



# Bonalbo Central School

## School News

Term 3, Week 6 2016



Bonalbo/ Old Bonalbo  
Handball Competition



### Dates to Remember

- August 26, 2016— Kindy Transition commences on Fridays
- September 6, 2016— Years 10-11 Subject Selection
- September 7, 2016— HSC English Study Day at SCU
- September 7, 2016— Primary Gala Day Basketball & Cricket
- September 9, 2016— Primary Assembly 10:15am
- September 16— Primary Cricket Gala Day Years 3-6
- Term 3 P & C Meetings: 12th September
- Term 3 Newsletters: 14th September

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## Principal's Report

### A Critical Time

As I write this, Year 12 have just completed their trial exams. This means that they have essentially crossed the final hurdle before the HSC exams commence in mid-October, early Term 4. I've had a number of staff, parents, and students approach me to discuss a range of issues they are facing at this critical time, not the least of these being the Year 12 Formal and various fundraising initiatives to support activities around the school. I am always very willing to discuss and work to resolve issues that may be of concern to any member of our school community, especially when it relates to issues that are very important to students and they place a lot of value in.

I've spoken to Mr Anderson and Mr Gray and had a meeting with Year 12 about the Formal and from these discussions preparations appear to be on track. The venue for the event will remain in the school's MPC and the date will be Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. A catering company is being hired this year to take care of the meal and I have had a meeting with a representative of the company along with the organising teachers to ensure things are on track and that everyone has a full understanding of what is required.

I am confident that the Formal this year will be a big success and that preparations are well in hand. I'd like to gently remind everyone involved that this is a celebration of 13 years of schooling and it is the school's way of showing the students that we are proud of them and we wish them well. It needs to be said that the Formal is not *the event*, it's just the "after-party" (to quote a modern phrase). I encourage every one of our students to keep their attention on the main event, namely the HSC exams. This is where the *real* action is and teachers who have a Year 12 class will be reminding our Year 12 students at every opportunity that this needs to be their main focus.

### NAPLAN

By the time you read this, the NAPLAN results will either be with parents/carers or will be in

the mail on their way home. If any parent or carer has any questions about the results in the envelope they receive, please feel free to contact the school and ask to speak to either myself, Ms Moore, Mrs Owens or Ms O'Meara and we will endeavour to provide answers. Class teachers are always happy to discuss results as well.

*Mr Trevor Hodges*  
Principal

## Deputy Principal's Report

### Teaching and learning

During week 3, I was lucky enough to be invited to participate in an archaeological dig with Mrs Collis' K/1 class. The students have been studying dinosaurs in class and they were all fortunate enough to find some artefacts! Most students were able to find a dinosaur skeleton, a dinosaur egg and even a miniature dinosaur. Mrs Whitney and Mrs Rachel Moore were very capable assistants to our young archaeologists in their enthusiastic excavations of the site. Thank you to Mrs Collis and her students for inviting me to join them on their field trip because, apart from being great fun, it reminded me how hard the teachers at Bonalbo Central School work to make lessons enjoyable and meaningful.



Over the past few weeks I have seen students research geography by finding a suitable location to escape a zombie attack, research a post-war decade by designing a themed party and using Chinese news reports to improve their language skills. Much of the work that has been produced by our students is testament to the hard work of

our teachers who consistently strive to ensure that our students have access to many opportunities within and beyond the classroom.

### HSC Exams

Year 12 students are about to complete their Trial HSC exams which will significantly contribute to their final assessment results. With only five weeks remaining of Term 3 and only seven weeks before the actual HSC commences, all Year 12 students need to remain focused on their studies. In these final few weeks of their school careers, students have the opportunity to complete practice tasks and obtain valuable feedback from their teachers. Students and their families should ensure that they are able to achieve their best possible results through structured study and looking after their personal well-being during this time.

*Ms Desiree Moore*

*Deputy Principal (Relieving)*

## P & C Report

On Wednesday 9th August, the P & C proudly supported the Secondary SRC with their BBQ at the 1st-ever Bonalbo Central School Handball Tournament by supplying the sausages and donating prizes. Also every participant was given a Fredo frog courtesy of the P & C.

**Father's Day** raffle tickets should have arrived home with some great prizes up for grabs.

**1st Prize** - Signed Rabbitohs Football donated by W. Johnston;

**2nd Prize** - \$50 Super Cheap donated by Bonalbo Foodworks;

**3rd Prize** - Hedge Trimmer donated by K. Collis and

**4th Prize** - Men's Toiletries again donated by K. Collis.

Because of the generosity of these donors, all money raised is profit and can go towards helping our students. The raffle will be drawn at school on **Friday 2nd September**.

The P & C are seeking **Expressions of Interest** from parents/carers to assist with **Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 1st November** at the **Bonalbo Bowling Club**. A meeting will be held to discuss what needs to be done prior to this event;

meeting date to be advised.

### Meeting Dates

Usually the 3rd Monday of the Month @ 3.30pm in Primary, however next month our meeting will be a week earlier due to the clash with Performing Arts.

### Mark these dates on your calendar

Term 3 - **12th September**;

Term 4 – **17th October**

Hope to see you there!

*Wendy Johnston*

*Secretary*

## Primary Report

We have hit the halfway mark of Term 3. We currently have a number of important dates coming up on our calendar for the Term so please keep an eye out for noted from students.

### Zone Athletics Carnival – Lismore

We recently had 9 students attend and compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Shaun Flannery for being the attending staff member for the day and supporting our Primary Schools by supervising the field event of Shot Putt.

### Assembly

This Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August we will be holding our Merit Assembly in the K/1 classroom. Please come along at 10:15am and enjoy watching the presentation by our students. Stay afterwards and enjoy morning tea with us.

### Mongolia Assembly

A massive thank you to our parents in the P & C, Michelle and Jen for your support and catering efforts. It is greatly appreciated.

### Casino Creative and Performing Arts Concert

Students are keenly practising their class items ready to perform them on stage, Monday 19th September. This event takes place in Casino, students will travel by bus during the day for rehearsals and dinner. After their performance students will require their own transport to return home. Tickets for the audience are available at the school office.

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

### **Primary School Gala Day**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (Week 8) our school will be hosting a Gala Sport day with a number of neighbouring schools coming to participate. The sports focussed on for the day will be Basketball and Cricket with Tabloid games. The P & C have kindly agreed to hold a BBQ, for sausage sandwiches and drinks to be purchased from. More details to come.

### **K/1 Macadamia Castle Excursion.**

Recently the K/1 class went on an excursion to the Macadamia Castle at Knockrow. Students participated in a number of educational activities throughout the day. Thank you to Mrs Hellan Whitney and Miss Kirrily Smith for agreeing to be drivers for the day along with our parents for the early drop off and late pick-ups.



### **State Library**

Last Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August our students from Year 2 to Year 6 attended Tabulam Public School. The State Library came with ancient history exhibits for students to explore and learn about. Thank you to Ms O'Meara for organising the day along with Miss Sam Ludwig and Ms Lynne Davies for attending with our students.

### **Kindy Transition 2017**

Our Kindergarten Transition program for Kindergarten students enrolling in 2017 commences this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August and will continue every Friday for the rest of Term 3 and again in Term 4. We welcome our new students and their families.

### **Primary PDH**

Year 2 to 6 need a jar to grow sprouts in as part of their PDH (Personal Development and Health) class this week.

### **Year 2/3 Healthy Eating Goals**

Students have been learning about the new Healthy Dietary Pyramid in PDH. Each student chose and wrote their own goals for improving

their own health by comparing what they ate with the Healthy Pyramid. These are some of the goals students have set themselves to achieve this Term.

Drink more water and eat more fruit and vegetables. Sophie

My goal is to eat more fruit, legumes and vegetables. Christina and Lynez

Eat more multigrain bread. Tyrone, Rosannah, Dan and Coen.

### **Year 4-6 Healthy Lifestyle Goals**

After completing a Healthy Lifestyle Survey students set their own goals they want to achieve by the end of this Term to have a healthier lifestyle.

Eat more corn on a cob and run on the farm at least 7 times a week. Lachlan

Exercise every day and get enough sleep every night. Ciara

### **4/5/6 Cake Stall/Sausage Sizzle**

**When:** Saturday, 3rd September

**Where:** outside the garage and Bob's newsagency

**Start:** 8am and finishes at 12pm.

*Thank You, Primary Staff*

## **Secondary Report**

### **Agriculture News**

#### **Year 7**

Both year 7 groups have planted potatoes and garlic in their gardens. We are hoping to harvest before Christmas for our Year 7 barbeque. We have vaccinated our 4 lambs and they are growing well.

#### **Year 9/10**

Most of the class have completed their pasture collections. Congratulations to Ally and Taylah on their excellent collections. The class are currently learning how to drive the tractor.

### **Primary Industries**

The Year 12 boys have completed their trial exams and are now in preparation mode for their HSC exam. In class, we have been completing various theory components. In practical lessons, the boys have been demonstrating excellent tractor driving skills as

well as fencing and especially wire straining.

### **Ag Team**

The next show for the "Ag Team" is Lismore on Thursday 20th October where we will be parading our led steers.

*Stephen Gray*

### **HSC English Study Day**

Students are invited to attend an HSC Study Day for Standard English at Southern Cross University in Lismore on Wednesday 7th September.

The cost of the day is \$10 and is to be paid at the Front Office. Students will need to provide their own morning tea and lunch, and transport to Lismore.

The study sessions start at 9am and finish at 2.45pm. This day will cover the six sections of the two English HSC exams. The presenters are highly regarded for their expertise and knowledge of the English course.

For more information see Ms Schumacher.

*Ms Schumacher*

*Head Teacher, English/HSIE*

### **Year 10 Subject Selection:**

Year 10 students will be given notes during the week, detailing their **Subject Selection Afternoon on Tuesday 6th September**. Parents are welcome to come along and join their Year 10 child to hear how Years 11 and 12 are organised in terms of minimum requirements and options for the award of the HSC and to have teachers explain the various elective subjects that will be on offer for Year 11, 2017.

Remember, students can no longer leave school at the end of Year 10 unless they have already turned 17 or are in full-time work, undertaking full-time education and training (e.g. at TAFE) or a combination of work and training.

*Mrs Jan Maslen*

*Head Teacher*

*Secondary Studies/Careers/Stage 6 Curriculum Coordinator*

### **Year 11 Hospitality Sea World H.O.T.E.L School**

Justin, Hamish and Rosie attended the Sea World H.O.T.E.L School at the Sea World Resort on the

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August with the Woodenbong Senior Food Technology and Hospitality students.

Christy Cohen from Sea World Resort emailed Bonalbo Central School afterwards stating that it was an absolute pleasure hosting our students. She was keen to share some of the feedback from the resort stating that the students all displayed exemplary work ethic and professional behaviour. Front desk team members were impressed with Rosie who showed a lot of enthusiasm and asking a lot of questions to ensure her answers to the H.O.T.E.L questions were thorough. Sea World staff are looking forward to welcoming Bonalbo Central School back to Sea World Resort in the future .

*Mrs Taikakara*

Tim Burges, who was our volunteer bus driver, was so impressed with Hamish's friendliness to him and enjoyed his time driving our students.

*Mrs Suzy Taikakara*

*Hospitality/ Food Technology*

### **You are invited to the Southern Cross University Year 12 Parent Information Evening.**

If your child is in Year 12 and considering university study, join us at this free event where you can gain helpful insights into the journey from high school to university and beyond.

The program includes information on university entry, course selections, tuition fees, HECS-HELP, scholarships and support services, as well as a Q & A session with current Southern Cross University students. Following the presentations, parents will have the opportunity to speak with University staff while light refreshments are served.

**Southern Cross University**

**Lismore Campus**

**Military Road, East Lismore**

**Manning Clark Room,**

**Learning Centre**

**Wednesday 31 August 2016**

**5pm to 7pm.**

**REGISTER HERE** or through our events list at:

**[www.scu.edu.au/futurestudents/events](http://www.scu.edu.au/futurestudents/events)**

*Janet Hanlan*



**Mummulgum Public School P&C Presents**

★★★★★  
**FAMILY  
DANCE**  
★★★★★

**SATURDAY AUGUST 27 2016**  
**MUMMULGUM HALL** ★★★★★★ **6.30 pm**

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Light Supper Provided**

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# BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL FAREWELL WEEKEND

**FRIDAY 11/11/16 6-9PM**  
**BARN DANCE, FOOD & DRINKS**

**SATURDAY 12/11/16 9AM - 6PM**  
**BALLINA HIGH REMEMBERS**

FOOD STALLS, MEMORABILIA ON SALE, PRESENTATIONS, TOURS,  
ARCHIVES, DISPLAYS, MUSIC, GAMES & PERFORMANCES

**SUNDAY 13/11/16 9AM - 12**  
**RECOVERY BREAKFAST & DISPLAYS**



Figure 1 - A 3D perspective of the proposed concept design

SAVE THE DATES

11TH TO 13TH  
NOVEMBER 2016

FRIDAY NIGHT  
BARN DANCE  
6-9PM

SATURDAY  
BALLINA HIGH  
REMEMBERS  
9AM - 6PM

SUNDAY  
RECOVERY  
9AM-12



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**CWA JUNIOR HANDICRAFT  
& COOKING DAY**

**SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> September**

**OLD BONALBO**

**SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL HALL**

**MAKING  
BREAD- IN-A- BAG  
AND DECORATING  
OUR CRAFT BAGS**

**AGES 8 – 18 YEARS GIRLS**

**9.00AM TO 3.00PM**

**COST \$5.00**

**MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED  
PARENTS MOST WELCOME TO STAY IF DESIRED**

**IT IS GOOD MANNERS TO RSVP  
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By MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

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**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME AND HAVE FUN WITH US**