



# B.C.S. NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10

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## Graduating Class of 2020

### Year 12 Formal

Held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Little Cambridge, Mallanganee, our Year 12 Formal was a great success. It was great to be able to celebrate our graduating class of 2020. Everyone looked lovely, and the food and venue were fantastic. Thanks to Little Cambridge staff, photographer Meg Green and Miss Taylor for organising a wonderful celebration for our students.

## Principal's Report

The following is an excerpt from my Presentation Assembly speech:

Congratulations to all our award winners. You have proved you can succeed in your learning, in your sporting and cultural endeavours, and through your citizenship despite the challenges of this crazy year. Education is certainly as much about giving as it is about taking. Kindy students, well done on finishing your first year of school. You have settled in well and we hope to see your further growth over the coming years. To our Year 6s, congratulations on completing Primary School. We wish you all the best for High School next year. Year 12s, your hard work has paid off and the future is now yours to explore. I know you are eagerly awaiting your results that come out Friday, as are we.

I am proud to be Principal of Bonalbo Central School, and while it has been a difficult and challenging year for quite unprecedented reasons, I thank staff for supporting me and each other to get through it while still caring for and committing to providing a quality education to our students. I acknowledge the work of my Executive team, who have stepped up to steer us through. I also thank parents, carers and community for “going with the new flow” and showing compassion and understanding for the required restrictions on our usually unrestricted lives. You have continued to provide a sense of normalcy for your children and your support has made it easier for students to cope and for our school to function smoothly. Students have also played their part, adjusting to the new COVID-normal routines and understanding that it won't be forever – we hope. The lifelong lessons of resilience, tolerance and consideration for others have never been so evident, and I am sure we will come out the other side of this crisis all the stronger.

There are several staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year, and I'd like to thank them for their dedication to our students and for their contributions to our school and community. Mr Roffey has dedicated 18 years to ensuring our school grounds and facilities are well maintained and we wish him well as he continues in his groundsman role at Old Bonalbo Public. Mr Martin has accepted a permanent position at Kyogle High next year after 10 years of teaching Chinese, English, HSIE and Library – thank you and good luck. After a short return to us, Mr Muller will be venturing overseas to take up a position at Norfolk Island Central School, while Mrs Clarke will be fulltime in the Old Bonalbo Public School Front Office next year. Thank you both for your work this year. Ms Caterer, Ms Phelps, Ms Ducat, Mrs Holliday and Ms Bredenhof are still awaiting news of what might be in store for them in 2021. We thank them for their work and wish them all the best.

Ms O'Meara will return to her Assistant Principal role in Primary next year and teach in the 4/5/6 room. I wish to thank her for her supportive, proactive leadership over the last 20 months. Mrs James has stepped up into the Relieving AP position during this time,

and I thank her for her commitment to student learning and teaching. She will continue in charge of the K/1 class in 2021.

I am happy to announce that Ms Demi Kroehnert, from Newcastle, will join us in the 2/3 class, and brings with her a Special Education background. Ms Kate Blunt will join our permanent staff as Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Kate comes from Ardlethan Central School with a wealth of experience teaching Art and Technology and leading secondary education in Central Schools. Mrs Janelle Lee will also join us permanently in the MC Teacher role. Janelle has a long history of working in Special Education and Wellbeing at Woodenbong Central and Ballina Coast High. Coming from Alstonville High, Mrs Deborah Gale will be our Learning Support Teacher in 2021, bringing a passion for literacy. I know our school community will welcome these new additions and we look forward to a positive year ahead.

Mr Kilroy will step up into a Head Teacher position for 2021. Staff also continuing in temporary roles for 2021 are: Mrs White (History, Aboriginal Studies and English), Mrs Stubbings (Maths) and Miss Taylor (Science and Geography).

In 2021, I hope we can take the best of our new learnings from this year and build on them to achieve even greater success. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break.

### **Kindergarten/Year 1**

This year has been extremely busy in the K/1 room. Students have been working hard on their spelling, reading, writing and mathematics skills just to name a few.

Although the term has been busy and students have been working hard, we have still found time to have many exciting and fun learning experiences: we have celebrated Book Week, with the students dressing as their favourite book characters; Halloween saw many scary students turn up to do some trick or treating; we celebrated NAIDOC Day with music, dance and craft; we had “fun in a rusty Holden ute” for our CAPA performance and Healthy Harold visited the children to teach about coping with nerves.

During science, students conducted many different experiments investigating states of matter and forces. We made ice cream and butter from scratch, slime and ice cream spiders to show the different states of matter. When looking at forces, students made their own toy that demonstrated a push or pull force.

This year, many challenges have been thrown our way but students have taken them in their stride and shown great resilience to continue with their learning. Thank you to our parents and carers for their support throughout the year. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a well-deserved break.



### Year 2/3

In Term 4, Middle Primary have been investigating a unit called 'Get Hooked' developed and run by Fisheries NSW. We have been learning about: only take what you need, fishing with friends, fishing safety, water pollution, and putting the little ones back. We had Daniel from Fisheries visit with his fishing gear to teach us how to tie on a hook and cast a fishing line. It was great fun and students learnt a lot.



### Year 6 Graduation

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the Year 6 Graduation. This year has been a very different year, however, students have taken it in their stride and shown remarkable resilience. Each of the young people who graduated should be proud of what they have accomplished throughout their 7 years at Primary School and look forward to what is yet to come. Well done and good luck.



## Kindy Transition

Due to COVID, Kindergarten Transition had to been run very differently this year. In Term 3 Mrs James and Mrs Kropp visited our new students down at the preschool as they were unable to attend school. Mrs James and Mrs Kropp ran small activities and visited with the children talking to them about school life. In term 4 the children were allowed to attend our school to begin transition. The children attended school each Friday, participating in lessons within the K/1 room. The students learnt about what is expected of them at school and had fun at big school doing small group activities, listening to story time, taking part in NAIDOC Day, and doing sport with the K/1 students. All students enjoyed their time at school and we look forward to seeing them in 2021.





## Life Ed

Healthy Harold visited our students on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Students learnt about feelings and how to deal with feeling nervous. All students had a great time and we look forward to seeing Healthy Harold again next year.



## CAPA Performances

Students were unable to perform in front of a live audience as usual this year, so this year's CAPA performances will be filmed and uploaded onto School Stream and our Facebook page for parents, carers and community to enjoy. Included in the upload will be some student artworks.

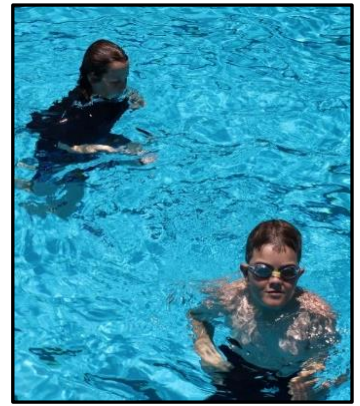
K/1 performed a classic outback Aussie Christmas carol, 'Jingle Bells', singing and dressing up in Christmas costumes. In Year 2/3, students re-created 'Tiddalick' with beautiful illustrations and animation, as well as some fantastic acting and beautiful narration.

As part of geography, Year 4/5/6 explored pollution and World Heritage areas, such as The Great Barrier Reef. Students created their own dramatic performance to highlight the need to combat pollution in our natural world.



## Primary Swimming Classes

Kinder to Year 6 students enjoyed their intensive swimming sessions last week. Thanks to Kyogle Council, Mr Whitney, Mr Gray and staff. All students have improved their skills.



## Year 6 to 7 Transition

Students from Tabulam, Old Bonalbo, Bonalbo and Mummulgum joined together for two days of transition on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Prior to meeting that day, students across the schools had engaged in activities designed to create a sense of community and 'coming together'. They 'met' using digital media to introduce themselves in short videos and explored what it meant to belong to their own community and to belong together at BCS.

Staff went to great effort to create engaging and fun activities for all students to experience what secondary school can offer. Some of the many activities students participated in were 'The Farmers Challenge', percussion in music, decorating pottery in art, exploring science concepts and learning a little French to ask for some ice cream. Student feedback was very positive, with student surveys indicating they were worried about starting high school before transition but after, looking forward to it.

Thank you to all those who made the two days a success and thank you to the students for being so involved and positive. Looking forward to a great start in 2021!





## NAIDOC Day celebrations

This year, NAIDOC was held in Term 4, with Bonalbo Central students participating in a variety of traditional activities. To begin the day, the whole school joined together to create a map of Australia using the Rainbow Serpent from the 'Always Was Always Will Be' poster theme of 2020. The Kindy Transition to Year 4 students, with assistance from Rachel Moore, Mrs Kropp, Mrs James and some secondary students, performed a traditional dance.

Aunty Dolly showed the girls ancient methods of weaving and explained some of her traditional ways of behaving with other people. The girls enjoyed their time with Aunty Dolly and came away with some very interesting handmade pieces. The boys were given the opportunity to spend time with Coedie learning how to make and play the didgeridoo. The boys listened intently to gain a better understanding of this ancient musical instrument and its traditions.

Mr Kilroy and the music team performed throughout the day and kept everyone dancing and singing along while they enjoyed food from the BBQ and other activities. Students created paintings related to the theme and what this means to them. There was boomerang throwing with Paul on the oval, with students laughing at some of their haphazard attempts.

Sadly, we were still under some restrictions and were allowed few visitors. Solid Mob came and gave away items to students, who were very happy to receive these. Rachel made some flavoursome kangaroo meals in the canteen which everyone enjoyed. Candy assisted in the craft area with making items like bracelets and hair wraps using earth colours to represent the ancient culture of Australia.

Thank you to all the people who came and shared their knowledge and skills with us. This gives everyone a deeper understanding and how to show our respect for the ancient Aboriginal culture.

To all the people who helped with the day we appreciate your effort to create such a friendly and joyful day. A special mention to Rachel Moore who spends countless hours creating and organising this wonderful day.

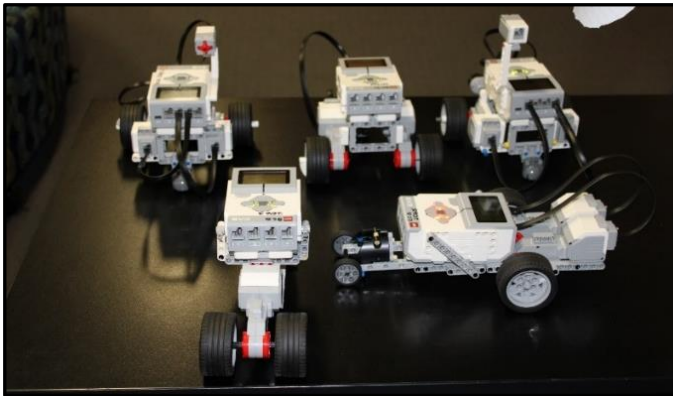




## Year 7 Technology Mandatory: Electronic-Textiles and Digital Technologies

Students designed, sewed and decorated items with electrical circuits that turn lights on. This design process was recorded online via the Book Creator program.

They also created electronic circuits in robots they had constructed. Students were able to code by writing algorithms which sequence and select, and successfully programmed their robots to complete various challenges.



## 9/10 Child Studies

Students have learnt about play-based learning and careers working with children this term. They made posters of the different domains for children's development: social, physical, emotional, cognitive, language, creativity and sensory development.

The class recently organised and ran games for the K/1 class. The children enjoyed these immensely and our high school students handled the sessions well.





## First Aid Certificate

During Term 4, Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to complete a First Aid Certificate. Students had to undertake modules online before commencing the face-to-face workshop. Paul Tiernan, our instructor, showed us how to deliver first aid for a variety of bites, check and monitor for concussion, stem bleeding, construct slings for different arm injuries and perform CPR.

The skills within this certificate will assist students when/if they encounter an emergency situation. Living in a rural area, our students are likely to come across a situation that requires first aid and, with a potential long wait for emergency services to arrive, these skills could save a life.

Thank you to all our students who displayed the school's values of challenge, presence, honour, patience and courage during this course.



## RRISK

RRISK (Reduce Risk, Increase Student Knowledge) is a program consisting of seminars that provide useful survival tips to help young people handle some of the risks likely to be encountered, especially those associated with alcohol and drugs, driving and partying. RRISK focus is to give advice and skills to help young people with personal safety.

This year, seminars were run on-line over three mornings for Stage 6 students. Presenting from Southern Cross University, keynote speakers Paul Dillon and Justin Monk spoke of the importance of how to look after yourself and friends when partying and dispelled myths around alcohol and drug use. They also spoke about the responsibilities of safe driving practices, vehicle safety and compliance, alcohol and drug testing and what it means for young people.

The students participated thoughtfully, showing maturity, and really engaging with the content. The seriousness of the content was interspersed with some humour, allowing students the opportunity to ask questions and make comments in a safe and supportive environment.

## Secondary Music

Secondary music students have worked hard and finished the year with not only CAPA performances but also at NAIDOC Day.

Year 8 music students worked very effectively as an ensemble to accompany Mikey in performing *Island In The Sun* by Weezer, whilst Stage 5 students performed 3 Australian pieces for CAPA, including; *Opportunity* by Pete Murray, *Big Jet Plane* by Angus and Julia Stone and the classic hit *April Sun In Cuba* by Dragon. Mikey from Stage 6 has been busy preparing 2 pieces including *In My Life* by the Beatles and *On Track* by Tame Impala. We are very proud of all of students' creative and performing arts efforts this year and can't wait to see what they have in store for us next year.

## Writers on the Road

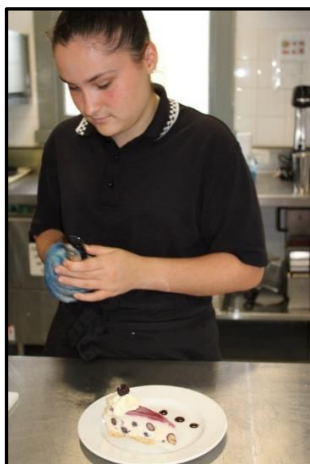
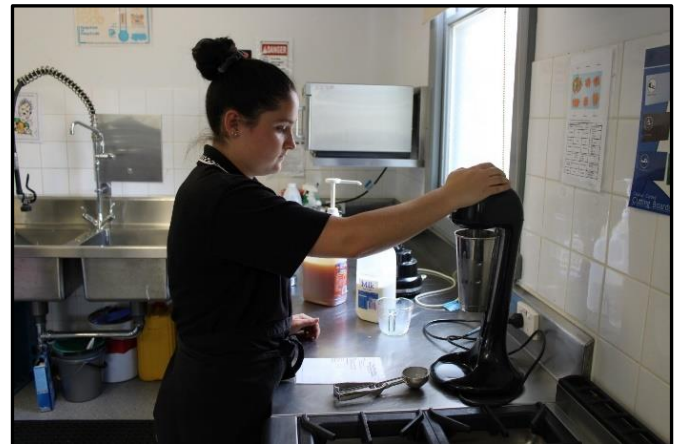
On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, all K-12 students were visited by Writers on the Road, an initiative of the Byron Bay Writer's Festival. Kindergarten to Year 3 worked with Bigambul illustrator and author Dub Leffler, who entertained with his drawing and storytelling skills. Year 4 to Year 7, including the Year 6 Transition students, then spent time with Dub, workshopping their creativity and illustration skills. Yuwaalaraay author and musician Nardi Simpson worked with Indigenous students in Years 8-12, before running a quick songwriting workshop for budding musicians. Author Gabbie Stroud ran a workshop with those students most interested in creative writing, and author and filmmaker Benjamin Gilmour shared his stories of being a paramedic and filming in some of the world's most dangerous locations.

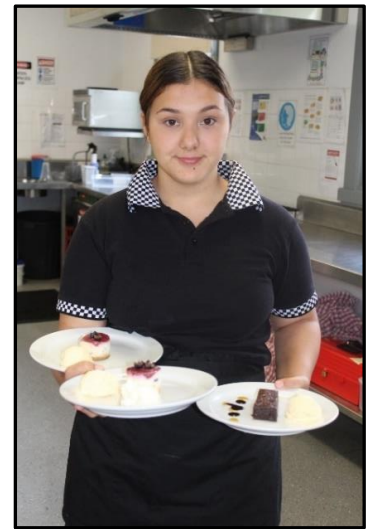
Feedback from students was positive, and the Writers team was impressed with how our students conducted themselves and showed honour, courage and presence.



## Year 11 Hospitality

This term, students have been preparing and serving non-alcoholic beverages as they work towards achieving a Certificate II in Hospitality (Food and Beverage). Students from other year levels, who have been well-behaved in all their classes all year, were invited as their guests, being served a drink and a dessert. Dionne and Lilly were so well organised the cafés ran like clockwork.





## Futsal

With an ease of restrictions, our students were finally able to have a school visit with Woodenbong Central for a futsal challenge. BCS students were up to the challenge and displayed the Stronger Smarter principles throughout the day. Woodenbong are very strong in their futsal skills and knowledge of the game, and our students watched and gained a better understanding from them. The improvement in our students was evident from game two, with our attack and defence growing stronger. Some amazing goals were scored and our goalies saved some hard and skilful attempts.

Thank you to all students for their positive participation and sportsmanship, and to Mr Anderson, Mrs White and Ms Bredenhoff for assisting with the day.



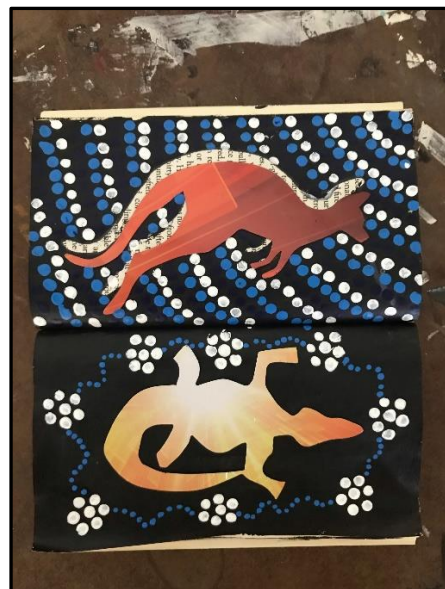
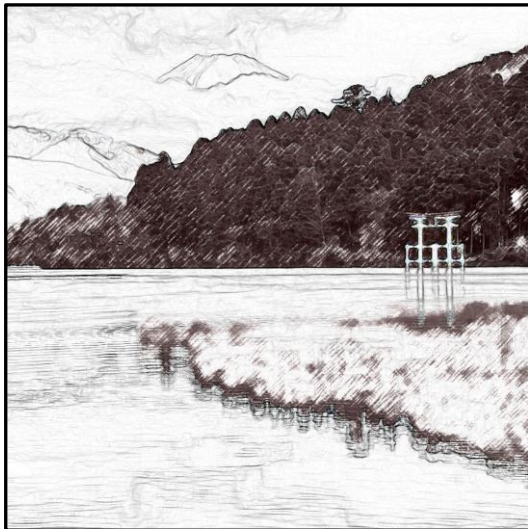
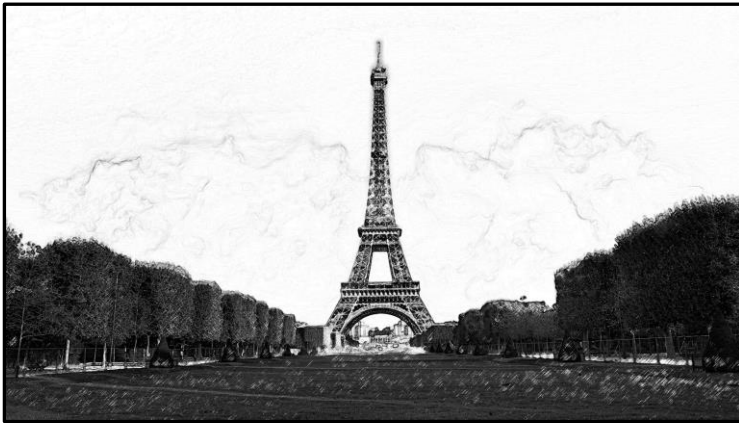
## Boxing

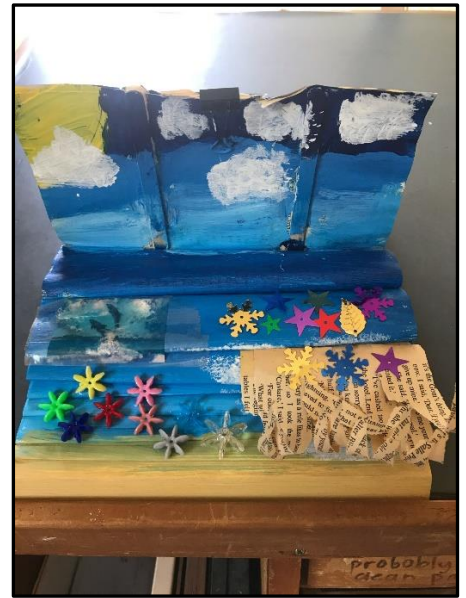
This term, students in 4/5/6, Stage 4 and Stage 5 had the opportunity to engage in a boxing program facilitated by NSW Police Liaison Officers Jimmahl and Roz. Different police officers joined in each visit, supporting students in developing a healthy lifestyle and building positive relationships. Students were led through co-ordination and fitness drills before putting on the gloves and learning some boxing techniques.



## Stage 5 Visual Art

This semester in Visual Art, students have learnt to use Adobe Photoshop to create digital artworks, transforming photographs with oil painting and pencil sketch effects, as well as combining two or more images to create something new. They have created altered books, where they selected a theme to represent through their art.





## Presentation Assembly

### Academic Achievement Winners

#### Primary

Kinder	Lincoln
Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	April
Year 3	Abby
Year 4	Sharntara
Year 5	Katja

#### Secondary

Year 7	Aimee
Year 8	Tess
Year 9	Lachlan
Year 10	Haylee
Year 11	Michael
Year 12	Ryan

### Swimming Age Champions

Junior Girl	Paige
Junior Boy	Jay
11 Year Girl	Claudia
11 Year Boy	Coen
Senior Girl	Sophie
Senior Boy	Tyrone
12 Year Girl	Aimee
12 Year Boy	Dan
13 Year Girl	Chloe

13 Year Boy	Jayden
14 Year Girl	Sophie
14 Year Boy	Brad
15 Year Girl	Haylee
15 Year Boy	Kasey
16 Year Girl	Tamieka
16 Year Boy	Samuel
17+ Year Girl	Renee
17+ Year Boy	Michael

### Swimming House Champions

Primary	Clarence
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Secondary	Bruxner
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## Special Award Winners

Primary Community Citizenship  
Crauford Kerr Encouragement  
Public Education  
Reuben F Scarf  
Primary CWA  
Junior Red Cross  
Lions Club  
Bonalbo Bowling Club  
Fred Hollows Humanity  
Primary Sportsmanship  
Peter Petrochilos Sportsperson  
Eggert Sportsmanship  
ADF Long Tan  
Caltex Medal  
2020 Primary Dux  
2019 Secondary Dux

Claudia  
Jason  
Coen and Chloe  
Chanel  
Jason  
Onyx  
Matilda and Bradley  
Michael  
Matilda  
Coen  
Haylee  
Travis  
Charlotte and Ryan  
Ryan  
Matilda  
Cleo







## Primary and Secondary School Captains for 2021



Lillian, Michael, Lillian, Katja



Our 2021 Captains being invested into their positions



<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
DEC 16	Last Day of Term 4 Whole School Kyogle Movie Trip Raffle drawn
17-18	School Development Days – Staff only
<b>2021 Term 1</b>	
JAN 27-28	School Development Days – Staff only
29	Years 1-7, 11 and 12 Return to school
FEB 1	Kindergarten and Years 8-10 Return to school
5	Whole School Swimming Carnival
16-19	Year 7 Camp @ Dorrroughby

We wish you  
a Merry Christmas and  
a safe and happy New Year



See you in 2021