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Be Respectful Be Safe Be a Learner

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Term 4 Week 5
November 12th 2020

Congratulations to our Class of 2020 – they have now officially completed their secondary education. Exams have finished and we now await results, due out 18th December, and look forward to hearing about their next big adventures. Stage 5 exams are progressing this week, with Stage 4 next week. Our Class of 2021 has begun their final year of high school, and we are sure they will take up the challenge and achieve success.

The process to elect our 2021 School Captains is nearly complete. Candidates have delivered their speeches to students and staff, and votes have been cast. They will now be interviewed by Executive staff and then the successful candidates will be announced at our final Presentation Assembly. Well done to all those students who nominated – it takes courage to put yourself forward for leadership positions.

Term 4 COVID-19 guidelines have been updated and, thankfully, there has been a further easing of restrictions, although parents are still not allowed on site. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Year 12 Formal will go ahead on Friday 20th November at Little Cambridge, Mallanganee. Excursions and offsite activities can now occur, following venues' COVID-19 Safety Plans. Along with those listed in the table below, we are currently looking into a whole-school trip to Lismore cinemas and a Stage 3-5 excursion to Lismore PCYC in the last week of term. Our CAPA Night will occur (but during the day!) and without families present. Students will perform at school to a small student audience and we will film/livestream performances. Our annual Presentation Assembly will go ahead on Friday 11th December at 10:00am. When plans are finalised, we will let families know about the arrangements for having parents in attendance.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOV 12	Stage 5 Pool Visit PASS Swimming	4	Kindy Transition
13	NAIDOC Celebrations Kindy Transition	7	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16-20	Stage 4 Exams	8-10	Primary Swim Scheme 12:00 - 2:30pm
18-20	Year 12 RRisk 9am - 11am	11	Presentation Assembly 10am Reports Home
20	Year 12 Formal Kindy Transition	16	Whole School P&C Pool Party END OF TERM 4
27	Years 11/12 First Aid Training - all day- MPC NSW Fisheries in Primary 11:30am - 1pm Kindy Transition		**2021 Term 1**
		JAN 26	Australia Day Public Holiday
DEC 1-2	Year 6 - 7 Transition Days	JAN 27-28	School Development Days – **no students**
1	Writers on the Road K - 12	29	Years 1 - 7,11 and 12 start
2	Life Ed van	FEB 1	Kindergarten and Years 8 -10 start

This week we proudly celebrate NAIDOC Week, with the theme “Always was, always will be”. Although our regular large-scale community event cannot occur, students and staff are engaging in rich cultural learnings across the week. Our Stage 6 Aboriginal Studies and SLR classes ran traditional games for primary and secondary students, and the whole school will participate in NAIDOC Day on Friday, with lunch provided. Students are asked to wear a brightly coloured shirt, as we are re-creating the Rainbow Serpent. Cultural activities will include a didgeridoo workshop for boys and a clapstick making session for girls.

Please ensure students are in uniform each day. This is important for safety and demonstrates pride in self and school. Our students looked fantastic in their uniforms on photo day, and we expect that this continues for the rest of the term. If there are issues with providing the uniform, please contact the office to discuss how we can help. Some pre-loved items and financial assistance are available, and we are happy to wash uniforms if water is scarce.

A reminder that the school day begins at 8:55am for primary (8:50am for secondary) and finishes at 3:15pm for primary (3:20pm for secondary). These times have been set to deliver the required amount of learning. Arriving at school on time is vital for students to start their day well so they are part of the daily routines that set them up for success. Notices and reminders are handed out at the end of the day, so it is important that students are there to receive them. Please ensure your students are present for the maximum learning time.

We recently conducted the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan and updated some of our procedures, particularly around bushfire response. You will find in this bulletin information regarding our bushfire response plan. Bonalbo Central School is classified as being in a Category 2 zone, meaning we MAY cease operations on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger. Obviously, you will be fully informed if the need arises. Please read through the information and contact the school if you have any questions.

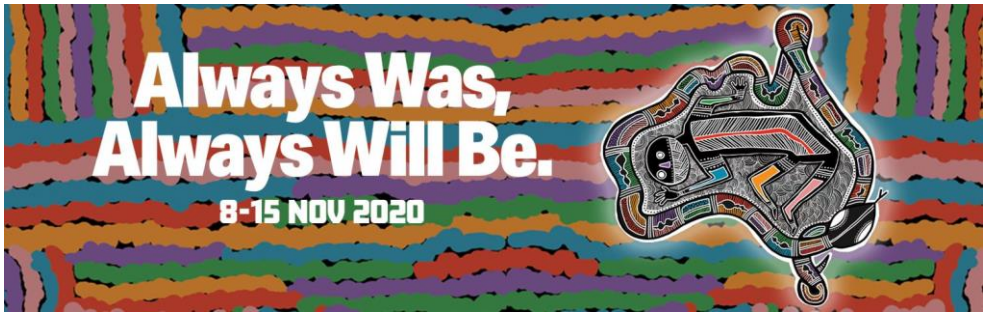
Planning for 2021 is well underway: students have made their subject selections; a timetable is being developed and staffing is being organised. We will also be consulting the school community to help set our strategic directions as part of the new 4-year planning process. After analysing current data, students, parents/carers and staff will all be asked to contribute their ideas about our school’s vision and the areas they believe we need to further develop to improve student outcomes.

I am proud to announce that I have been offered and have accepted the permanent position of Principal of Bonalbo Central School, subject to the appeal process. I look forward to building on our good work together to enable further student success. There will be a number of staff changes for 2021 and these will be announced in future bulletins as decisions are made.

Today, we acknowledged Remembrance Day. Originally known as Armistice Day, it marks the signing of the peace agreement between Germany and the Allies that ended the Great War of 1914-1918. Hundreds of NSW teachers served in the First World War. 158 of them did not return. Today, we remember and honour their sacrifice and the sacrifices of more than 60,000 Australian servicemen and servicewomen who died during the First World War and those who have served since.

Lest we forget.

Kathryn Taylor



What to do in the event of local bush fire activity

Information for parents and carers

Our School's **Risk Classification is a Category 2** - If a **catastrophic fire danger** rating has been issued for the following school day, our school ***may*** proactively temporarily cease operations. In these circumstances, we will communicate alternative educational arrangements that will be put in place. This may include re-locating to another school, where practicable, or students learning from home.

ADVICE ALERT	**WATCH AND ACT ALERT**	**EMERGENCY WARNING ALERT**
A bushfire has started, there is no immediate danger, our school will: ▪ Update student rolls and account for early leavers/absences in our school system ▪ Monitor air quality and adjust school activities accordingly i.e. if smoke affected cease outdoor activities ▪ Monitor Fire Danger Ratings, *Fires Near Me* app, *Live Traffic NSW* app and local ABC Radio ▪ Parents/carers will be kept informed via School Stream, Facebook or SMS	There is a heightened level of threat and bush fire conditions are changing, in addition to the Advice Alert procedures: ▪ If possible, we will alert parents/carers the day before via School Stream Facebook or SMS. If the district is affected by heavy smoke, consider keeping students with an Asthma Plan at home. ▪ Parents/carers stay updated using the *Fires Near Me* app, *Live Traffic NSW* app and/or listen to local ABC Radio ▪ School will take action to prepare i.e. provide regular updates of bush fire activity to all occupants and prepare bush fire emergency equipment ▪ We will liaise with Local RFS Control Centre for support and advice. If required, we will act to implement our *Emergency Management Plan and Bushfire Response*	This is the highest level of bush fire alert. Our school will take action to implement our *Emergency Management Plan and Bushfire Response* We will continue liaising with Local RFS Control Centre and keep parents/carers informed of all actions taken by the school

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the Local RFS Control Centre, throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to evacuate to our designated refuge. If an **EVACUATION** is to occur we will:

- Immediately inform parents/carers via School Stream, Facebook or SMS
- Safe transportation will be coordinated to relocate all persons to our designated evacuation refuge
- Information will be provided all parents/carers and arrangements will be made for the safe pick up of all persons from the designated evacuation refuge

SHELTERING PROCEDURES

We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the Local RFS Control Centre, throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to **SHELTER IN PLACE**

- All occupants will be relocated and accounted for at our designated refuge
- Parents/carers **DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL.** We will be safely sheltering in place and keeping all staff and students calm through activities and games.
- It's important that parents/carers take measures to activate your family Bush Fire Survival Plan

We will continue to keep you informed via School Stream, Facebook or SMS

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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