



# Bonalbo Central School

## School News

Term 3, Week 9 2015



Football Carnival



## Dates to Remember

- Every Friday– Kindy Transition
- September 14, 2015– Performing Arts
- September 14-18, 2015– Year 11 Exams
- September 15, 2015– Yr 7 Transition Day
- September 18, 2015– Last day of Term 3
- October 5, 2015– PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- October 6, 2015– 1st day Term 4
- October 12, 2015– 1st HSC Exam
- October 22, 2015– Yr 7 Transition Day

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## Principal's Report

### This Term & Next Term

Principals always say at the end of the term, when they write reports like this for the newsletter, that the term has flown past. However in spite of this, it seems like the term really has flown past. Some of the highlights for our school in the past six months have been many and varied but the ones that stand out in my memory are:

- The boys making it into the final rounds of the Dubbo football competition
- Our students outstanding championship achievements in canoeing
- Our secondary students participated in the state debating competitions for the first time in a number of years and also attending a debating camp.
- The great NAIDOC day event we held at the school a couple of weeks ago
- This year's book parade during Book Week was one to remember
- A group of secondary students attended the Bell Shakespeare's performance of Hamlet in Lismore.
- The students in Primary had a great learning experience about Italian culture, food and volcanoes during the CWA Cultural Day.

All of these events and activities, plus a lot I haven't mentioned, took place in and around the school's normal classroom routines and go a long way to broadening our students' education. However, none of these activities would take place without the hard work and dedication of a teacher or teachers. On behalf of our students and parents I'd like to thank all of our teachers for their hard work this term. The education our students receive would be a more black and white one without their efforts.

In Term 4 I'll be taking some leave for the first half of the term. In my absence Mrs Moore will be relieving as principal.

*Mr Hodges*

*Principal*

## Primary Report

Term 3 is winding down quickly. There are lots of things that have to happen before we can enjoy a well earned break.

### Pie Drive

Pies will be available for collection from the BCS primary staffroom at 1pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Any parents available to assist in sorting pie orders would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Collis if available.

### Performing Arts Festival

Students are keenly practising their class items ready to perform them on stage, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of September. This event takes place in Casino after school and students require their own transport to return home. Tickets for the audience are available at the school office.

Adults \$10 and Children \$5 a ticket.

### Primary Assembly

Due to 4/5/6's excursion, the Primary Assembly has been moved to Friday of Week 10.

Class 1/2/3 will host the assembly.

### 4/5/6 Excursion to Brisbane

4/5/6 is heading to Brisbane 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> of September. The rest of the school would like to wish them safe travels and are keen to hear about their adventure when they return. Also a big THANK YOU to all the parents and students who helped with the Excursion fundraiser over the last 3 Saturday's. Approximately \$700 was raised and will go towards the cost of the bus for the Excursion.

### Lost Property

If your child is missing jumpers the lost property box is starting to fill up!

### Thank You

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent helpers and volunteers that have worked within our classrooms this term. Also a very big THANKS to Senior Constable Gary Stubbings for coming into K/1 and allowing the students to interview him about his role as a Police Officer in our community.

*Primary Staff*

### Dubbo Footy

Well done to all the boys who travelled all the way to Dubbo for the state central schools carnival. They beat Merriwa and came very close against the other teams. Overall they finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the state! All the boys showed determination and great team spirit. They scored tries in every game and marked up in defence well.

Thanks to Mr Bell, Paul Horne and Rick Shea for driving all the way to Dubbo!

**Ag News**

Our pigs are growing quickly and are still popular animals with all students. The vegie gardens are flourishing and the hens are laying plenty of eggs.

The Year 9/10 Wheat assignment is due Tuesday Week 9.

**Bos Indicus Camp**

Some students from the Ag Team will be attending the *Bos Indicus* camp in Casino on 12-13 September. We are taking our led steers that are in preparation for Lismore Show.

Stephen Gray

## Parent Advice Regarding School Attendance

**Legal requirements:**

In NSW it is compulsory for children to attend school between the ages of 6 years and 17 years of age. The only exception to this is where students have very unusual and specific circumstances that require an alternative educational program.

For children of primary/infants school age, **it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure the children are attending school.** Children should attend school every day that the school is open for instruction – unless there is a satisfactory reason for not attending. Satisfactory attendance is 85% or above. Anything below this level is regarded as being unsatisfactory. If the school cannot resolve attendance issues then the student is referred to the Home School Liaison Program and it becomes a legal matter.

**What if my child has been away from school?**

(Extract from Compulsory school Attendance sheet – written by the NSW government)

If your child has been absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence.

**To explain the absence parents and carers may be required to:**

- Send a note to the school, or contact the school via fax or email or
- Telephone the school
- Visit the school

**A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example if your child:**

- Is too sick to come to school or has an infectious illness
- Is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (eg: a funeral)
- Has to go to a special religious ceremony

All other reasons may be recorded as unexplained absences.

## *The Expressionists*

Similar to Sports Stars and the Ag Group, a group of student artists from Yr7 – 10 has come together to form a collaborative group. They call themselves “The Expressionists”. These students have already demonstrated that they enjoy a challenge, and have the capacity to commit to work together on a regular basis. The aim is to produce artworks that are slightly more offbeat than mainstream art classes.

At present, they are working collaboratively on a multi-media artwork.

### Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update - Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward *item* due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

### P&C News

The P&C stalls at NAIDOC Day and the Mummulgum Fete were a great success. To all the volunteers, **thank you very much**, without your help it would not have been possible.

**Father's Day Raffle** was drawn last Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - **1<sup>st</sup> prize** 70 piece Toolset valued at \$99- winner was Zac and **2<sup>nd</sup> prize** \$30 Mitre 10 gift card- winner was Belinda Makejev, congratulations to you both. Thankyou to Scott Williams & Sam Ludwig for kindly donating the prizes and thank you also to everyone for buying tickets in our raffle and supporting the P&C.

Thank you to the **Dog and Bull Hotel** patrons; Kerry and Paul for supporting the P&C Friday night Meat Tray raffles. Money raised from these raffles goes towards subsidising excursion costs for our students.

Our last meeting for Term 4 was held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September- fundraising ideas/events for next term were discussed and new information from P&C Federation was presented. Thank you to members for attending.

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

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

Wendy Johnston  
Secretary

### Bonalbo Pharmacy

Bonalbo Pharmacy has changed hands and will now be open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 9am-12pm Saturdays.

These times aren't strict. If the doctor runs late, I usually stay open until the last customer gets what they need, and if I am here, I am more than happy to help people before 9am also.

*Sharon Baker*

## You are invited to the Year 12 Parents' Information Evening

You are invited to a free information evening where you can gain helpful insights in to the journey from high school to university. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and seek the information to make the transition a smooth as possible for both you and your child.

**Date:** Thursday 17 September, 2015

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7pm

**Venue:** SCU Learning Centre, Goodman Plaza  
Military Road, East Lismore  
[SCU Lismore campus on a map.](#)

Information on the following topics will be covered on the night:

- University entry – STAR, ATAR, SCU Head-Start, SCU Access
- Entry requirements for Education degrees
- Making the best choice – which is the right SCU course?
- Costs – Fees / HECS- help and Commonwealth supported places / textbooks / accommodation
- Scholarships, part-time employment
- Continued family and SCU support - counselling, career services, Academic Skills
- A students' perspective – hear from a range of current SCU students
- Information stands
- Optional tour of the new Learning Centre

As we will provide refreshments and have limited seats available, please register your interest by **Tuesday 15, September, 2015** advising the number of guests attending.

Please RSVP to:  
Jenny Lyons via email [jenny.lyons@scu.edu.au](mailto:jenny.lyons@scu.edu.au) or call 02 6620 3183.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Nicole Darth  
Student Recruitment Officer  
02 6620 3102

**The NBN has arrived in selected parts of Bonalbo & Woodenbong and we're coming to answer all your questions**

You may have already heard that the National Broadband Network (NBN) has arrived in selected parts of Bonalbo and Woodenbong and you might have some questions about what this means to you.

When your home is connected to the NBN you quickly learn all about its power and potential. Not only is it set to change the way you use the internet, it will even change the way you live in your home.

For starters, the NBN fixed wireless network offers superfast internet, allowing homes to do more online, with more devices – faster than ever.

Once it was just a phone connection in the kitchen and a data point in the study. Those days are long gone. Now it's about being connected all the time, wherever you are in the home.

**We have a local team of experts**

The potential is huge, and as your local Telstra team, we have the neighbourhood knowledge, as well as the technical expertise, to help you make the most of the power of the NBN.

Led by our in-store NBN experts, our Home Connect Specialists can work with you to ensure you can enjoy the benefits of the NBN now, and into the future.

**We'll be in Bonalbo and Woodenbong soon, pop on in and say hello**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
10am till 3pm 10am-3pm  
Outside Dog & Bull Hotel Woodenbong Public Hal  
23 Sandilands St, Bonalbo 21-23 Unumgar St,  
Woodenbong**

If you miss us on the day you can talk to one of our NBN Specialists at One Zero Casino, Woolworths Plaza or Telstra store Lismore, 23-25 Woodlark St Lismore. Come in and chat about your options.



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## Woolworths Earn and Learn

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We are now at the important stage of the program where the sticker sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support.

## Be Your Best at Casino Little Athletics!



- Family fun and fitness
- Caters for children from 4 years (Tiny Tots) to U17
- WHEN - October - March during school terms on WEDNESDAYS from 4.30pm—6pm

We have 2 upcoming registration days:  
 Wednesday 9 & 16 September 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
 Where – Queen Elizabeth Park oval 3, Casino  
 (please note that this a different oval to last year – look for the new maroon and white shed on the oval to the east of the greyhound track)

For more information contact Peta 0459 956 417



## BOWLS AND GOLF

The Bonalbo Mens Bowling Club and the Bonalbo Rural Fire Brigade

invite everyone in the community to a

## Firey Fundraiser

Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 1pm-5pm

Bonalbo Bowling and Recreation Club

BBQ dinner ( from 5pm) after bowls or golf (or just join us for the meal)

\$10 a head

Just turn up Beginners welcome

Please wear appropriate shoes for the bowling

A raffle will be run on the day

More information – please ring Col Keating 66651435  
 or Fire Brigade Secretary Sharon Tucker 66651129