

Bonalbo Central School

School News

Term 3, Week 9 2017

These are some examples of the work that two of our talented Year 12 artists have submitted for their HSC body of work.



DATES TO REMEMBER 2017

TERM 3 & 4

September 15, 18 & 19: 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

October 9: Students and staff return for Term 4

October 10: Indigenous Hip Hop Film Project

Commences- every Tuesday weeks 1-8

October 13: Years 5-6 Open Day

October 17: Year 7 Chinese cooking

October 18-20: Years 5-8 Stradbroke Island excursion

October 25-26: Years 3-4 Thunderbird Park excursion

October 26: Years 7-8 vaccination

Kindy 2018 Transition

Every Monday recommencing on

Monday 9th October until Week 10 Term 4

Thursdays at 1pm: Years 3-6 Art Club

Primary Assembly: September 15 & November 3

Newsletters: October 26, November 16 & December 7

P & C Meetings Term 4: October 16

November 20

Principal's Report

Year 12 – The Final Two Weeks

Congratulations to Year 12 and their teachers who are completing the final requirements of their courses. Over the next few days, major projects and performances will be examined and marked by itinerant HSC markers and next term the HSC external examinations will take place. It is vital that Year 12 students make maximum use of the last two weeks of formal lessons to ensure that they are able to access the best possible HSC results. Their classroom teacher is their best resource and teachers will be able to advise students on what they need to do in order to prepare for these exams. Elsewhere in the newsletter, I have included “12 Things Successful People Do Differently” which is worth reading carefully and employing during the next few weeks and beyond. The first point on the list is to create and pursue S.M.A.R.T. goals. These are goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Based (i.e. they have a deadline). In the case of our Year 12 students, they are working on a very particular timeline and should be focused on achieving this very specific goal: obtaining the best possible HSC result.

I recognise that this can be a stressful time for both students and their families and we wish all of our Year 12 students the best in the future.

School Improvement Plan 2018-2020

As a school, we are keen to work collaboratively with parents/carers, students and teachers to improve our performance and to develop our future directions. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are currently seeking and reviewing feedback from our various stakeholders. As part of this process we ask that parents/carers complete the “Tell Them From Me Survey”. The details of this survey are included in Mrs Taylor’s report in this newsletter. I also encourage you to attend the Parent/Teacher meetings on Tuesday 19th September (3:30-6pm). As well as seeking advice on how to best support your students’ teaching and learning, I’d invite you to fill in a feedback sheet or share a cuppa with a staff member and

provide us with some verbal feedback. We have 3 main questions that we’d like you to consider:

- What do we do well?
- What needs to be changed or improved?
- Do you have any other comments?

As part of our data collection, we are also using the Instructional Practices Inventory process to take “snapshots’ of student engagement across the school. This data is collected several times a year and its primary use is to stimulate discussion and continuous conversations regarding teaching practices and how to effectively engage students in classrooms.

Communicating Concerns

If you have any concerns about your child or school matters, we recommend that you communicate directly with the classroom teacher in the first instance by phone, letter or in person. If matters remain unresolved then please contact a member of the executive team. Most matters can be dealt with more quickly this way. Because of the difficulties of arranging interviews in a timetabled teaching day, parents are requested to contact the school office to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child’s behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child.

Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school and it is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children.

However, you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school) but should instead report your concerns to the Principal or a member of the executive team.

Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

Mrs Desiree Moore
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

TTFM (Tell Them From Me) Parent Survey

Just a reminder that parents are invited to participate in this online survey, which will help to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents/carers and school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, Ipads, tablets, laptops or computers and should typically take around 15 minutes to complete. It is completely confidential and, although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Please access the survey at:

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

Further information is available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the school.

Mobile Dental Visit

Due to lack of numbers, the mobile dental service will not be coming to Bonalbo. We hope to provide this service sometime next year.

R U OK? Day

Thursday 14th September is national RUOK? Day – part of a national suicide prevention campaign. Started in 2009 by Gavin Larkin, this organisation reminds people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, "R U OK?" in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference to anyone who might be struggling.

Secondary students will participate in daily activities throughout the week. Information sessions will also occur on Thursday and a cake stall will be run by the SRC.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.ruok.org.au>

Parent-Teacher Interviews

We are once again giving parents/carers the chance to discuss their students' education and progress. Interviews will be held next Tuesday 19th September 3:30 – 6pm. Secondary parents

can talk to teachers in the Library, while Primary interviews will be in classrooms. Please take this opportunity to hear about your child's learning.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 students are nearly at the end of their Preliminary courses, culminating in their exams, which start this Friday and finish next Wednesday. It is expected that all course work and assignments are completed before the end of the term. Students will then begin their HSC courses Week 1 next term.

One Vision Hip Hop/Film Workshops

Next term on Tuesdays, our Indigenous students will be participating in an 8-week program with One Vision Productions as part of the Government-funded "Music for Change" Project. Students will have the opportunity to write a song and make a professional hip hop track and accompanying film clip. They will learn valuable life skills including teamwork and communication skills, and learn to use audio-visual and music production technology, lyrical composition, beat making, dance and performance.

Permission notes were sent home with students earlier this week. We look forward to seeing the creativity of our students.

Wishing everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Mrs Kathryn Taylor

Deputy Principal (Relieving)



Primary Report

Even though Term 3 is rapidly drawing to a close, there are still many activities and changes to routines. Many of these require notes, to let parents and carers know about these changes and what is happening. Most importantly, if the note is GREEN, it needs to be signed and sent back to school as soon as possible.

Primary Assembly

Will be held this Friday, 15th September in the 4/5/6 room at 12.15 pm. This allows for parents and carers to have lunch with their children, and if they wish, to stay on and watch sport and the Performing Arts rehearsals.

Performing Arts



Performing Arts will be held in Casino on Monday 18th September.

Students will be travelling in by bus, and staying in Casino for the

afternoon to rehearse, and get ready for the evening concert. Thank you to all those parents who have supplied costume clothing and returned notes. This year, the whole Primary will be putting on the one performance, which includes singing, dancing and musicians. Many weeks of hard work have been put into the presentation, and a very big thank you to Mr Kilroy, Ms O'Meara and Ms Petty.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents and carers are invited to come to the school to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress at school. Primary teachers will be in their classrooms ready to meet parents from 3.30 to 6.00.



K-6 Gala Day at Woodenbong

Students have been invited to attend a sport Gala Day at Woodenbong on Thursday 21st September. We will be travelling by

bus, leaving the school at 9 am, and returning by 3 pm. Again, thank you to all those parents who have returned permission notes.

Years 3/4 School Camp

At present, Ms Davies is organising an overnight camp for Years 3 and 4 to Thunderbird Park, Mt Tambourine on 25th and 26th October. There will be quite a few notes going out regarding permission slips for different activities, plus the school Code of Conduct, and Ambulance Cover.

There will also be some up and coming notes regarding fundraising activities. Please read these notes carefully, sign, and return to school as soon as possible. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Davies at the school.

Finally we would like to say a big thank you to the P&C for their generous donation towards the excursion.

Primary Staff

12 THINGS SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DO DIFFERENTLY

1. THEY CREATE AND PURSUE S.M.A.R.T. GOALS.
2. THEY TAKE DECISIVE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION.
3. THEY FOCUS ON BEING PRODUCTIVE, NOT BEING BUSY.
4. THEY MAKE LOGICAL, INFORMED DECISIONS.
5. THEY AVOID THE TRAP OF TRYING TO MAKE THINGS PERFECT.
6. THEY WORK OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE.
7. THEY KEEP THINGS SIMPLE.
8. THEY FOCUS ON MAKING SMALL, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS.
9. THEY MEASURE AND TRACK THEIR PROGRESS.
10. THEY MAINTAIN POSITIVE OUTLOOK AS THEY LEARN FROM MISTAKES.
11. THEY SPEND TIME WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE.
12. THEY MAINTAIN BALANCE IN THEIR LIFE.

Secondary

Year 12 Artworks

Rosie and Isabella have submitted their HSC practical Body of Work after having spent lots of thought, planning and time on their respective projects.

Rosie created an effective and meaningful series of relief prints bound into a house-shaped book. Rosie's artwork is based on ideas about her family and the places they have lived. She created eighteen pages – one for each year of her life. Rosie took great care with the making of her work. As a result, she has submitted work of a high conceptual and technical standard.

Isabella opted for photography as her form of expression. She took photos of objects that reminded her of her Pop's place and used Photoshop to enhance them, turning them into images that suggested memories of the past. These were installed in a traditional photo album format.

Both girls used their weekend and after-school time to ensure the quality of their final works. The artworks have been sent to Sydney for marking.

All the best girls, and high hopes for pleasing marks!

Ms Sally Goldstein
Visual Arts

Year 12 Woodwork

Year 12 students have completed their Major Design Projects for Design and Technology as part of their HSC. The projects will be marked this Friday.

Matthew has completed a complex project that is a wonderful rocking chair, whilst Layton has completed a beautiful cabinet that will be used to store craft supplies. Both projects have been completed to a high standard and are reflective of all the hard work the boys have put in this year.

Well done, Layton and Matt.

Ms Heidi Beynon
Design & Technology



SCU Discovery Day

Southern Cross University is delighted to invite all new Year 12 students (class of 2018) to the SCU Discovery Day event to explore career opportunities and discover the range of degrees offered across our three campuses.

Date: Tuesday 24 October, 2017

Time: 9:45am - 2pm

**Venue: Southern Cross University,
Lismore campus**

For further information contact your Careers Adviser or register your attendance at:
<https://discoveryday2017.eventbrite.com.au>

Southern Cross Scholars 2018

To celebrate the launch of a new range of innovative degrees, Southern Cross University has doubled its scholarship pool for 2018 with the addition of 40 new \$2,500 scholarships.

The new \$100,000 scholarship program will not only help attract talented students to new programs, but also help create a cohort of student leaders ready to contribute to the University and the community.



Current Year 12 students commencing first year of University study in 2018 can apply for these new scholarships before 30 November at scu.edu.au/scholarships

Head-Start 2018

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded that Head-Start 2018 registrations close on

13 October 2017.

Please visit scu.edu.au/headstart for information and online registration.


Social Futures
 Northern Rivers Social Development Council
 

Can you provide safe accommodation for young people in your home on a temporary basis?

Social Futures and Pathfinders are Seeking Family Carers in the Clarence Valley.

Connecting You supports young people aged 12-15 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes providing accommodation in a safe, home environment while we support them develop positive directions in their lives. We have opportunities for **Family Carers** from all walks of life who:

- live in Clarence Valley
- have a spare room in their home
- are interested in and respect young people
- are flexible, tolerant and understanding
- have time to spend with a young person one on one
- want to make a difference
- don't have young children at home; and
- own a comprehensively insured car.

Ideally, you will have experience with teenagers as a parent, a teacher or in a similar role. You may have recently retired or be working from home. In any case, full training and support is offered for the right candidates. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are particularly encouraged to apply.

These positions offer generous tax-free allowances all year round and additional payments for each night's accommodation you provide. Placements are for a maximum of 28 days at a time.

For more information please call Jennifer Parke on 02 6620 1800, or visit our website www.socialfutures.org.au/family-carers

Casino District Junior Cricket


Casino Junior cricket will be holding a sign-on morning on **Saturday 7th October**, at the Casino RSM Club from **9am – 11:30am**.

Casino will have junior teams in U12s, 13s, 15s and 17s in the Lismore competition.

MILO (5 – 7 year olds) and **T20 Blast** (7 – 10 year olds) will be played on **Friday afternoons** at the Casino Cricket grounds.

Registration can also be done online at **PlayCricket** or see our Facebook page (Casino District Junior Cricket).


Kylie Carlton
Secretary
Casino RSM Junior Cricket Club


Social Futures

SPARK-FUN

2 DAY MAKER CAMP FOR 12 - 16 YR OLDS

DESIGN, CREATE AND PLAY WITH A MAKEY-MAKEY INVENTION KIT, CONNECTING ART, ENGINEERING, AND EVERYTHING IN-BETWEEN TO THE INTERNET OF THINGS. BUILD A ROAMING POOPLE BOT AND LEARN HOW TO COPE AND DRIVE INTELLIGENT ROBOTS, PLUS ART & TECH ACTIVITIES GALORE!


The Clubhouse
 WHERE TECHNOLOGY MEETS IMAGINATION


COST / \$150 - PER PERSON

TEN PLACES, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. TO ENROL VISIT WWW.SOCIALFUTURES.ORG.AU/CLUBHOUSE BY OCT 2ND FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT PUSHTY ON 0428 599 157

5TH & 6TH OCTOBER - 10.AM - 4.PM

@ THE CLUBHOUSE, 152 KEEN ST, LISMORE
GROUND FLOOR OF THE NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.



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

Registration days:
Wednesday 13 & 20 September
4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Queen Elizabeth Park oval 3, Casino



For more information contact Peta
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Calendar for Bonalbo Central School – Term 4, 2017

	Term 4	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1	9 th October Staff & Students return Kindy Transition	10 th October Indigenous Hip Hop P Program	11 th October	12 th October	13 th October Yrs 5-6 Open Day	
2	16 th October Kindy Transition	17 th October Indigenous Hip Hop Program Yr 7 Chinese cooking	18 th October Yrs 5 – 8 Stradbroke Island Excursion	19 th October Yrs 5 – 8 Stradbroke Island Excursion	20 th October Yrs 5 – 8 Stradbroke Island Excursion	
3	P & C Meeting 23 rd October Kindy Transition	24 th October Indigenous Hip Hop Program	25 th October Yrs 3 & 4 Thunderbird Excursion	26 th October Yrs 3 & 4 Thunderbird Excursion Yrs 7/8 vaccinatoin <u>Newsletter</u>	27 th October	
4	30 th October Kindy Transition	31 st October Indigenous Hip Hop Program	1 st November Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition	2 nd November <u>Newsletter</u>	3 rd November Primary Assembly	
5	6 th November Kindy Transition Yrs 7-10 Yearly Exams	7 th November Yrs 7-10 Yearly Exams Indigenous Hip Hop Program	8 th November Yrs 7-10 Yearly Exams	9 th November Yrs 7-10 Yearly Exams Yr 11 RRisk Seminar	10 th November Yrs 7-10 Yearly Exams	
6	13 th November Kindy Transition Life Education Van visit Bald Rock Excursion Yrs 7-10	14 th November Indigenous Hip Hop Program	15 th November	16 th November Yr 11 RRisk Save-a-Mate <u>Newsletter</u>	17 th November Yr 12 Formal	
7	20 th November Kindy Transition	21 st November Indigenous Hip Hop Program	22 nd November Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition	23 rd November Yr 6 to Yr 7 Transition <u>Newsletter</u>	24 th November	
8	P & C Meeting (last for 2017) 27 th November Kindy Transition	28 th November Indigenous Hip Hop Program	29 th November CAPA Night	30 th November	1 st December	
9	4 th December Intensive Swimming Kindy Transition	5 th December Intensive Swimming	6 th December Intensive Swimming	7 th December Intensive Swimming Presentation Night <u>Newsletter</u>	8 th December	
10	11 th December Kindy Transition Yrs 7-11 report handout	12 th December	13 th December	14 th December <u>Newsletter</u>	15 th December Students last day	
	18 th December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	19 th December STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	