



# Bonalbo Central School

## School News

Term 4, Week 6 2017

Thunderbird Park



Aranyani Bison Farm



Years 7/8 Chinese Cooking



### **DATES TO REMEMBER: TERM 4 2017**

**November 17: Year 12 Formal**

**November 23: Year 6 to 7 Transition**

**November 24: Year 6 to 7 Transition**

**November 24: SCU Pharmacy student visit to Primary students**

**November 29: CAPA Night**

**December 4-8: Primary Intensive Swimming**

**December 4: Years 7/8 Portfolios**

**December 5: Years 9/10 Portfolios**

**December 7: Presentation Night 6pm**

**December 11: Year 6 Graduation dinner**

**December 13: Pre-school Carols 5pm**

**December 14: K-12 Rewards excursion —Bounce**

**December 15: Last day of term for students**

### **Kindy 2018 Transition**

**Every Monday recommencing on Monday 9th October until Week 10 Term 4**

**Hip Hop for Indigenous students: Tuesday mornings**

**Years 3-6 Art Club: Thursdays at 1pm**

**Newsletters: November 30**

**P & C Meetings Term 4: November 20**

## Principal's Report

We are fast approaching the end of the year and the end of a school planning cycle. As part of my report at the next few P & C meetings, I will be explaining the planning processes and seeking input from parents and carers. Research demonstrates very clearly that students achieve significantly better outcomes when parents and schools work together. This is an excellent opportunity for our parents to get together over a cuppa and talk about the direction that our school is taking over the next three years.

This week marks the completion of our Year 12, 2017's secondary education. They have completed their HSC exams and we now look forward to the release of their final results on 14th December 2017. Some students are already aware that they have received early entrance to University courses, but we will still be interested in hearing about their ATAR results which will be released by UAC on the following day. The school will be formally farewelling this fantastic group of students at their formal at the end of this week.

Year 11 have commenced their HSC courses and need to ensure that they have implemented a study plan for the remainder of the term and for next year. As school leaders, they need to set a good example to all students and ensure that they give themselves the best possible start to their academic studies this year.

Student Portfolio interviews will take place for all students in Years 7-10 during Week 9. This provides all parents/carers of these students with the perfect opportunity to view the best pieces of work each student has produced. Please encourage students to show you the portfolio of work that they are putting together and discuss with them the skills and knowledge that they used to complete each task.

All students are expected to attend school every day until the last day of Term, which is Friday, December 15. Whilst exams have finished, there is still work to cover, vital preparation for next

year and learning activities and portfolios to complete.

*Ms Desiree Moore*  
*Principal*

## Deputy Principal's Report

### **RRISK- Reduce Risk Increase Student Knowledge**

As part of the mandatory HSC program, Crossroads, Year 11 students recently had the opportunity to attend the local RRISK seminar. Held at the Lismore Campus of Southern Cross University last Thursday, around 500 students from 9 North Coast Government and non-Government secondary schools came together to hear from various speakers. Topics comprised risk taking behaviours, dispelling the myths around drug and alcohol use amongst young people, strategies for planning ahead, safe vehicles for young drivers, buying and maintaining a car and reducing risk factors when socialising. Speakers included Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia, and Justin Monk from RMS. Highlights were an interactive session to promote road safety and reduce driver distractions where students had to give suggestions to reduce the risk factors of driving, and listening to the personal story of Michael Buttenshaw, a motor vehicle injured person from Ballina.

Student feedback was very positive:

"It was a fun and very informative program. It helped me learn much more about the safety of myself and others when it comes to alcohol and road safety." *Josie*

"I quite enjoyed the new approach taken by the program, especially with the talk on drinking. It was about helping those who are drunk instead of just listing everything wrong with alcohol." *Locklyn.*

The day was followed up by a "Save-a-Mate" session here at school this Thursday. Students were involved in discussions about planning ahead and practising first aid scenarios.

### Cultural Experiences

In the last few weeks, some of our students have experienced cuisine from different cultures.



Mr Martin had his Year 7 and 8 LOTE students taste various Chinese dishes, such as fried rice, dim sims and green tea.



Mrs Taikakara organised for Gus to bring his "Playing with Fire" presentation to the Stage 5 Food Technology and Year 7 Aboriginal Studies classes.

This focused on traditional bush tucker and students tasted wild mint, lemon myrtle, finger limes and native-flavoured cordials. The favourite was Gus' kangaroo meat served with an orange sauce. Thank you to the staff who organised these events.

Such experiences are an important part of learning about the world and we urge all students to engage in any opportunity offered to expand their understanding of the world around us.



### Portfolios

Students in Years 7 – 10 will soon be involved in portfolio interviews. During Monday and Tuesday of Week 9, students will discuss their learning in four subject areas with staff, students and community members. A note has already gone home outlining specific details and students have begun working on their presentations. This is an important aspect of their learning, as it allows a student to practice their interviewing skills in preparation for employment beyond school.

Past experience has shown that this is a very positive experience for students and interviewers alike, with many students "stepping up" to the occasion to do their best. We look forward to hearing from our students about their learning.

*Mrs Kathryn Taylor*  
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

## Primary

Term 4 is flying by and suddenly we are facing the end of another school year. Plans are busily underway for all of the usual end of year calendar activities.

Year 3 and 4 had a very enjoyable overnight excursion to Thunderbird Park at Mt Tambourine in Week 3. We are very proud of the behaviour and attitude of all students who attended, and it was commented on several times by various staff at the park that Bonalbo students were the most polite and well behaved they've ever had visit. Well done Year 3 and 4!!



On Thursday of Week 5, K-2 students, parents and staff visited the Aranyani Bison Farm, south of Casino. Thank you to those parents who provided transport. Everyone had a very entertaining day. Once again, the behaviour and attitude of all our students were exemplary.

Teachers are busily assessing students and finalising reports, which will be available for parents at our Presentation Night on Thursday 7th December (Week 9). We look forward to our families attending this formal end of year evening to celebrate your child's year at school.

A reminder that Friday sport is swimming, so please ensure your child has packed swimmers, towel, sunscreen, water and a plastic bag. Students walk to the pool and return by bus in the afternoon. Week 9 will be Intensive

Swimming for the whole week. Students will walk to the pool at 12.30 and catch the bus back to school by 3.00. Any queries, please contact primary staff.

Thank you to parents and family members who attended the Primary Assembly in the K/1 room on Friday 3rd November. Congratulations to those students who received awards; it is very pleasing to see so many students who are on Silver and Gold Merit. These certificates are based on the Stronger Smarter principles of Courage, Presence, Patience, Challenge and Honour, and we are proud of our students achievements.

*Primary staff*

## Creative & Performing Arts

Just a friendly reminder regarding our school's CAPA night on Wednesday November 29th. The evening is a fantastic opportunity for our students right through from K to 12 to showcase their talents in the areas of creative and performing arts. Your child will be receiving a note for this event shortly, and whilst it is not compulsory for students to participate, many students across the school are involved in the evening and have been working hard in class preparing items and works.

We've had great parent and carer support in the past and we hope that continues this year. There will be food and drink available and entry will be a gold coin donation, with all donations going back into the primary and secondary CAPA programs.

It all begins at 6:00pm and will run through until about 8:30 including interval. We hope to see you there so come along, support your child and be entertained!

*Mr Alex Kilroy  
Music Teacher*



On Tuesday 7th November, the P & C held a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Bonalbo Bowling Club.

The event was well attended and enjoyed by all and raised over \$1,200 for our association on the day. A special thank you to Brooke, Betty, Mon and Ron Petty, David Whitney, and Vicki and Tom Cooper for their support on the day. Without them the day would not have been possible. Thank you to the ladies from the "Blue Wren Bistro" for catering the event.

We congratulate all the senior students for completing their HSC exams. On Friday evening 17th November, the P & C will present the Year 12 Class of 2017 with a parting gift at the Formal, to acknowledge the end of their schooling career at Bonalbo Central School.

**Upcoming events:** The P & C will hold a BBQ and canteen at CAPA and Presentation night.

Our last meeting for the year will be held on Monday 20th November, 3.30pm in the Primary.

# Bonalbo

## What's your VISION?

As part of its Visions of Village Life project, Kyogle Council wants to collaborate with you and your community to create the Bonalbo of the future.

What do you love about your village?

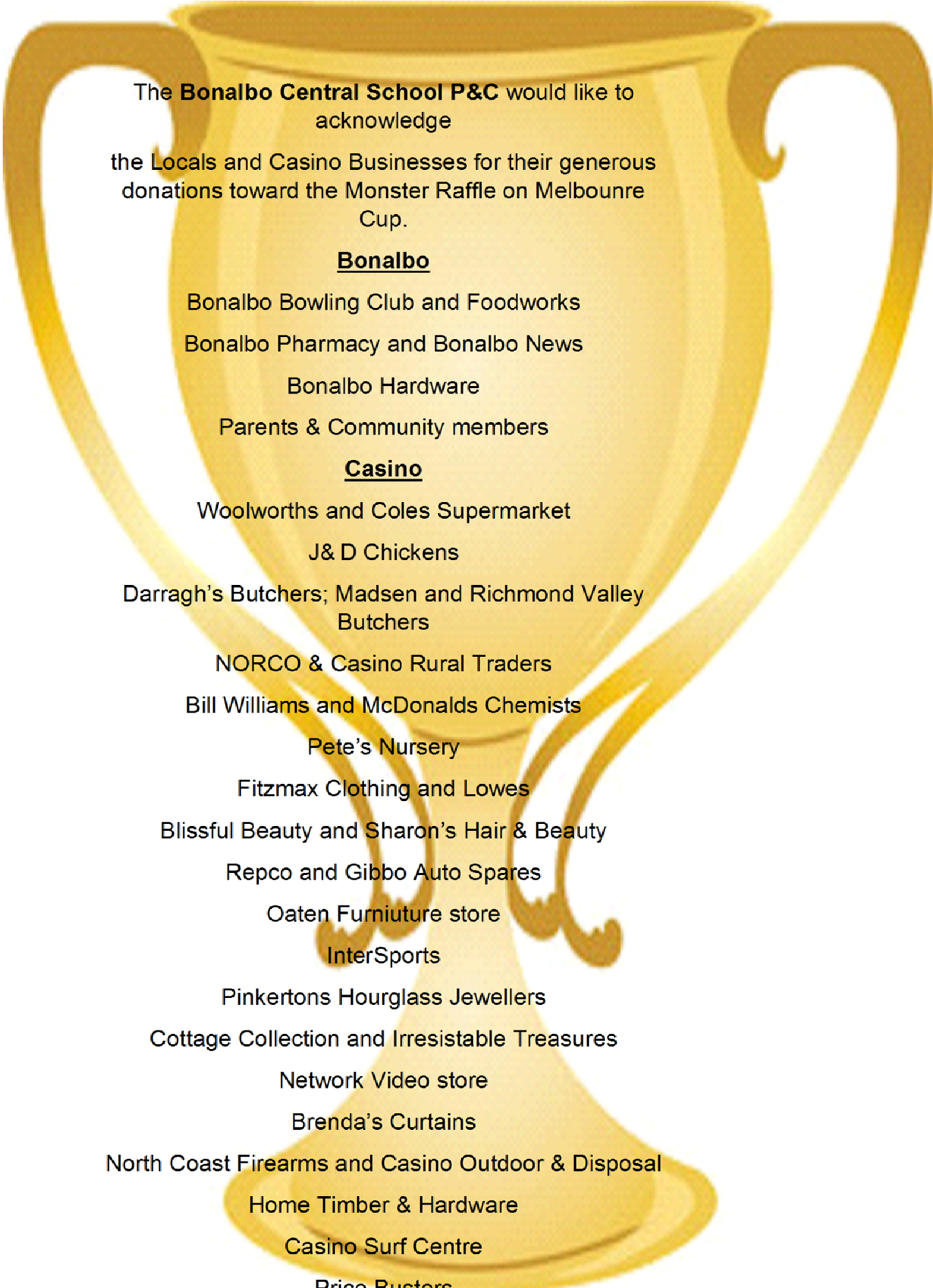
What needs improving?

What will Bonalbo be in the future?

**Having your say is EASY!**

Complete the **survey** on the Kyogle Council Website or come to a **workshop**

**Bonalbo Community**



The **Bonalbo Central School P&C** would like to  
acknowledge  
the **Locals and Casino Businesses** for their generous  
donations toward the **Monster Raffle on Melbourne  
Cup**.

**Bonalbo**

Bonalbo Bowling Club and Foodworks

Bonalbo Pharmacy and Bonalbo News

Bonalbo Hardware

Parents & Community members

**Casino**

Woolworths and Coles Supermarket

J&D Chickens

Darragh's Butchers; Madsen and Richmond Valley  
Butchers

NORCO & Casino Rural Traders

Bill Williams and McDonalds Chemists

Pete's Nursery

Fitzmax Clothing and Lowes

Blissful Beauty and Sharon's Hair & Beauty

Repco and Gibbo Auto Spares

Oaten Furniture store

InterSports

Pinkertons Hourglass Jewellers

Cottage Collection and Irresistable Treasures

Network Video store

Brenda's Curtains

North Coast Firearms and Casino Outdoor & Disposal

Home Timber & Hardware

Casino Surf Centre

Price Busters

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# CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING

Tuesday Mornings 9.30am -11.00am

February 13<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

This FREE eight week program for parents & caregivers of infants, toddlers, and young children through to age 10. Participants will learn to develop observational skills to identify new options to help manage emotions and enhance the quality of relationships; gain tools for increasing children's feelings of attachment, safety and security.

Places are limited.

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# SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

**At Bonalbo Bowls Club**  
**Sunday 3rd December**

An event especially for the  
over 60's. Enjoy a 2 course  
Traditional Baked Xmas Dinner,  
visit from Santa & Live Entertainment.



Raffles & Lucky Door Prizes  
**DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK EARLY**



**ONLY \$6 each**  
**MUST** be paid when booking  
Payments taken at  
Bonalbo Post Office  
**Bookings CLOSE 20th NOV**

Dinner served at 6.30pm  
phone 0402 445076  
for more details