

Bonalbo Central School

School News

Term 3, Week 6 2017



Our Student Representative Council
for Semester 2



NAIDOC Day Celebrations



DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

TERM 3

August 28: Kindy 2018 Transition (see below)

Every Monday until the end of Term 3 starting

Monday 21st August

August 29-30: RSA/RGS course

August 31: Fathers Day stall

September 1: Fathers Day stall

September 4: NAPLAN online readiness test week

September 5: Southern Cross University visit 1pm

September 15 & 18-21: Year 11 yearly exams

September 18: K-6 Performing Arts Festival

September 19: Hansel & Gretel 12:30-1:30pm

September 19: Parent/Teacher interviews

3:30-6pm

September 21: K-6 Gala Day @ Woodenbong

September 22: End of Term 3.

Thursdays at 1pm: Years 3-6 Art Club

Primary Assembly: September 15

NEWSLETTERS Term 3: September 14

P & C MEETINGS Term 3: September 11

(changed due to Performing Arts concert)



Principal: Desiree Moore

Relieving Deputy Principal: Kathryn Taylor

Principal's Report

Stage 6 Students

We are now more than half way through Term 3 and Year 12 are fast approaching the last few weeks of their secondary school career. They have completed their trial HSC examinations and have very little time remaining to ensure that they have completed all assessments and required work has been completed before decisions are made as to whether they have satisfactorily completed their HSC courses. Students in Design and Technology, Music, Art and Society and Culture will have practical and performance components of their exams completed before the end of term and I have already seen some excellent examples of their work. I would like to congratulate the students, teachers and parents who all contribute to these outstanding pieces of work.

Once students have received the results of the trial examinations, it is important that they use the remaining school term and the study break to organise and review notes, complete past papers and ensure that they act on all of the feedback they have received from teachers. Earlier this year, Year 12 were provided with a study skills workshop and these strategies should have already been employed to ensure that these final weeks can be spent reviewing, revising and practising.

On the other hand, Year 11 will commence exams in the next few weeks which will bring to conclusion their studies of preliminary courses. As their Year 12 courses commence next term, they need to develop those habits and skills which will ensure they achieve the best possible results next year. It is important that they develop a home study program and make maximum use of their study periods. This is the time when students can really set themselves up for success.

Attendance

Please take some time to read the parent leaflet regarding school attendance and certainly go through the main points with your children. While missing a day a fortnight may not seem like much, it actually equates to missing nearly 1 ½ years of schooling from K-12. This is a

significant amount of lost time. Please give your students the best chance to succeed by making every day count!

Mrs Desiree Moore
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

NAPLAN

Results of this year's NAPLAN tests should arrive home in the mail soon. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss them.

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success in life after school. This is why eligibility for the HSC is changing. From 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks. Students will have a number of opportunities from Year 9 to Year 12, and even after the HSC to show they meet the HSC minimum standard

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy. However, most students will show they meet the standard by passing short, online reading, writing and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

The Year 9 NAPLAN report will indicate which online HSC minimum standard test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate. Remember your child has three more years of learning before the HSC and can take the HSC minimum standard online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

Year 9 NAPLAN is a good chance to check they are on track or get support to meet the minimum standard by Year 12.

If your child has achieved a Band 8 or above in reading, writing or numeracy, the NAPLAN report will indicate that they have "Met the HSC minimum standard early" in the respective area/s.

Your child can sit the online HSC minimum standard tests when they are ready. There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't have to pass all three tests at once and can attempt each

test up to twice a year. The reading and numeracy tests each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions. The writing test will require students to respond to a question about a prompt or stimulus.

You can try some sample reading and numeracy questions at:

<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

For more information visit:

www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

A reminder that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial in Week 8 of this term. This does not assess or report on student achievement, rather, it examines our school's technical resources to deliver the tests online. The online demonstration site, which includes sample tests, can be accessed at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplnan-online-public-demonstration-site>.

Further information is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

Students received information about their second survey in this feedback process last week. If you do not want your child/children to participate, please return the form to school.

Information about the parent survey was sent home earlier this week. We encourage all parents/carers to log on to the link provided

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bcs2017>

and participate by giving us feedback from now until the 13th of October. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Further information is available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Athletics Update

Just a note about a recent result. Leigh Noppen participated at the Regional Athletics event in Lismore as part of the North Coast team. She placed 4th in the 16 years girls' high jump with a height of 1.30m – well done!



Subject Information Letters

Secondary students should have now brought home information about their current curriculum for all subjects. This includes details about their topics, assessment requirements etc. for the rest of the year. Please look through this and contact the relevant teacher if you need further clarification.

Mobile Dental Visit

In Week 9 of this term, the Dental Medical Mobile Services Group will be at the school. If you would like your child/ren to have a bulk-billed dental check-up, please fill out the consent form that was sent home. There is no charge for this service. Forms need to be returned to the school by **Monday 4th September**.

Mrs Kathryn Taylor
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students:

Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

Primary

Term 3 is moving along very quickly with students well settled into their work routines and getting used to the new staff changes. We have had an unfortunate run with the cold and flu bugs, and many children have missed many school days. If your child is unwell, please keep him or her home to rest and recover, as this bug is very tenacious and will come back if your child has not completely recovered.

The SRC raised \$110.55 from their Mother's Day Stall and hope to make a successful profit in the upcoming Father's Day Stall, held later this week. SRC students represent their class mates, and meet on a regular basis to discuss the wants and needs of their peers, and how to raise money to purchase items. This includes contributing to excursions and playground equipment.

Parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be receiving their child's NAPLAN results in the mail. This will be the last year students will be using pencil and paper (except Year 3 Writing). Schools will be trialling an online test in Week 8 this term to work out the logistics.

This year's NAIDOC Day was a great success and the Primary students represented the school extremely well, with good manners, participation and singing. Students especially enjoyed the Jumping Castle that was just introduced this year.

Recently, some of our students participated at the Lismore Athletics Carnival. Our four fastest runners competed in the P5 Relay and we also had a Junior Girls Relay team. No students made it further than the Lismore event but they all tried their best and really enjoyed the day.

Students have been practicing for the Casino Performing Arts, held on the Monday evening of the last week of this term. Ms O'Meara and Ms Petty have been working together with Mr Kilroy to co-ordinate all students from Kinder to Year 6 in a spectacular singing and dancing performance. There will be notes going out in the next few weeks concerning the organisation and transport, so please look out for the green notes that need to be signed and sent back to the school.

On Tuesday 8th August

Kindergarten and Year 1 students had a visit from Mrs. Baxter. She talked to us about how our



ears work and what we can do to keep them healthy. We learnt that there are 4 easy things

we can do - blow our nose, wash our hands, cough into our elbows (not hands) and eat crunchy fruit. She showed us the correct way to blow



our noses and we all had a practice at doing this. We have also been doing some follow-up activities in class.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 19th September. However, if you have any concerns at any time, or would like to talk to your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school and arrange a meeting.

Primary Staff

Hansel and Gretel

Just a friendly reminder about the Shake and Stir Theatre Company's production of 'Hansel and Gretel'.

The performance is for students in Years K-6 and will be on Tuesday 19th September (the last week of this term) in the Bonalbo Central School MPC from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per person, with parents/carers and other family members also invited to attend. Tickets for Bonalbo Central School students need to be paid to the front office by Monday 11th September, whilst anyone else who wishes to attend can pay at the door on the day.

This should be a great opportunity for our students and we are very lucky to have something like this come and visit our school, so it would be great to have support from as many people as possible. I hope to see you there!

*Alex Kilroy,
Music Teacher*

Cheerleading Stars

On 4th August three primary students from Bonalbo Central (Shayla, Christina and Sophie) competed in the AASCF All Star Battle Cheer Competition at the Gold Coast Convention Centre as part of Casino-based group JDC's Richmond Rumours team. The girls competed in the Novice Junior section and placed first. It was their second competition and we wish them well in their upcoming competition in September.



**Well done
girls!**

NAIDOC Day 2017 'Our Languages Matter'

Bonalbo Central School's NAIDOC Day was a huge success thanks to the dedication and effort of school staff and various community members and organisations whose effort made such a great day possible.

This year's theme was 'Our Languages Matter', emphasising the need for all Australians to acknowledge and encourage the ongoing learning and promotion of Aboriginal languages across Australia.

The day officially started with local Elder Harry Walker giving a Welcome to Country, followed by a traditional dance group from Casino High School.



In addition to our own students, students from Old Bonalbo, Tabulam and Baryulgil Public Schools and

Bonalbo and Tabulam Preschools attended the day and took part in activities such as decorating river rocks with Bundjalung words, boomerang decorating, headbands, face painting, bead making, damper making and biscuit decorating. Various government agencies made, as usual, a great effort in helping us run a successful day, including the Rural Fire Service and the Red Cross who provided great "hands-on" activities for the students.

We would like to thank Northern Rivers Primary Health, Gold Coast Titans Football team, Kyogle Shire Council, the Prime Minister of Cabinets NSW and the Bonalbo Central School P & C who donated funding towards our celebrations. Thanks also to everyone who attended and supported our event.



*Matthew Martin
and Rachel Moore
NAIDOC Day Coordinators*



P & C NEWS

As we are now half way through the year, it is a good opportunity to re-cap what the P & C have been up to so far this year.

This year we have made the following contributions to the school:-

- Purchased new portable BBQ and gas bottle;
- Donated \$871 towards lockers for the Year 12 study room;
- Contributed \$325 for the Red Room Company - Performer/Poet/Workshop/singing;
- Covered the cost of the bus to the Athletics Carnival at Tabulam;
- Donated \$500 towards the Bucking Bull for NAIDOC Day; and
- Donated school shirts (or sports shirt) and hats to Kinder Transition students.

The P & C have also run:-

- A canteen for the Whole School Athletics Carnival;
- A Canteen for the UCPSSA Cross Country;
- An Easter raffle; and
- Pub raffles.

Currently we have plans to:-

- Contribute \$500 to the Years 5-8 excursion to Stradbroke Island ;
- Contribute \$400 for Bards on the Beach-travelling performers who have visited Bonalbo ;
- Melbourne Cup Sweeps and raffles at the Bowling Club.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th September (the meeting was brought forward due to a clash with the Primary Performing Arts on the 18th). Please come along and support our P & C as we currently have no-one filling the seats of President and Secretary.

See you there.

Bonalbo Central School P & C

SECOND HAND SATURDAY BIGGEST garage sale day of the year

The North Coast's biggest coordinated garage sale day of the year is on once again on Saturday 23 September. With over 1000 garage sales as part of last year's event, Second Hand Saturday is set to be bigger and better than ever, with hundreds of second hand shoppers looking for a bargain across Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed Council areas.

It's free to register to hold a garage sale. Register now at www.secondhandsaturday.com.au or by phoning your local Council and your garage sale will be advertised and promoted for free. An optional 'leftovers' day will also be held on Saturday 30 September so you have double the chance to sell your stuff.

With millions of tonnes of waste being sent to landfill by Australian households each year, holding a garage sale is about much more than just clearing the clutter and earning extra cash or

fundraising for your club. It's a great way to join the war on waste and help reduce landfill by giving people the chance to reuse and recycle your pre-loved goods.

Keep up to date by following Second Hand Saturday on Facebook. Choose to reuse – it's how we roll on the North Coast!



Some recent additions to our Ag Dept.



NAIDOC celebrations



Trivia Night

Test Your
Knowledge

Old Bonalbo P&C

QUIZ

are holding a Trivia Night
at the

Old Bonalbo Hall

On

Saturday 26th August, 2017

BBQ tea starting 5.30pm

Prizes
to be
won

Trivia starts 6.30pm

Teams of 4-6 people

Please try to include a primary aged child with your
team!

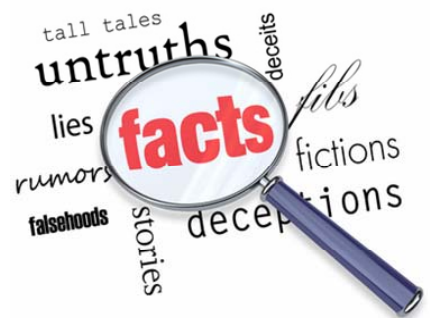


\$10 per table

RSVP: 22/8/17

On 6665 3124

All money raised will benefit our kids!!



RAFFLE

community conversations



BONALBO



Join us for a cuppa and chat about your community at Bonalbo District Memorial.

11am, Wednesday 30th August
4 Koreelah Street, Bonalbo, 2469

Kettle will be boiled and food available.



Plus, we'll be watching four finalists videos from the Primary Health Care Excellence Awards, so you can cast your **vote for the Community Choice Award.**

1 
Lismore Helping Hands

2 
Heroes Without Capes

3 
Health Literacy

4 
Northern Rivers Vaccination Supporters

Contact Aimee on 0437 737 191 or amcneill@ncphn.org.au

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



centrelink

medicare

child support

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Staff can provide you with information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation.

Near FoodWorks, Sandilands Street

BONALBO

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

11 am to 3.30 pm

The Mobile Service Centres provide a wide range of services.

We can assist you with:

- new claims for Centrelink payments;
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare customer information;
- conducting a hearing health check/hearing test;
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments;
- assistance with payment and service options to suit individual circumstances;
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers;
- non-cash Medicare transactions;
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards;
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards; and
- social work support and referrals.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call **132 316**.



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Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note

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

Reason being _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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