



# Bonalbo Central School

*School News*  
*Term 2, Week 3, 2018*



**K-12  
 CROSS  
 COUNTRY**



<b><u>DATES TO REMEMBER 2018</u></b>	
<b><u>Term 2</u></b>	
<b>May 18:</b>	<b>Northern Rivers Careers Expo</b>
<b>May 18:</b>	<b>Sec Zone Cross Country @ Lismore</b>
<b>May 21:</b>	<b>Law Presentation - Secondary @ 10:15am</b>
<b>May 24:</b>	<b>Police visit Yrs11/12 and Primary</b>
<b>May 25:</b>	<b>Vaccinations Yrs 10/11 Catch-up Yrs 7/8</b>
<b>May 30:</b>	<b>Dental visit K-6</b>
<b>June 1:</b>	<b>Rugby &amp; Netball @ Inverell</b>
<b>June 7-8:</b>	<b>Ag trip</b>
<b>June 11:</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday holiday</b>
<b>June 13:</b>	<b>K-12 Athletics Carnival</b>
<b>June 18-22:</b>	<b>Yr 11 Work placement Hospitality/Primary Ind.</b>
<b>June 18:</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting @ 3:30pm</b>
<b>June 26-28:</b>	<b>Sec. Captains to Sydney</b>
<b>July 5:</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly</b>
<b>July 6:</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>
<b><u>P &amp; C Meetings @ 3:30pm:</u></b>	
<b>May 28, &amp; June 18</b>	
<b><u>Newsletters:</u></b>	
<b>June 7 &amp; 28</b>	

## Principal's Report

### ANZAC Day Service

Thank you to the parents and community members who supported the Bonalbo ANZAC Day Service and March. It is always encouraging to see students attend the commemoration and represent our school with honour. I'm sure that you'll agree that our school captains, Ally, Locklyn and Kirah represented the school well in their official capacity. Given that ANZAC Day fell in the second week of the school holidays, it was wonderful to see that students, staff and parents were well represented at the ceremony and taking the opportunity to show respect for the courage and commitment demonstrated by previous generations.

### Attendance

It is NSW Department of Education policy that students attend school on every day that instruction is provided. It is obvious that students have the greatest chance of obtaining their best educational outcomes if they attend school regularly. It is alarming to note that, if a student misses as few as eight days each term, by the end of their primary schooling, they will have missed an entire year of learning. If your student does need to miss a day at school, please send a note to school on the next day that the student attends school or give the office a call on 6665 1205 to explain their absence. If you have access to email you can also notify the school via email at:

bonalbo-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Please do not use Facebook to communicate this type of information.**

As part of the NSWDoE attendance policy our school is obliged to monitor student attendance and identify students whose attendance is unsatisfactory. According to this policy:

A child is considered to have an unsatisfactory school attendance when they have:

- regular absences without explanation (despite follow-up from the school)

- regular absences and explanations provided by parents are not accepted by the principal, or
- extended periods of absence without an explanation or the explanation is not accepted by the principal. An extended period of absence may be consecutive or irregular patterns of non-attendance.

We have included a fact sheet on attendance in this newsletter.

## Deputy Principal's Report

### 3-Way Conferences

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended last week's conferences. It was highly successful, with many families coming in to the school to discuss student learning. It was wonderful to have students actively participate in these important conversations and proudly show their work. Please return the reflection sheet as soon as possible, so we can gather your feedback on this initiative. If you were not able to attend but would like to speak to staff, please contact the school to arrange a time.

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have now completed this year's NAPLAN tests. We congratulate these students on their positive engagement with the program. Results should be released later next term.

### SPORT

#### Schools Cup Netball

Last week, 7 girls went to Casino to play in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. This was a daunting prospect, playing the much more experienced St Mary's teams and Woodenbong in a strong Year 9/10 competition. This was a great learning curve for the team, and they received many positive comments on their school spirit and positive attitude. We now look forward to going to Inverell in a few weeks. Congratulations to Dionne, Tamiaka, Haylee, Georgina, Bailey, Hannah and Monnique, who played with honour all day.



Our netball team members: Dionne, Tamiaka, Monnique, Hannah, Bailey, Georgina and Haylee.

## Primary News

Welcome back everyone to another eventful school term, which has already commenced with our 3-Way student, parent and teacher meetings, Cross Country and in Week 3 – NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 in the Primary.

It was a pleasure to have so many parents attend our 3 Way Meetings, with students being given the opportunity to show parents their work and talk about their achievements; what they are proud of, and where they would like to improve through the checklist of 'My Own Report'. Teachers were able to discuss with parents the implementation of attainable learning goals, which will be revisited every 5 weeks using Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP). Discussion also involved what parents would like to do at home, and how the school can support this. If any parents missed this opportunity and would like to catch up with their child's teacher, please contact the school to arrange a meeting.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch students compete in the Upper Clarence Cross Country, which was held on the town oval on Friday 11th May. The event was well attended by 5 schools – Woodenbong, Tabulam, Old Bonalbo, Drake and Bonalbo. Well done to all students who proudly represented their respective schools and tried their very best. Congratulations

to Brad, Onyx, Matilda, Lucy, Tyrone, John, Alice, Sophie and Miah who will be moving forward to represent Bonalbo at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country. This event takes place at Corndale Public School on Friday 1st June. We wish these students all the best for a successful day. A special thanks to Mrs Ludwig for her organisation of the event, and to all those who helped out on the day, including the P & C who worked hard to cater for such large numbers.

In Week 3, Years 3 and 5 sat their NAPLAN tests over three days. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 take part in this national testing for Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions. Results will not come out until August.

A reminder that there are new hats on sale at the front office. These hats are stronger, with a broader brim than previously, and students have shown a liking for the new style. Cost is free for new students (covered by our P & C) and \$8 for a replacement. Warm school jumpers are also available. We are heading into winter and it is important for students to continue to wear school uniform including the jumpers, rather than jackets and assorted hoodies from home. Please remember to clearly label any new clothes for easy location of owners!



The CWA Country of Study this term is Poland. Unfortunately, we will not be able to participate in the State-wide competition due to time restraints. However, we will still be taking part in the study, and will hold our own competition with local CWA ladies taking part.

Our next Primary Assembly will be held in the 4/5/6 room on Thursday 24th May at 10.15 am followed by morning tea. All friends and family are welcome to come along.

Primary Staff



## Woolworths Earn & Learn

Some of our Primary students are 'showing off' the wonderful items our school earned with your support through the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker program.

A huge thank you to all who supported our school with this program.



## Coles Sports in Schools

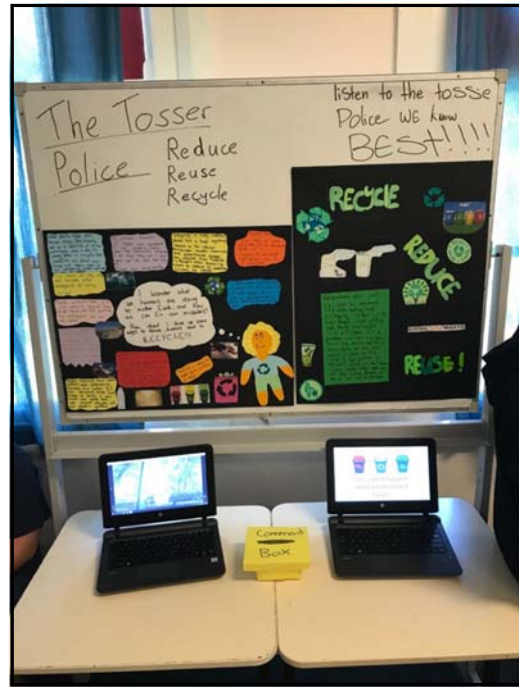
The deadline to have our Coles Vouchers posted is drawing close. Please check if you still have any vouchers in the bottom of your bag and return them to school.

Soon we will be ordering our sport equipment.

Thank you for your support with the Coles sports in Schools program.

## Stage 4 English and Geography Term 1 Report

Throughout Term 1, Stage 4 English and Geography looked at ways we could future proof the environment by reducing human impact on the planet. We focused on issues of plastic pollution and the effect this has on our oceans and marine life. Students put everything they had learnt and discussed into action for their end of term projects – their aim was to create a campaign that educated people about our impact on the environment and how we could change things. Students worked in small groups for this task and I am very impressed by the



creativity, critical thinking and ingenuity they showed. Their projects were presented to the class in the form of a display and students took the time to move around the room and give written feedback on each other's projects. This demonstrated deep engagement with the subject content and with themselves, and each other, as learners. I hope students are all very proud of what they achieved. They did a fantastic job and I am very proud of them. Well done, Stage 4.

*Ms Kate Schumacher  
Head Teacher English/ H.S.I.E.*



## Bonalbo Show Cooking & Textile Awards

Congratulations for the following students who entered and won prizes at this year's Bonalbo Show Youth Section in the Cooking, Needlework and Handicraft Secondary sections.

### COOKING – Food Technology (Years 9/10)

**Coconut Ice:** 1st - Renee; 2nd - Lilly

**Scones:** 2nd - Bradley

**Chocolate Butter Cake:** 2nd - Loretta

**Biscuits:** 1st - Phillip; 2nd - Azri

**Pikelets:** 1st - Phillip; 2nd - Azri

### MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR YOUTH

#### COOKING:

Phillip, who was presented with the book prize - 'The Country Show Cookbook'.

#### TEXTILE TECHNOLOGIES –Year 7

**Article of Clothing (apron):** 2nd - Ruby,  
Highly Commended - Lachlan

Well done to Bing, Jayden, Ruby, Travis, Georgina and Cheyanne who designed, sewed, decorated and completed their aprons in time for the Bonalbo Show. All aprons sewn by Year 7 will be modelled as part of the fashion parade at the CAPA night on Wednesday 5th December.

*Mrs Suzy Taikakara*  
*Food Tech/ Textiles*

## Payment Reminder for the Canberra Excursion



This is just a friendly reminder to parents and guardians of students who are attending the Years 5-10 excursion to Canberra later this year that the next instalment of \$99 is due on Thursday, May 24.

#### Payments can be made in the following ways:

- \* As a lump payment of \$594;
- \* As two instalments of \$297 each (due Thursday June 7 then July 26); or

\* A regular payment plan as organised with the school:

\$99.00 due Thursday, 24th May

\$99.00 due Thursday, 7th June

\$99.00 due Thursday, 21st June

\$99.00 due Thursday, 5th July

\$99.00 due Thursday, 2nd August (final payment).

It would be greatly appreciated if payments could be made as soon as possible. Payment can be made via **EFTPOS** or **CASH** to the Front Office.

If you have any questions or are seeking financial assistance for this excursion, do not hesitate to contact the school on 6665 1205.

As a fundraiser for the excursion we will be running a **Monster Raffle**. Tickets cost \$1.00 each.

Local businesses have generously donated prizes such as:

#### Bonalbo Pharmacy:

- 1st prize of a hamper of skin and hair care products valued at \$100;
- Goanna and echidna plush toys;

#### Bonalbo Post Office:

- Cheri hand lotion;
- Wax melt burner set;
- Rooster figurine.

#### FoodWorks Bonalbo:

- Box of Cadbury Favourites;
- Box of Lindt chocolates;
- Box of Maltesers.

#### Australian Hearing:

Umbrellas.

#### Mr Shannon Beaumont:

- BF Goodrich tyre caps.

We still have more prizes to come. Thank you to all the businesses who have supported our school and students by their donations.

Please purchase tickets and support our students while being in the running to win these great prizes.

Students must return all tickets (sold and unsold) with money by **Friday, 29th June 2018**. The raffle will be drawn at the Whole School Assembly on **Thursday, 5th July 2018**.

*Matthew Martin*

*Canberra Excursion Coordinator*



## P & C News

Our last meeting was held on Monday 7th May; thank you everyone for attending. Our member numbers have grown from last year and we encourage everyone to become a member and help build a positive learning environment for our children.

The P & C held a canteen at the UCPSSA Primary Cross Country on Friday 11th May. Thank you to everyone who helped with the setting up and service on the day. Thank you to Christina Hicks for her generous donation of 2 gift baskets to raffle on the day for Mother's Day and congratulations to the lucky prize winners.

A special thank you to Paul Herne from Bonalbo Council for cleaning the interior of the kiosk building; his effort was greatly appreciated.

### Upcoming Events

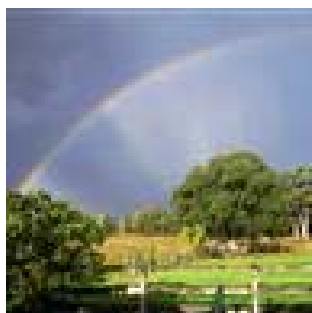
**Wednesday 13th June:** Whole School Athletics Carnival - the P & C will be running a canteen.

If parents would like to help and volunteer with events, your support is appreciated.



**Term 2 Meeting Dates:** 28th May and 18th June

*Wendy Johnston*  
Secretary



### Staff Profile

**NAME:**  
Kate Schumacher  
**ROLE:** Secondary Head Teacher, English and Geography classroom teacher

**PAST SCHOOLS:** Bonalbo Central, Ballina Coast High School (2017)

**TEACHING:** English and Geography

**FAMILY:** Partner and two children

**HOBBIES:** Reading, writing, gardening

**BEST HOLIDAY:** Anywhere I can relax

**NON-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT:** Completing 3 university degrees, two while managing to hold down a job

**FAVOURITE FOODS:** Cheese, pasta and BBQ shapes

**3 THINGS YOU WOULD WANT ON A DESERTED ISLAND:** Books, pen, paper

**3 PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET:** William Shakespeare, Sir David Attenborough, Oscar Wilde

**ADVICE TO STUDENTS:** There is no limit to what you can achieve, only what you believe is stopping you.

## Exercise Your Mood with the Black Dog Institute this May!

For the month of May we are putting the call out to Exercise Your Mood by encouraging students and teachers across Australia to exercise for their mental and physical health.

A 2017 study by the Black Dog Institute found that even one hour of exercise per week could help to prevent up to 12% of future cases of depression. With up to 25% of young Australians experiencing mental distress, it is important to inspire young people to lead active and thoughtful lifestyles.

To find out how you can get involved with **Exercise Your Mood**, head to our website:

<https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/get-involved/exercise-your-mood>



## 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING LIVE WEBINAR

*Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2 -12 years old*

A three-session program for parents and carers  
presented live online.

**Easy and quick to join in  
on Tuesday the 15th, 22nd & 29th May 2018**

**Program runs 5.30pm till 8.30pm.**

### Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

### Registration Fee? FREE

Register for this course by contacting **Kyogle Family Support Services on 02 6632 1044**  
or **vis the registration on our Facebook and webpage.**

For more information contact  
**Kyogle Family Support on 02 66321044**

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. [www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)





The Child Oral Health Service would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular, supervised oral hygiene.

- When children start school they are often keen to be as independent as possible. Most children don't have the skills to brush their own teeth well enough to prevent decay until age 8-10, depending on their level of dexterity;
- Thorough brushing twice per day prevents significantly more dental decay than brushing once per day or less often;
- Help your child gently brush their teeth and gums twice per day with a small amount of fluoride toothpaste



## NORTHERN RIVERS YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2018

**3 Days of Workshops**

**10 - 12 July School Holidays**

**Concert - Lismore City Hall 6:30 pm 12 July**

GUEST CONDUCTOR | EXPERT TUTORS | BUDDIES FROM SYDNEY COME

Senior Orchestra: Early Bird \$165 (Full price \$175)

Junior Band and String Ensemble: Early Bird \$145 (Full price \$155)

**Enrol in NRYO 2018 today!**

Early bird tickets must be booked and paid for by May 25th



For information  
& tickets —

[nrcac.edu.au/nryo](http://nrcac.edu.au/nryo)





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
  - Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
  - Give students time to greet their friends before class
  - Reduces classroom disruption
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this

happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school

### My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court  
– Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court
- School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognizes that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfill their life opportunities.

For further information regarding school attendance:

**Policy:** <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

**School leaving age:** <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

**Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note**

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

Reason being \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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