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Term 4 Week 10

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Year 12 Formal - Haylee, Raven, Charlotte

Year 6 Graduation –

Sharntara, Charlotte, Abigail, Jesse, Cobey



Kindy Graduation –

Kaliyah, Bobby, Sophia, Hallie, Savannah (absent)

Excerpt from Principal's address at Presentation Assembly

"It's wonderful that we are all here today to celebrate the achievements of our students for 2022. Thank you to our families, friends and invited guests for making the time to attend. I'd like to acknowledge everyone involved in organising and running today's assembly but would like to make special mention of Nicky and the admin team for their hours of work, and to Brett, Ms Lee and her team of helpers for setting up the hall. Thank you and well done to our outgoing Captains, Charlie and Haylee, and Cobey and Sharntara, for their work today as hosts and for their leadership throughout this year. I look forward to working with Shayla, Tess, Kiani and Jhwarne and the SRC next year. Well done also to all students who gave us our fantastic performances today.

Congratulations to all our award winners today. Throughout the year, you have demonstrated your academic and sporting abilities and your drive to improve; your kindness and your leadership; your community involvement and your school spirit, and today we recognise your achievements. All these things are worthy of celebration, will stand you in good stead for next year and beyond, and serve as an example for others to follow. To our Kindy students, well done on finishing your first year of school. We look forward to watching your growth over the coming years. I hope you enjoy your new books. On Monday night, we acknowledged our Year 6 students at their graduation dinner. Thank you to Mr Heuston and Karyn for planning the event. To our Year 6s, congratulations on completing Primary School. We have enjoyed watching you grow into more mature learners, and we are pleased to be continuing to teach and guide you all next year as Year 7s. We also had the Year 12 Formal a few weeks ago to celebrate and farewell our Year 12 students. I thank all those staff, parents and students who helped make it a fantastic evening. To our Year 12s, with HSC results coming out tomorrow, 13 years of schooling is now officially over, and the future is yours. We, along with your families, are proud of you, we wish you all the best and we look forward to hearing about where your choices lead you in the future. I just hope that on your journey you remember some of the lessons you learnt here and think of Bonalbo Central School fondly. As the Chinese proverb says: "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and 13 years of education certainly isn't left up to just one person. I recognise that parents and extended families are children's first teachers, and this role is vital in setting children up for success at school. Thank you to all our parents and carers for guiding and encouraging your children to be the best they can be. Partnering with us to support student learning and wellbeing will always benefit the child, and therefore our community, and I am pleased that we can work together to bring about success for all our students. I am lucky to have such a wonderful group of staff, teaching and non-teaching, who go above and beyond to teach and support students. Collectively, we work hard to live up to the Department's goal of: "every student, known, valued and cared for". Staff hold high expectations for learning success, respect each student's personal stories, and recognise the contribution students make to the school environment, all whilst providing quality learning experiences for all students. I also acknowledge the efforts of my Executive team, who work tirelessly to support and guide both students and staff. It is an assembly like today's that highlights what a great village Bonalbo Central School is.

There are some staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year, and I'd like to publicly thank them for their dedication to our students and for their contributions to our school.

Mr Heuston has been a wonderful addition this semester as relieving primary assistant principal. We are grateful that he came to work with us, and he has definitely made his mark. I know his family is happy that he is returning home to Kempsey but he will be sorely missed here, especially by the many students, primary and secondary, who together have been able to play dodgeball and soccer on a daily basis. Ms Kroehnert has accepted a permanent position at Casino Public School starting next year, and we thank her for her positive energy and caring nature over the last two years. The 3/4 room has never been so sweet-smelling or so full of music and mindful learning. We also farewell Ben who has been supporting our secondary students (and teaching them a thing or two on the basketball court). Next year, he will be supporting students at Ballina Coast High. Ms Schumacher will also not be with us from next year, as she is going to work at Southern Cross Distance Ed at Ballina. We thank her for many years of quality teaching and executive support as Head Teacher English. I know this has been a difficult year for her and her family due to the Lismore floods, and we sincerely wish them all the best. Mr Kilroy is also taking leave for the first half of next year. We will announce new incoming staff when we can but look forward to having Mrs Clements and Mrs Tessmer return from maternity leave in the middle of the year.

During her time here at Bonalbo, Ms Lee has worked as our MC Teacher and relieving Head Teacher. She came to us from Ballina Coast and Woodenbong and has a wealth of experience in special education and wellbeing. This certificate from the NSW Department of Education recognises her 30 years of service to public education. Sadly, Ms Lee will not be with us next year. She has been successful in winning the position of Head Teacher Special Education at Casino High School. Thank you for your work here at Bonalbo, congratulations on your career and all the best next year.

Ms Blunt has worked for the Education Department for more than 20 years, in various roles and schools, including Goolooga, Mungindi and Ardlethan. Coming here in 2021, she has taught Art and Industrial Technology and is our diligent Head Teacher Secondary Studies. This certificate commends you on a long and varied career, and we look forward to your continued service.

Ms O'Meara has worked for the Education Department for over 20 years. She had been out west at Ivanhoe before coming to Bonalbo. This year has seen her move back to her family home at Binna Burra and she is currently relieving principal at Larnook Public School. We, like her, are waiting to see what's in store for her for next year.

I again thank everyone for their attendance, organisation and participation today. Bonalbo Central is proud of its staff and students, and we enjoy celebrating all their achievements. We look forward to more success together as a school community in 2023. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday break."

Kathryn Taylor
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER			
DEC	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS	JAN	TERM 1
16	Rewards Excursion	27	School Development Day
19	School Development Day	30	School Development Day
20	School Development Day	31	Students begin: Yrs 1-6, 7, 11 & 12
2023		1	Students begin: Kindergarten, Yrs 8-10
JAN		FEB	
26	Australia Day Public Holiday	10	Whole School Swimming Carnival

Presentation Assembly – a wonderful celebration of student achievement

Academic Achievement

Primary

Kindergarten	Kaliyah
Year 1	Sydney
Year 2	Lincoln
Year 3	Elleearna
Year 4	Blake
Year 5	Kiani

Secondary

Year 7	Katja
Year 8	Coen
Year 9	Aimee
Year 10	Tess
Year 11	Shayla

Swimming House Champions

Primary

Bruxner

Secondary

Bruxner

Special Award Winners

P&C Encouragement
 Primary Community Citizenship
 Crauford Kerr Encouragement
 Public Education
 Reuben F Scarf
 Primary CWA
 CWA Grant
 Lions Club
 Bonalbo Bowling Club
 Kevin Hogan Book Prize
 Primary Sportsmanship
 Eggert Sportsmanship
 Noel Shone Memorial U16 Sportsman
 Peter Petrochilos Sportsperson of Year
 ADF Long Tan
 2022 Primary Dux
 2021 Secondary Dux

Logan and Kasiha
 Kirra
 Sharntara
 Lincoln and Tess
 Shayla
 Abigail
 Cobey, Clare, Tess, Liam, Alex
 Liam and Jaydan
 Alex
 Aerlina and Tess
 Jesse
 Katja
 Riley
 Tess
 Chloe and Haylee
 Abigail
 Michael Montiel

2023 School Captains

Primary	Kiani
	Jhwarne

Secondary	Shayla
	Tess





REMEMBRANCE DAY



K/1/2

It has been a very busy year in the K-2 room. Students have been working hard in all areas of their learning. This year we have also participated in many different exciting activities some include the school swimming carnival, cross country, NAIDOC Day, Indigenous Literacy Day, National Simultaneous read, STEM days, rewards activities, Halloween dress up, Book Week and many more. Students have also enjoyed many hands-on lessons, including science experiments during Science Week, school scavenger hunts, drama activities, art and craft, yoga and maths games rotations. The whole class has participated with honour and courage, regularly displaying our school's guiding principles. They should be proud of their efforts at I can't wait to see everyone again in the new year.





Halloween

On the 28th of October, K-12 students participated in a Halloween dress up day, wearing some of their scariest outfits. Students participated in Halloween-themed activities, a best dressed parade and a trick or treat scavenger hunt.



Primary Swimming

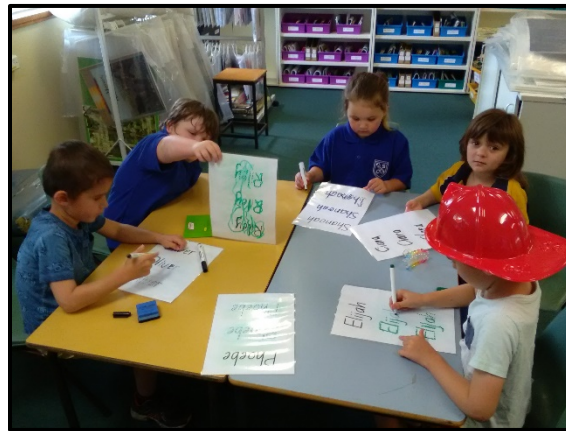
In Week 9, all primary students went to our local pool to participate in the Intensive Swimming program. Student had 2 sessions each day learning water safety, floating, rescues, diving and stroke correction. All students enjoyed their time at the pool and improved every day.



Kindergarten 2023 Transition

Throughout Terms 3 & 4 this year we have had the pleasure of getting to know six children who will be starting Kindergarten in 2023, as they participated in our Transition to School program. We welcome Phoebe, Shanoah, Elijah, Oliver, Riley and Ciara to the Bonalbo Central School community. They have participated in a range of activities designed to enhance familiarity with the school environment and routines, to build rapport with staff and other students, and to assist them to become confident and engaged learners. We hope that children and families have found this program to be a valuable and enjoyable experience, and that their participation helps to make the transition from preschool to "Big School" a little easier.

We look forward to seeing everyone again when school starts next year!



RRISK

In Week 6, Year 11 students participated in RRISK: Reduce Risk, Increase Student Knowledge. These daily two-hour online seminars involved presentations on how to look after yourself and your friends when celebrating and partying. The keynote speaker, Paul Dillon, provided information and dispelled myths about alcohol and other drugs. Christine McKenna from the NRMA talked about preventative behaviours to reduce the risk of accidents and Sara Gloede shared her personal experience of road trauma. Before participating in the RRISK seminars, students completed the “Save a Mate” training where we practised what to do in an emergency, calling for help and placing someone in the recovery position. These were all valuable life lessons that we hope our students never have to use but this program, as part of their mandatory Life Ready course, ensures they will be prepared and able to stay safe and help someone if and when needed.



Year 7 2023 Transition

As part of our Year 6 – 7 transition program, Mrs Taylor and then Ms Lee visited our local primary schools to meet with parents and students to plan for orientation days and transition to high school in 2023. Year 6 students from Drake and Tabulam Public Schools, as well as Bonalbo Central, attended Bonalbo Central School on Tuesday 29th November and Thursday 1st December to enjoy a range of secondary lessons including Food Technology, where students iced cakes and made milkshakes with Ms Ducat and the Year 12 Hospitality students. Ms Ducat also talked to the students about the opportunities they will have to study Agriculture next year and beyond. They spent time in the workshop doing Wood Technology with Mr Muller and senior Timber students. They also worked with Ms Blunt on Digital Technology, in the Science lab with Mr Anderson doing experiments and learnt about Geography with Ms Taylor. Mr Kilroy shared some funs PDHPE games in the MPC. Aboriginal Studies, History and English were included with Mrs White. These orientation days provided valuable learning experiences to prepare our incoming Year 7 students for what to expect as well as meet and get to know some of their new classmates and teachers. Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, showing they are keen and ready for high school. We continue to plan for Year 7 2023 with Mrs White as their Stage Advisor, who is organising a camp for Week 5 Term 1.



Food Technology & Hospitality

CWA Land Cookery Competition

Stage 5 and Year 8 Food Technology classes had the opportunity to enter The Land Cookery Competition run by the Bonalbo CWA. Our students entered tea cakes in the junior competitors' section and were highly praised by the CWA judges for the quality of their cakes. Congratulations to Keeley and Erin who won 1st prize, and Aimee and Tess who were awarded 2nd prize in the simple tea cake category. It was amazing to see students getting involved and having fun while applying skills they have learnt in class. A big thankyou to the Bonalbo CWA for supporting our students and giving them the opportunity to put their cooking skills to good use outside of the classroom.



Barista Course

Year 11 Hospitality students, along with Ms Ducat and Mrs Armfield, had the opportunity to develop their barista skills by undertaking a Basic Barista Course at Wollongbar TAFE. Students learnt skills such as how to properly pull espresso shots and froth milk, giving them real-world experiences and a head start on the espresso coffee unit they will complete in Year 12 next year while working towards a Certificate II in Hospitality. The course was a great opportunity for students to broaden their skills within an industry environment and an amazing time was had by all.



Ag Team

This year, the Bonalbo Central Ag Team busily prepared and showed a number of cattle to take to local shows and school events. Loclin, Katja, Lilly, Tyrone, Layne, Jason, Aimee, Chloe, Georgina and Charlie made themselves and their school extremely proud with their efforts. We took part in a number of shows including Bonalbo Show, Casino Beef Week, Glen Innes Beef Extravaganza, Lismore Show, and the Northern Schools Steer Comp. Students also participated in several workshops learning how the prepare, lead and feed the cattle to achieve the best results.

We came away with a number of ribbons at various events:

Glen Innes Beef Extravaganza - Tuff placed 3rd in weight class and 2nd over the hook while Tank received a highly commended.

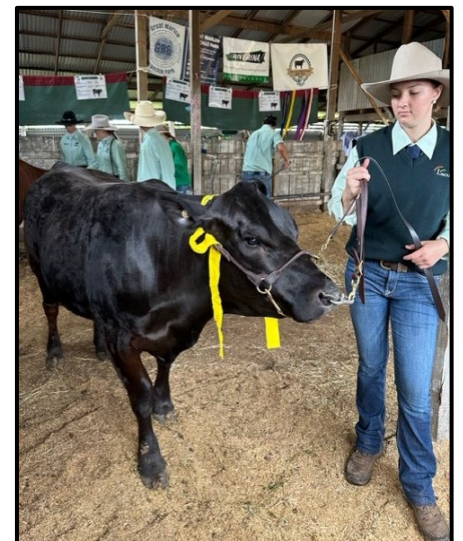
Lismore Show - Troy placed 4th in his weight class, 2nd in over the hook in the school section and 1st over the hook in the open class. Terry placed 5th in the school led steers, 3rd over the hook in the school section and 4th in the open section. The stud heifers came 2nd and 3rd and received reserve champion.



Northern Schools Steer Comp - Tim placed 4th in his weight class and Titan placed 2nd and received reserve champion in his weight class. In the Junior Judging, Jason placed 1st and Loclin placed 4th.



Well done to all students for all their hard work. We thank everyone who assisted throughout the year, and we look forward to further successes next year.



History

Year 7 History investigated Ancient Rome in Term 3. Students explored the everyday life of the people of this time and how many of the inventions, political ideas and architecture is still evident today. We took a virtual tour of the colosseum that showed us how the many different events took place. In Term 4, we studied different aspects of Ancient China. Students were impressed with the many castles of China and built their own using Minecraft or cardboard.



Year 8 History delved into the world of Shogunate Japan and enjoyed learning about the samurai warriors and the feudal system of that time. In Term 4, students learnt about Australian Aboriginal and American Indian resistance to and impact of colonisation on these First Nations Peoples. Of particular interest was the warrior, Pemulwuy, who fought for 12 years against the British in the first years of colonisation.

During Term 3, Stage 5 History students explored changes in everyday living after WW2. Students were exposed to a world of rock'n'roll dancing and music, along with the major shift in the music industry and how many songs were part of the protest movement of the 60s and 70s. In Term 4, we investigated how Australia became involved in the Vietnam War. Students debated the need for conscription and studied the different perspectives of the people involved in the war.

PCYC Program

In Term 4, our students have enjoyed visits from Police Citizens Youth Club team. Shayne (Aboriginal Liaison Officer) and Jay (Police and Youth Engagement Officer) brought out a range of fitness equipment to share and mentor our students. Stage 3 and 4 students participated in physical challenges including boxing, fitness tests, weights and games, as well as team building activities and resilience discussions. There are plans for some holiday activities and hopefully the program will continue in 2023. Well done to those students who participated in these activities, demonstrating presence and challenge to have a go.



Beach Volleyball @ Evans



Casino TAFE Tasters

This term, Alex, Georgia, Clare, Kasiha, Kiarra and Jonah travelled to Casino TAFE each Friday for six weeks to participate in Youth Engagement TAFE Taster courses. The students travelled by bus each Friday thanks to the support of the local bus companies. TAFE put on a BBQ lunch on the first day to welcome the students and then they participated in a range of experiences depending on their course choices including Aviation, Hair and Beauty, Animal Studies, and Film and Media. The students celebrated their success at the end of the six weeks with a presentation assembly, certificates and pizza lunch. Feedback from the TAFE coordinator included “we were all so impressed with the respectful and cooperative manner in which your students conducted themselves. The entire cohort was a pleasure to engage with and I consistently reinforced how impressed we were with everyone's respectful behaviour to each other and our staff. “

Congratulations to those students who took advantage of this opportunity. You certainly showed courage and honour in representing your school, while gaining some useful career experience.

Weaving

Kyogle Youth Action Kerz, Judy and Kyrstie attended the school fortnightly at lunch time to share their expertise with weaving, as a follow-up to NAIDOC and wellbeing day activities and to further engage with our students. The ladies have been available to chat, chill and weave in a shady spot in the playground and students were welcome to join as they pleased. Kerz and her Youth Action team have offered a range of activities to students in our local community over the last few years including youth group after school in both Bonalbo and Tabulam. Holiday activities have been a valuable respite for kids and families, and there are more planned for January 2023.

To find out more, download the Youth Action App



Visual Art

Stage 3 and 5 Mud Burners: from Dirt to Delights



Construction

Stage 6 Construction students have been busy putting their skills to good use at our Ag farm, concreting a new wash-down bay.

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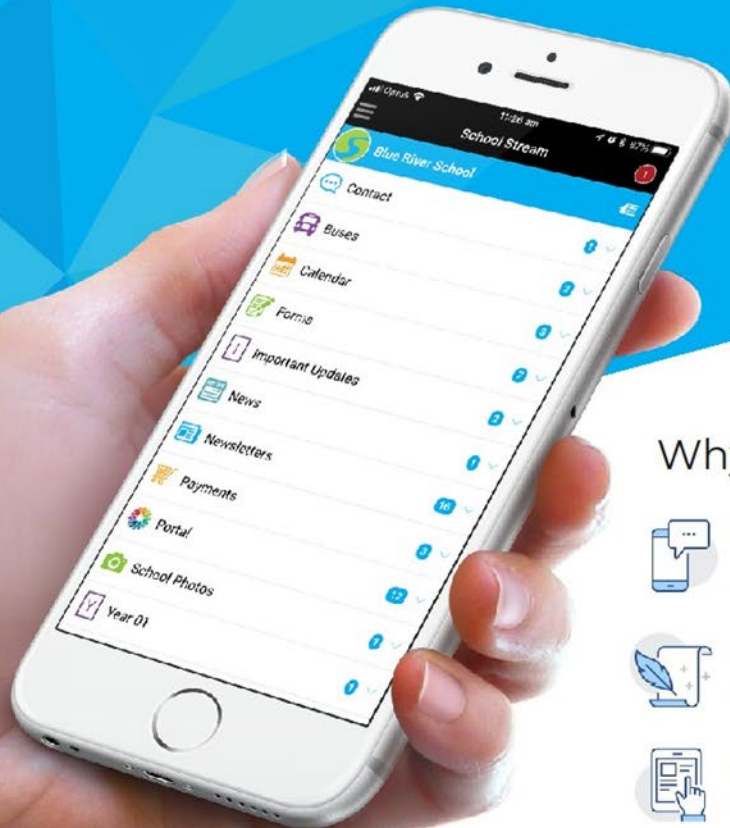
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**VILLAGE
YOUTH
PROGRAM**

Village Youth Program School Holiday Program - December/January -



**18TH
DEC**

4-7pm

THE KID NEXT DOOR FUNDRAISER GIG @ KMI HALL KYOGLE

\$5 entry, \$15 family ticket / Drug & Alcohol Free
Community Event. Bus to/from Kyogle, limited spots!
Register for the bus via SMS 0458 394 713



**18TH
JAN**

11am - 4pm

MOVIES @ KYOGLE CINEMA

Subject to screening times, film TBA!
Free for 12-18 year olds, snack and ticket provided.
Bus to/from Kyogle. Limited spots!
Register via SMS 0484 937 354



**20TH
JAN**

1pm-4pm

BALLINA WATERSLIDES!

registration essential limited spaces
Free entry and lunch for 12-18 year olds.
SMS Ella on 0484 937 354 to register for
buses/spots

**25TH
JAN**

2pm - 5pm

POOL PARTY @ BONALBO POOL

Free pool entry and sausage sizzle.
12 - 25 year olds.
Buses from Woodenbong and Kyogle
Register via SMS 0484 937 354

**27TH
JAN**

7pm - 9pm

SILENT DISCO @WOODENBONG HALL

Free entry, snacks and drinks.
12-25 year olds.
Buses from Bonalbo and Kyogle
Register via SMS 0484 937 354

**FREE
for ages
12-25yrs**

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