7 have 4 weaner pigs which are growing. Students feed them every day and they are a favourite at the school farm. The winter vegies are bearing fruit with hundreds of snow peas picked already, as well as cabbage, radish and beetroot. We also have garlic and various herbs growing. Our 5 lambs are growing well.

Monday Futsal

Monday afternoon Futsal is in its 4th year. We start at 3.45pm, It is for high school students, however, parents are welcome to join in. .

Mr Stephen Gray

7/8 Design and Technology -Food Technology

Students require for cooking each Thursday, (Year 8)and Friday (Year 7), their completed apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth as well as a USB. Practising food preparation at home of any of the recipes cooked at school will greatly assist their practical skill development.

9/10 Food Technology

Students are enjoying selecting and trialling recipes for the Flavours Forecast Recipe Challenge run by McCormick Foods Australia and the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc. We wish all students well as they develop their own team recipes to enter on the 26th October to represent our school.

Year 11/12 Hospitality Cater at Beef Week

Tamykah Crosby, Raelene Smith and Jessica North catered for 138 students and adults at Beef Week at the Earth Centre at St Marys School for both morning tea and lunch on 2nd June, proudly representing Bonalbo Central School. Tamykah and Jessica assisted and Raelene took orders. They made 40 coffees in under an hour, handling the pressure extremely well.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- boosts confidence
- improves fitness
- makes bones and muscles stronger
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- helps maintain a healthy weight
- lowers the risk of heart disease
- reduces stress
- improves sleep
- reduces the risk of cancer
- improves self confidence
- teaches you new skills
- develops better motor skills
- makes a person happier with their body

Do something active every day!

Mrs Suzy Taikakara

Book Fair and Book Parade

August 24 -28 is Book Week. Throughout that week the library will have a selection of children's and young adults books for sale - from dinosaurs to John Green! There will be fiction and non-fiction books, picture books and craft/activity books for sale as well. Feel free to visit the school library anytime during school time next week to view the selection available and to perhaps purchase a few books.

Book Week will end on the Friday (August 28) with a book parade in the primary school from 2.00pm. Staff and students (K-12) are encouraged to dress up as a book character on this day and to take part in our parade. The SRC will host this year's parade, which will start with our principal, Mr. Hodges reading aloud an award winning picture book. This will be followed by the parade and then the judging by Mr. Hodges and the SRC students of best costumes. The event will conclude with the presentation of costume awards and the opportunity for community members to have one last look and purchase from the book fair in the library.

We hope to see you there!

Mr Matthew Martin
Librarian (Relieving)

C.W.A .Thank You

On behalf of Bonalbo C.W.A. I would like to thank all the Primary School teachers and aides for their great effort in putting on such a great International Day on Italy. Not only were the children's displays and their knowledge about Italy wonderful, but the lovely setting up of the tables, morning tea and luncheon were enjoyed by all.

Also many thanks to the ladies in the staff room, Jenny and Michelle, for their cooking and assistance, we really appreciated all that you had done to make it such a great day for all our visiting C.W.A. members.

Our visitors were very impressed with everything on the day.

Once again thank you to all.

Monnie Petty
Secretary
Bonalbo C.W.A.

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