



Bonalbo Central School

School News

Term 4, Week 8 2018



BCS students and staff with a U.N. Ambassador from Africa.

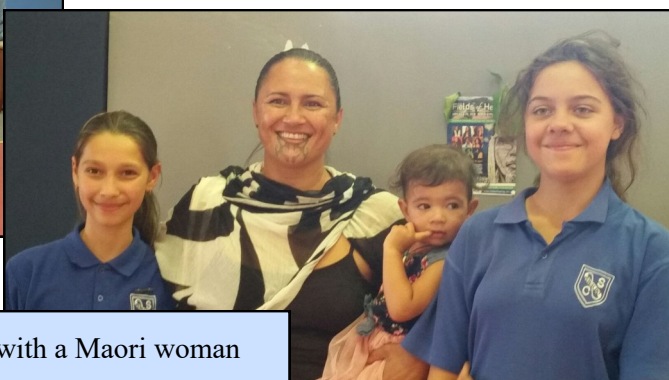
On 22nd November a gathering of Indigenous Leaders was held on Wahlubal Country at Jubullum Stadium to honour Poppy Harry Mundine-Walker.



Students and staff with a Chief and Indigenous leader from Canada.



BCS group with an Indigenous leader from Mexico.



Kirah and Ciara with a Maori woman

DATES TO REMEMBER 2018

Term 4

December 6-7: Years 7-10 Portfolios
 December 7: Rewards Excursion
 December 10-14: K-6 Intensive Swimming
 December 12: Years 7-12 Woodenbong Sports Day
 December 13: PRESENTATION NIGHT
 December 17: Year 6 Graduation Dinner
 December 19: Whole School Celebration
 End of Term for Students
 December 20-21: Staff Development days

TERM 1, 2019 COMMENCES:

Tuesday, January 29: Staff return
 Wednesday, January 30: Years 1-7, 11 & 12
 Thursday, January 31: Kinder and Years 8-10

DATES TO REMEMBER 2019

Term 1

February 6: K-12 Swimming Carnival
 February 13-15: Year 7 Camp
 February 15: UCPSSA Swimming Carnival @ Woodenbong

Principal's Report

We've reached our last newsletter of the year and, as you can see from the Deputy Principal's report, our students have quite a number of rewarding and varied opportunities in which they can participate. Students should make the most of this and finish the year in a positive manner. On the last day of school term (19th December) we will be having a whole school celebration at the pool. Together with the CAPA and Presentation nights, these events are opportunities for you to celebrate your student's achievement in social, cultural, sporting and academic fields.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to the teaching, administration and support staff who work tirelessly to provide the students of Bonalbo Central School with a quality education. This has been a significant year in terms of change within the NSW Department of Education and all staff have undergone a significant amount of training in order to develop new skills and gain knowledge and understanding of reviewed policies and procedures. I also thank the community for being patient while staff transitioned into a new way of practice in the office and in classrooms.

CAPA Night

Congratulations to all students and staff on a wonderful evening of song, dance, drama and music. Students (and some staff) demonstrated great courage by challenging themselves to perform. Thank you to all staff who worked behind the scenes to bring together such a creative event.

Social Media

The school has been using Facebook to communicate with the wider community and you will have noticed that the NSW Department of Education uses our page to notify the public about state wide programs. Be aware that this is a public forum and you should not use this page to publish personal information such as changed telephone numbers and to explain absences. Please call the school office on 66651205 for

these purposes. Next year we will be using the School Stream App to communicate with parents/carers and this will allow more flexibility in terms of two-way communication. You will hear more about this next year.

Over this year, students have been participated in presentations and explicit lessons in the use of social media. I would ask that parents/carers monitor their student's use of social media and model best practice. If you have a concern about a situation at school, it is important that you contact the school and discuss the issue. It is highly inappropriate to argue with a school student online in the same way as you should not approach a student in the school grounds. We are much more likely to achieve a positive outcome if we refer issues through direct contact with a classroom teacher or a member of the executive.

Congratulations to all students on the successes you have had this year and I wish the entire school community a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Ms Desiree Moore
Principal



Deputy Principal's Report

Cooler Classrooms Program

Exciting news about the NSW Government's program to air-condition public schools. As reported in our last newsletter, we were waiting on a timeline for the installation of air-conditioning in our teaching spaces.

Preliminary work will commence in the last week of this term and aims to be concluded for the start of next year. This is wonderful news, meaning we should begin the 2019 school year with more comfortable learning spaces.

Transition

We recently concluded our Transition Programs for both Kindy and Year 7. Pre-school children

have been attending on Fridays for 1 ½ terms, learning school routines, developing their skills and making new friends. Thank you to Mrs Kropp for working with our new Kindy students.

Year 6 students attended 3 orientation days, enabling them to learn how a secondary school operates, try some new subjects, meet staff and develop new connections with students from other primary schools. Thank you to Ms Schumacher and Ms Petty for their organisation and to Ms Dean and Mrs Taikakara for their role as year advisors. We look forward to having these students and their families join our school community next year.

Up-coming Events

Many activities are occurring in the last 3 weeks of this term.

Year 7 – 10 students presented their portfolio of learning this week. It was wonderful to hear about the learning experiences of our students and to see their development throughout the year. Thanks to Mr Martin for organising this yearly program and thank you to community members Mon Petty and Dave and Sharon Tucker for being on the panel. We appreciate you giving up your time to support our students.

The Rewards Excursion is on this Friday 7th December at Summerland House Farm at Alstonville. Congratulations to those students who achieved the Gold Level in our Stronger Smarter Merit System. Thanks to Mrs Stubbings for her organisation for the event.

Secondary students will be attending a combined sports day at Woodenbong Central on Wednesday 12th December. Mixed teams (Bonalbo, Woodenbong and Nimbin) will participate in a variety of sport and leisure activities. Thanks to Ms Dean for organising this event.



Our annual Presentation Night is on Thursday 13th December in the MPC. The P&C are providing a BBQ starting at 5:00pm, with formalities at 6:00pm. K-10

reports will be handed out at the conclusion of the evening. Please join us in celebrating our students' achievements.

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be held at the Bonalbo Bowling Club on Monday 17th December starting at 6:00pm. This is a great way for their families and staff to farewell our graduating Year 6 students.

We will finish the school year on Wednesday 19th December with a whole-school celebration involving a Xmas dress up day and pool party. We encourage all students (and staff) to dress up in the Christmas spirit, as well as bring all required swimming gear for a fun afternoon at the pool. P&C will provide lunch with \$1.00 food and drink items.

2019 School Year

Start dates for 2019 appear on the front and back of this newsletter. Please advise the Front Office if you intend for your student(s) to not attend Bonalbo Central next year. This is very important for our planning of staff and resources.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you at our up-coming events and hope to work with you again in 2019.



Mrs Kathryn Taylor
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Primary Report

What a busy time of year! It is hard to fit in all the activities we have planned for the end of the year.



Intensive Swimming begins Week 9. Students K-6 will be at the pool each day from 12:30pm for intensive instruction in swimming. Please ensure your child has dry swimmers and towel each day with a plastic swim bag for wet items. Students will also need a packed lunch and plenty of water.

We began farewelling Year 6 at our Assembly on 30th November. Year 6 hosted the assembly and demonstrated their leadership skills.



We also welcomed Kinder Transition for their first assembly, and their parents for an information session after a light lunch. Thank you to those who attended, and those who have attended our assemblies over the year.

K-4 Excursion Recount

K-4 excursion to the Macadamia Castle and Circus Arts

On 22nd November Year K-4 went on an excursion to the Macadamia Castle and Circus Arts. On the bus I sat next to Sophie.

First we went to the Macadamia Castle. We saw a blue-tongue skink named Beetroot, a python

named Ramsey and a rat named Russell. We saw the bird show. My favourite bird was Sherbet the pink and grey galah.

Before we saw the bird show the K/1/2 kids went on a train ride while 3/4 saw newborn rats. They were miniature. Then we went on a train ride.

We hopped back on the bus and went to Byron Bay Circus Arts. When we got there I saw a massive trapeze and an enormous rock wall. We put our bags down and took our shoes and socks off.

Then we did some stretches. After that we chose a partner around the same height as us. My partner was Sophie and we did some basic acrobatic skills.

Later we got into groups of 3 to do some rotations. My group did some floor work first.

Soon we went on silks and practiced for the trapeze. Suddenly it was time for the massive trapeze. When it was my turn I felt scared. I slowly did a backflip off. It was fun.

Finally we went home. At Casino we stopped for McDonalds. I sat next to Sophie on the bus.

By Lucy

Thank you to all our students, parents and teachers for a great year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Primary Staff



Secondary Report

Years 5-7 Digital Animation Workshop

Two weeks ago our Year 5, 6 and 7 students had the unique opportunity to take part in a whole-day Digital Animation Workshop run by Digi Ed.

If you are familiar with shows such as Wallace and Grommit and Chicken Run then you will have an idea of the sort of the stopmotion animation that our students created.



Students broke into small groups and created a 20-second film based on plasticine figurines that they created. The

students were actively involved in every step of the creation process – from planning the plot of their

“movie” on



storyboards, to creating figurines and backdrops, to filming and adding music and special effects before finally editing their films ready for their audience.



Great fun was had by all while gaining an insight into this fascinating form of animation on film.

*Matthew Martin
Teacher*

Poppy Harry Tribute

On Thursday 22nd November current and future students from Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies attended a tribute to Poppy Harry Mundine Walker at Jubullum.

A group of International Elders, ambassadors and musicians made their journey to Jubullum to pay honour to Poppy Harry Mundine Walker, the Wahlbul people and all related families. The excursion gave students the opportunity to learn about Aboriginal culture directly related to the

Bundjalung nation as part of their Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal Studies, as well as learn about international Indigenous cultures which links to the HSC course.

*Shannon Beaumont
Aboriginal Studies*



P & C News

The P & C are collecting non-perishable items for a hamper. Donated items can be left at the front office or in the Primary. Please ensure items are within their use by date.

Tickets in the P & C Christmas Hamper are now on sale. Books have been sent home with students in both Primary and Secondary. The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Night on Thursday 13th December.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with cooking the BBQ and serving on both Presentation Night and on the last day of school. Please let Bob Pyefinch know if you are available to help.

On the last day of school, students will be having a Pool Party and the P & C will be providing a \$1 lunch for all students.

Meeting dates for beginning of 2019

Monday 19th February:

General Meeting

Monday 18th March:

Annual General Meeting

All positions will be declared vacant in order for a new committee to be elected.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all the volunteers, students and their families, staff and community members a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

*Wendy Johnston
Secretary*





Tuesday 18th December

Old Bonalbo Hall

Sausage sizzle BBQ : 6pm

P&C Raffle Tickets & drinks available for sale

Great Prizes

Kids Motorbike Gear kindly donated by North Coast Powersports Lismore

Grocery Hamper

Prizes will be drawn on the night

All welcome



Bonalbo Bowling & Recreation Club

KIDS XMAS DISCO

**Saturday 8th December
2018**

6.30 PM

SANTA ARRIVES @ 7P.M

Dining Room Open

**All persons under the age of 18 must be
accompanied by a responsible adult.**



Term 1, 2019 commences:

- Tuesday 29th January: Staff
- Wednesday 30th January: Years 1 - 7,
11 and 12
- Thursday 31st January: Kindergarten and
Years 8 - 10