



B.C.S. BULLETIN

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Term 1 Week 4
May 6th 2021

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Term 2 has started well. It has already been filled with many activities where our students have showcased their skills, including the Bonalbo Show, secondary zone x-country and check-in assessments. We also commemorated Anzac Day and students visited Wollongbar TAFE. Many events are still to come, with further X-country competitions, school athletics carnival, Sorry Day, National Simultaneous Storytime and various agricultural excursions such as Beef Week and Primex.

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended this week's **3-way conferences**. It was great to see so many people coming together to discuss student achievement and progress and setting learning goals. If you were not able to make it but would like to discuss your child's education, please call the school to speak to teachers.

We thank Mr Ian O'Brien who has been teaching Maths for the last 3 weeks. We appreciate his work with our students. We are excited to welcome Mrs Jennifer Tessmer to the permanent Maths position. She will work 3 days a week this term and then be fulltime starting next term.

We recently had a departmental audit of various systems and processes within the school. We are pleased with the findings and have already begun to enact some of the recommendations to improve our practice and ensure compliance. One area that was examined was student attendance. It is crucial that students attend each day, unless sick or have an appointment or pressing family matter. Parents/carers must provide an explanation for all absences including early departure and late arrival (just saying "I'm late" is not a reason). This can be done via phone call, note or coming into the office to provide a reason. **Students can no longer be dropped at the front gate if they are**

DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 1 2021

MAY 11-13	NAPLAN	27/5- 3/6	Reconciliation Week
14	Stage 6 Art Excursion @ Byron Bay	29	Beef Week - Saturday
17	P & C Meeting 4pm - Library	JUNE 1	Carcase Results Workshop – Ag team
17-24	National Walk to School Week	4	Whole School Athletics Carnival
19	National Simultaneous Storytime		
21	PSSA Zone Cross Country @ Corndale Stage 5 & Primary Industries - PRIMEX	7	North Coast Regional High School PSSA Cross Country @ Lismore
24	Sheep Workshop @ Richmond River High	10	Stages 5 & 6 Ab Studies Excursion @ Tweed Heads
25	Years 7 & 8 Vaccination catch-up	14	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen's Birthday
MAY 26	Sorry Day Life Education van	21	P & C Meeting 4pm - Library

late to enter on their own unless a phone call or note is provided. Please contact me to discuss your child's attendance, or if you have ongoing reasons for non-attendance.

Another area was the **canteen**. To ensure this service is financially viable, there will **no longer be any credit starting 1st June**. Items will not be able to be "booked up". Rather, they must be paid for daily, either by cash or using the EFTPOS machine in the front office. All current bills will also need to be paid by this date. As always, Breakfast Club will continue to be provided each morning free-of-charge, and free emergency lunches will be available as required. We thank you for your support of these changes.

If you're on **Facebook**, we hope you've seen our new "breaking news" segments. Our students are showing great courage by speaking to the camera to bring you updates of school events. We will continue to bring you the latest happenings from around the school.

We encourage all families to download our **School Stream app**. As our main, regular source of information, it will keep you up-to-date with the latest news and important notifications. You can also use the absentee form to explain student absence and read the latest newsletters. If you need help getting the app, please contact the front office.

The next **P&C meeting is on Monday 17th May at 4pm in the Library**. We encourage all parents and carers to attend. We need more members to ensure this important group remains active and viable to support our students. The positions of President, Vice President and Secretary are available. Please come along, find out more about the school, have your say and join the fundraising efforts to support student access to facilities and opportunities.

A reminder about **uniform**. Now the weather is turning colder, it is important for students to have a jumper and/or long pants to keep them warm. Please ensure students are wearing school uniform jumpers and either black or navy pants. Please contact the office to inquire about prices.

Next week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the **NAPLAN tests**. It is important that students try their best and give everyone the best chance to show their skills and knowledge. For further information about NAPLAN, visit <https://www.acara.edu.au/assessment/naplan>.

Ag Team – Bonalbo Show

Bonalbo Central School had 12 students attend the Bonalbo Show during the school holidays with the school steers. All students presented well and learnt a great deal from the experience.

Congratulations to Tamioka and Kirah for achieving a 3rd place and to Layne for earning a 4th place in the Paraders for their age groups.

KYOGLE WRITERS FESTIVAL

14th-16th MAY

The inaugural Kyogle Writers Festival kicks off on Friday 14 May and runs through until Sunday 16. More than 40 authors are attending: speaking on their works in conversations; participating in panel discussions; running workshops; reading their poetry.

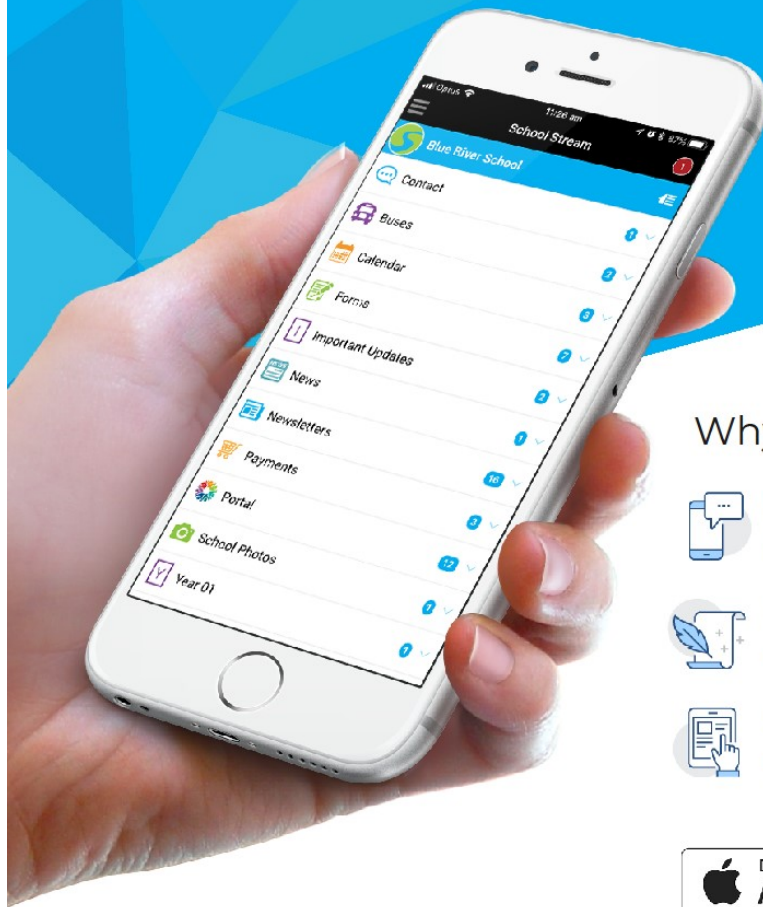
The Festival has attracted highly acclaimed authors including Melissa Lucashenko, whose novel, *Too Much Lip*, earned her the Miles Franklin Award for literature in 2019; Stuart Rees, founder of the Sydney Peace Foundation, will be discussing his latest book, *Cruelty or Humanity: Challenges, Opportunities and Responsibilities* and former ABC journalist (7.30; Foreign Correspondent), Scott Bevan, will talk about the set of three non-fiction books he has written while kayaking on Sydney Harbour, Hunter River and Lake Macquarie.

With the theme of 'Country', topics to be explored include how local histories shape country; First Nations writing; writing about place; writing in the face of a collapsing climate; and Australian women's fiction. There are also workshops on songwriting, podcasting, writing young adult fiction, and self-publishing. The full programme is available on the website (details given below).

The festival consists of more than 40 separate events, some are free, others are ticketed, with prices starting at \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased online through the festival website, at the Kyogle Farmers Market on Saturday 8 May or at the Festival Box Office in Stratheden Street during the Festival.

For all information about the Festival, including the programme, writers bios as well as ticketing, please go to www.kyoglewritersfestival.com

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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.



Bonalbo Central School-Absent Note

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(Full Name Please)

Reason being _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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