



# B.C.S. BULLETIN

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**

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## SASS Appreciation Week

This week is School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week. We appreciate these dedicated staff members, whether they work in the office, the library, the school grounds, the classroom, or in other roles. Teaching staff held a morning tea on Wednesday to say thank you. As a school community, we certainly value the significant contribution these staff make to the effective running of our school.

## Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that Miss Donna Dean has been transferred in to our school permanently from her previous school. Donna has been working tirelessly in Agriculture, Sport and Careers and we are excited to have her with us for many years to come.

## Community Support

The drought is continuing to have a significant impact on our community, with the lack of water being a major source of concern and stress. As a school we are here to help where we can. Just a reminder that students are more than welcome to use our showers and we are happy to wash clothing if needed. Students are encouraged to let a staff member know when this support is required.

## Local AECG Meeting

Parents/carers and community members are invited to attend the next meeting of the Wahlubal Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at Bonalbo Central School starting at 1:00pm. Please contact Rachel Moore or Wendy Johnston at the school for more information.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT		SEPT	
2	Primary Industries Quad Bike training	16-20	Preliminary Exams Week
3	Yr 12 English Standard Study Day	16	P&C Meeting 3:30pm
4	Local AECG Meeting @ BCS 1:00pm	17	HSC Study Day Mathematics
5	6-7 Transition Visit Tabulam & Drake Schools		Boys Futsal @Goonellabah
5-6	Yrs 2/3/4 Camp @ Lake Ainsworth	18-20	5/6 Camp @ Yarrahapinni
6	Kindy Transition full day every Friday	20	Girls Futsal @ Goonellabah
9	Dental Checks K-2 Yr 10 HSC Min Standards Test Primary Industries Side-by-Side training NAPLAN Online Readiness Test Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9	23	Primary Performing Arts Concert Casino
		24	Yr 12 Luncheon Yr 12 Reports issued
		25	6-7 Transition lunch & activities
10	NAPLAN Online Readiness Test Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9 3-Way Conferences Prim & Sec 3:30-6:00pm	26	K-12 Rewards Day
		27	Last Day of Term 3
11	Yr 10 HSC Min Standards Test 3-Way Conferences Prim Only 3:30-6:00pm	OCT	
12	Primary Assembly 10:15am	14	Staff & Students return for Term 4
		15	Stage 4 Geography Excursion
14-15	Bos Invictus Youth Round Up	17	HSC Exams begin

### 3-Way Conferences

All parents/carers are invited to participate in the upcoming 3-Way Conferences on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September (Primary only). These are invaluable conversations around student learning and enable students, parents/carers and staff to discuss academic and behavioural progress. Primary students will discuss their Personal Learning Plans, while Secondary students will discuss at least one piece of work and their goals for the rest of the year. Parents/carers can also speak to as many teachers as necessary. Please return the form sent home earlier this week as soon as possible to register your intention. Primary parents/carers also need to call the school to book an appointment time.

### NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake practice tests of NAPLAN Online. This is a test of our school computers and procedures **not student performance**. Students will become familiar with the types of questions in the test and the use of the online testing environment but will not receive a mark or feedback from the tests. Students in Year 3 will only do an Omnibus test (combination of reading, grammar, punctuation and numeracy), whilst Year 5, 7 and 9 students will do this and a writing test. A letter has been sent home regarding this. Please contact Megan O'Meara at the school if you wish to discuss this further.

### Uniform Reminder

As the weather begins to warm up, now is a good time to check uniform stocks. If you have any uniforms that students have grown out of, we are happy to put them into our pre-loved stocks. New uniforms can be purchased from the Front Office. It is important that all students are in uniform for safety/identification reasons and to demonstrate pride in themselves and the school. If there are any issues with obtaining uniform items, please see Ms O'Meara or the Front Office.

### Farm Assistant Position

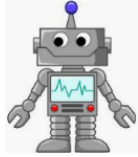
In 2017, the Department of Education moved all temporary non-teaching public service employees (Canteen Supervisors, General Assistants, Farm Assistants, Clerk, etc.) to be employed under the provisions of the Government Sector Employment Act, 2013. We have recently been informed that our Farm Assistant position is now available and will proceed to a comparative assessment.

A comparative assessment is a process to assess an individual's claim against the pre-established standards for the role and the claims of other people vying for the role.

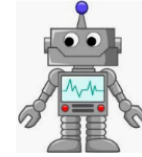
This process includes:

- An external advertisement;
- Pre-screening for essential requirements such as a qualification or licence where applicable;
- A resumé review;
- At least three capability-based assessments, one of which is an interview; and
- Referee checks.

Applications for this position are invited from any community members, including the current farm assistant, and are to be made on-line at [www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](http://www.iworkfor.nsw.gov.au) in the next few weeks. Please contact the school for a reference number.



## **Robotics in the Library** **at lunchtimes!**



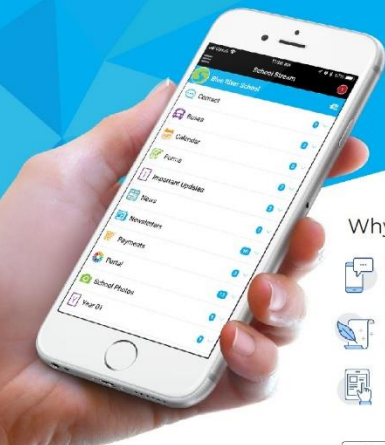
A MASSIVE robotics kit has been hired for use in our school for THIS TERM ONLY!!

Students in Years 2 to Year 12 are welcome to come up to the library at lunchtimes (except for Thursdays) this term to have the opportunity to program “Ozobots”, to build robot buggies out of Lego and to program our library computers with “Makey Makeys” to act like pianos, guitars dice and much more!

So come and find out what YOU can create with robotics!





## Download our school app for free!



**Why download the app?**

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

### Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



**Lids 4 Kids** – plastic lids from milk, water and soft drink bottles are used to make prosthetic hands for children.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lids4KidsAU/>

**Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs** – bread tags are sold to recycling companies and the funds used to purchase wheelchairs.

<https://www.facebook.com/aussiebreadtags>

**Casino Library** is now a public collection point for these programs.

The types of lids being collected are from milk bottles, soft drink, and water bottles with recycle code '2' or '4'.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia or Taryn at Casino Library 6660 0250.



### **Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note**

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

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