



B.C.S. NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Term 3. This newsletter highlights some of the many activities, learning opportunities and successes that occurred last term.

There is a new timetable this term due to some staff changes. We welcome back Mrs Roffey, Mrs Clements and Mrs Tessmer from their leave. Mr Muller, Ms Wright and Mrs Kropp have chosen not to return to the classroom. We thank them for their work during Semester One and wish them all the best. Congratulations to Mrs James who has been appointed as Assistant Principal. Department Staffing are yet to complete their process for backfilling her classroom teacher position, and I will inform you when I know more. Mrs Handford and Mrs Gray will work in primary across three days. Mrs Gray will also be our Kindy Transition teacher on Tuesdays. We welcome Ms Jess McPherson to the team as a SLSO in primary. Several staff have also been made permanent at BCS – congratulations to Ms Taylor, Ms Ducat, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Wright-Bernhagen and Mr Sedman. Congratulations.

Some reminders:

- As a uniform-wearing school as endorsed by the P&C, students are expected to wear school uniform. Primary hats, tops and shorts and Secondary tops are available from the office.
- Attendance enables success and every day counts. Our school target is 85% or better. Please ensure students attend school as much as possible and explain their absences when required.

Looking forward to a positive term of learning and fun.

Kathryn Taylor, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUL 21	Whole School Athletics Carnival	AUG 9 & 16	Yr 11 PI Vehicle Safety Course @ W'bar
25	St 5&6 Careers Expo @ Lismore	10	SCU – Open Day @ Lismore
27	UCPSSA Athletics @ Tabulam		HSC Ind Tech: Timber major project due
28	NAIDOC Celebration @ BCS		Primary Zone Athletics @ Lismore
JUL 31- AUG 4	Education Week	14-18	Kindy Transition 1 st Day @ Bon Pre-School
2	WWI Living History Presentation	15,22,29	HSC Trial Exam Week
7-11	Stage 5 Work Experience	21 - 24	Kindy Transition @ BCS 9 – 12:30pm
9	P & C Meeting 3.30pm	21 - 25	Dubbo Sheep Challenge – Stage 5 Ag
			Book Week

Easter Activities

Plenty of fun and chocolate were had by all!



Anzac Day

Several students represented the school at various Anzac Day services across the district, demonstrating great respect and honour. Well done to Tess and Shayla, who were active participants in the Bonalbo service.



ANZAC DAY
Let's We Forget



We also held a commemorative service at school, with former principal, Mr Keith Larsson speaking about his family's war involvement.



Captain's trip to Sydney

Shayla and Tess attended the annual Student Leadership Workshop in Sydney. Flying down from Ballina with other captains and staff from Kyogle High, Woodenbong and Nimbin Central, the girls were privileged to tour NSW State Parliament and Government House and meet local members and the Governor, Mrs Margaret Beazley, AC, KC. The group also had the wonderful experience of seeing VIVID and dining out in Sydney. Thank you to Gae Masters (Principal, Kyogle High) for organising the trip.



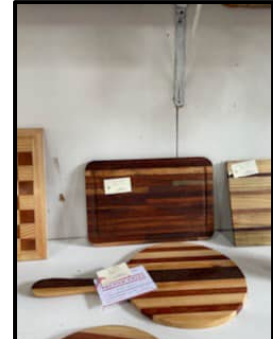
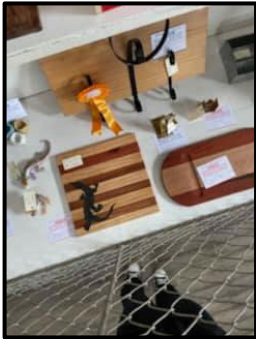
Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea. We raised \$217.50 for the Cancer Council. Thank you to everyone involved in planning, the helpers and all the donations we received.



Bonalbo Show

Many students entered their creations in the Bonalbo Show and some had great success. Congratulations to all.





The school AG team has been working hard all year preparing steers for the local show circuit. On the 22nd of April, Mrs James, Brett, Chloe, Erin, Georgina, Jason, Tyrone and Loclin attended the Bonalbo Show. Students participated in junior and open led steer classes, junior paraders and junior judging. Erin and Georgina placed 3rd and 4th in their paraders class and Erin placed 4th in the junior judging competition. All students represented the school with pride and honour and should be proud of their efforts.





Whole School Cross Country

Thursday May 4th was the perfect day to run the cross country. Many students (and Mr Gray) tore around the course, with a few enjoying a leisurely walk!! Well done to all.





UCPSSA Cross Country

Bonalbo Central School hosted the UCPSSA cross country carnival on May 12th. All students ran well and should be very proud of their efforts. It was a great day with all students having fun. Isabelle, Kalli and Kaleb made it away to Zone and Aerlina and Blake were reserves.

On the 2nd of June, Isabelle, Kalli, Kaleb, Aerlina and Mrs James attended the Lismore Turf Club for the Northern Rivers Zone Cross Country. It was a great day with all four students trying their best. Well done, guys, you should be proud of your efforts amongst very strong competition.



RSPCA Visit

Primary students enjoyed hearing from RSPCA officers about responsible pet ownership and how to keep your cats safe at home.



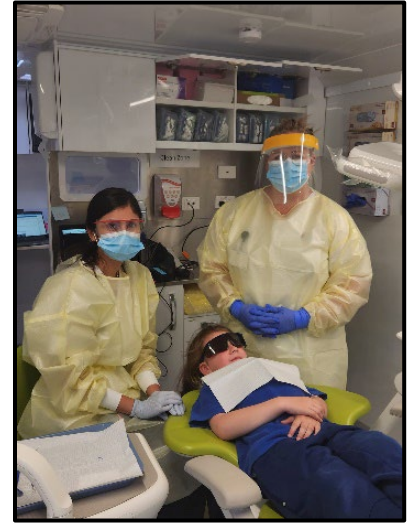
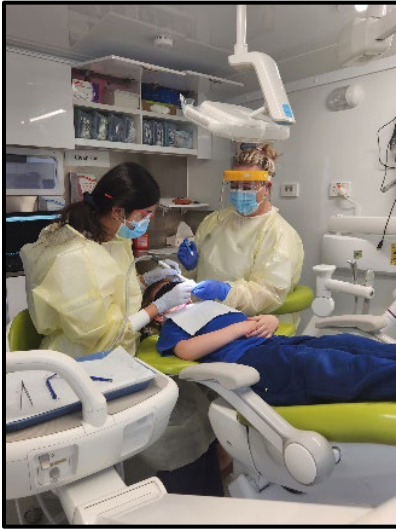
Inclusive Classroom Artwork

During the first few weeks of Term 2, the K/1/2 class worked with Rachel Moore, our Aboriginal Education Officer, on a collaborative visual art project. The focus of this learning experience was to highlight the importance of a safe, inclusive classroom environment, where everyone feels they belong. Students shared their ideas and used materials to create a visual representation of their thoughts. They used images and words to illustrate or describe ways we can make our classroom more inclusive and to highlight the diversity and uniqueness of each student.



Dental Visits

Bonalbo students were amongst the first in the region to be a part of the NSW Health Primary School Mobile Dental Program. Every student had examinations and started treatments.



GRIP Primary Leadership Conference – SCU

On Thursday the 18th of May, the Year 6 SRC students attended the GRIP leadership conference with Mrs James at Southern Cross University in Lismore. Students participated in a range of engaging activities and games aimed to teach them about being effective school leaders. All students had a great day and were very excited to see the university.



National Simultaneous Storytime

This annual event is a unique experience - a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously (at the same time) in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The aim is to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

The book for this year was “The Speedy Sloth” by Rebecca Young, and students loved it!



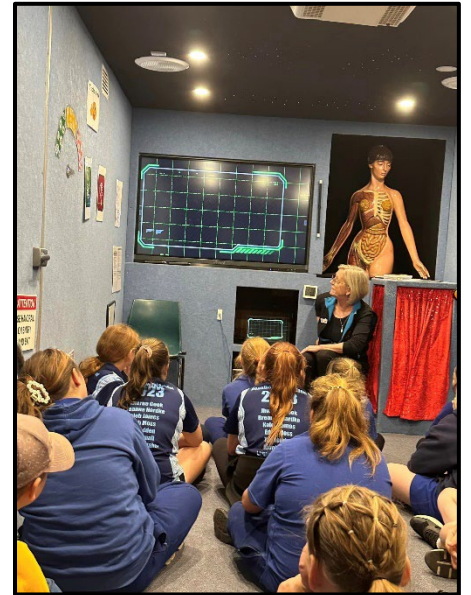
Years 3 – 6 Fitness

Thanks to a collaboration with Kyogle Council, Year 3-10 students have been participating in gym sessions run by Joy Newman on Wednesday afternoons. Students engaged well and have begun to develop their fitness skills. Team games and individual challenges brought students together, using both our outdoor gym equipment and other fitness items.



Life Education Van

On the 25th of May, all primary students attended the Life Education Van to explore healthy habits. The K-2 students learned about eating healthily and building strong bodies while the 3-6 class learned about being cyber-wise. Both sessions were interactive and engaging and, as always, students loved meeting Healthy Harold.



Wildlife Twins- Pre-school visit

Bonalbo Jumbunna Pre-school invited our K-2 students to attend a presentation about Australian wildlife from the famous Wildlife Twins. Students had a great time seeing all the animals and they learnt a lot.



Hearing Education

K-2 students were lucky enough to spend some time with Hearing Educator Brent. Brent works for the Department of Education as an Itinerant Teacher in Conductive Hearing Loss. Students learned about how we hear, what happens when our ears get sick and what to do about that, how to keep our ears healthy and how to blow our nose properly to help our ears, amongst other interesting things!



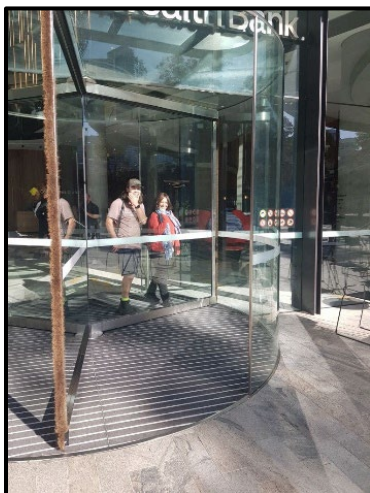
Sydney Excursion

Early Term 2, 20 secondary students travelled to Sydney for a week excursion. We stayed in the YHA in Haymarket, opposite Central Station, on the 3rd floor. This was an eye opener for some students, as many had not been to Sydney and some had not used a lift before!

Day 1 was a visit to the Powerhouse Museum and the Chinese Garden of Friendship. There were plenty of hands-on activities in the Museum with students putting their strength against magnets, experiencing zero gravity, viewing the size of the steam engine and enjoying a lovely lunch at the café. Students were very impressed with the calming nature of the Chinese gardens and had some discussions with the friendly bearded dragons.



Walk through Chinatown to Darling Harbour



Powerhouse Museum



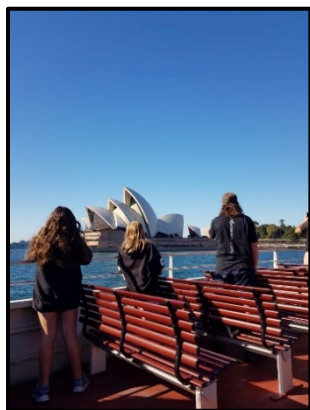
Powerhouse Museum



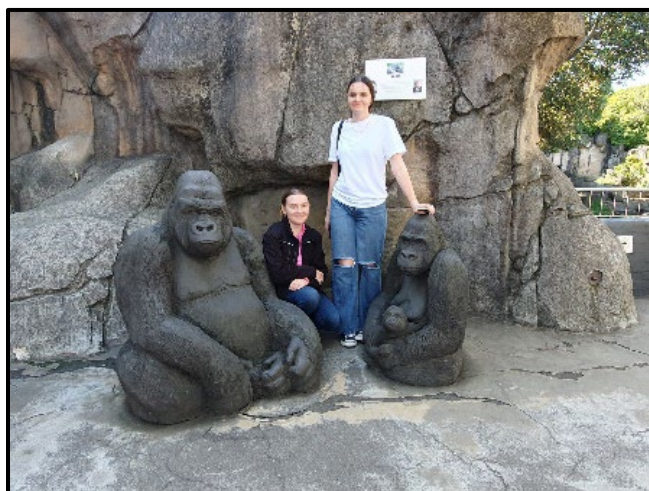
Chinese Garden of Friendship



Day 2 was a short trip on two ferries to Taronga Zoo. Departing from Darling Harbour and going around under the Bridge to Circular Quay, hopping on another ferry to the zoo. We had a lovely short workshop with two zookeepers on native birds, a blue tongue lizard and the resident python, with some students very keen to give the reptiles a friendly pat. At the end of the day, we had enough time to take a ferry from Circular Quay to Manly. This took us past the Heads with a swell that was clearly noticed by all. With very tired feet, we were lucky to catch the light rail back to our lodgings.



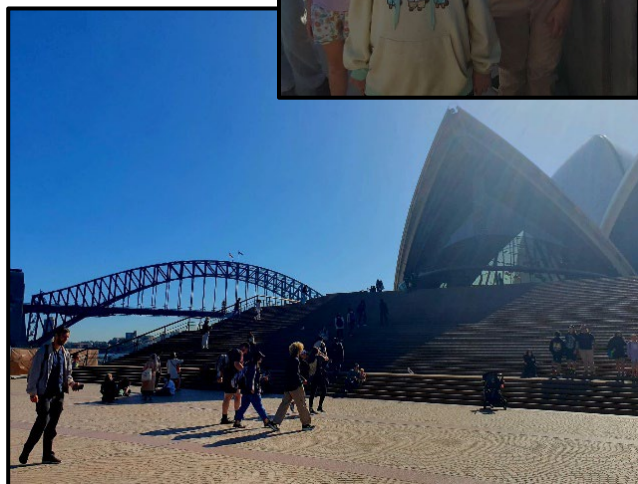
*Ferry Ride to
Taronga Zoo*



Day 3 was filled with walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge (with a very large Cruise Ship in the quay for all to see) past the Opera House, with a quick wave from Gordon Ramsay filming a show, through the Botanical Gardens, up to the State Art Gallery, down to St Mary's Cathedral and a rest in Hyde Park before a quick shopping spree in Pitt Street Mall. After another short rest, we had a quick look around Paddy's Market.



*Walk across the bridge
and Opera House*



Botanic Gardens past the Opera House to the Art Gallery



The bus trip down was full of adventurous spirit and questions of “where are we?” On the way home, we were diverted through Kempsey, adding on a few hours, arriving home in the dark and cold evening but, of course, students were full of stories for parents waiting for our arrival.

We would like to thank the Department of Regional Youth – Children and Young People Wellbeing Initiative Small Grants, who provided the funding to support students to attend this excursion, Richard Mazzar for driving us safely to our destinations, Ms Blunt for her knowledge of Sydney, Mr Vennix and Wendy for supporting students while away from home. A huge thank you must go to Mrs White for organising this amazing experience.

Skills & Thrills Careers Expo – SCU Lismore



This showcase presented students from Year 8 to 12 with future opportunities in the different industries of retail, agriculture, health care, hospitality, tourism, building and construction and clean energy. TAFE and the private institution of Komatsu were well represented with information on why and how to enrol in courses, costs and to check for subsidised or free courses.

A representative from Komatsu Australia said,

“Go out and try different things so you know what you don’t like and do like” – wise advice!

Students learned about shortages in various industries and how to improve their chances of gaining employment in the field of their choice.

Some informative websites for careers:

<https://careers.nsw.gov.au/>

<https://www.brickandblockcareers.org.au/>

<https://www.bonalbocentralschoolcareers.com/>

<http://moretomining.com/>

Kyogle Beef Bonanza

On the 6th of May, Mrs James, Brett and students from the AG team attended the Kyogle Beef Bonanza. Chloe, Loclin, Erin, Jason and Georgina took the 3 school steers and took part in led steer classes and junior judging. Although the steers did not place, the students should be proud of their efforts. Erin placed 4th in junior judging and Chloe placed 4th in her paraders' class. Thanks to Josh James for transporting the cattle for us.



Secondary Sport

For Wednesday sport, the focus has been on the gym and how this can increase your fitness, along with different activities that increase ball game skills. Trainer, Joy Newman instructed students on different exercises that help increase core body strength and fitness. Students also focused on ball skills by playing basketball, futsal, touch footy and bowls.

We have attended a few sporting events this term. Cross Country was held, with the course including a scenic venture through our neighbouring bushland, a section with water views of the local water supply and a short burst up a very steep hill, before returning to the school. Congratulations to Shane, Tyrone, Jason, Layne, Jaydan and Chloe who went to the Zone Cross Country in Evans Head. With Chloe progressing onto the Regional Cross Country. Well done to these students.

Lawn Bowls – Evans Head

Lawn bowls – the pure adrenalin sport generally played by those lucky enough to have left the working life behinds – was the reason for our excursion on the 30th of May!

Jason, Joel and Coen were the cream that rose to the top of our school lawn bowls' bucket and attended the interschool tournament at Evans Head.

The boys played 3 games, against the Rivers College and Evans River. After the dust had settled on the nail-biting action, the boys came away with a 0 – 3 win-loss record.

However, our intrepid representatives did manage to get the closest table to the lunch counter and were flawless in being the first team finished their free chicken schnitzel and chips!

Well done to the lads. They represented the school with pride. And thank you to Mr Gray for chaperoning and writing such a great article.

Zone Cross Country

Well done to all secondary students who participated in Zone Cross Country at Evans Head and a huge congratulations to Chloe who placed 18th in the 16-years girls race at Regional Cross Country at Byron Bay – a great effort!

Casino Beef Week Led Steer

Bonalbo Central School AG team participated in Casino Beef Week. Mrs James, Brett, Erin, Georgina and Chloe took 'Unit', 'Useless' and 'Uber Eats' (the 3 school steers!) to Casino early Wednesday morning to wash and prepare them for a busy day. Firstly, the girls took part in the junior judging, with Chloe placing 4th. Then they had their paraders class, with Chloe and Georgina making it to the final. Later in the afternoon, it was the weight classes that saw 'Useless' placing 1st and 'Unit' placing 2nd – great results! The auction followed, in which all 3 steers sold well. On the Friday, Erin and Georgina attended the carcass results with the steers once again winning some ribbons. 'Unit' placed 1st under 350kg and gaining Reserve Champion light weight steer and Champion School Steer. 'Useless' placed 4th under 350kg over the hook. Once again, all the girls presented themselves honourably and represented the school with pride. Once again, thank you to Josh James for transporting the steers.

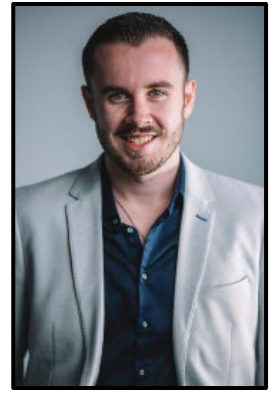


Future Leaders Workshop – SCU Lismore

On Tuesday 13th June, Chloe, Aimee and Coen went to Southern Cross University to attend this secondary leadership event. The day was presented by Australian, Lachie Smart, the youngest person to fly solo around the world - breaking the world record at 18 years of age.

Many schools from across the region attended. Topics covered were how to set goals, how to manage adversity & persistence, leading a great team and the power of youth.

Guest speaker, local entrepreneur and Sourdough Business Women Regional Liaison, Amy Colli, spoke of challenges and opportunities to leadership and gave some useful tips for success. A panel of SCU student ambassadors also spoke about their experiences at Southern Cross University, encouraging students to step out of their comfort zone and chase their dreams.



Inverell Touch Footy



Wide blue skies, rolling cropping paddocks and wind turbines, Inverell the Sapphire City was the scene of our touch footy quest. Will, Zepplen, Coen, Dan, Joel, Layne and Jordan were our worthy combatants.

After a dark, early start and some questionable music choices, our boys made their way to the Inverell Sporting Complex. They started with a tight 3-2 loss to Bundarra and were showing some flair and energy during the first few games.

As the day wore on and injuries and lactic acid took their toll, our boys had to show some true grit and determination against opponents with plenty of soldiers on the bench.

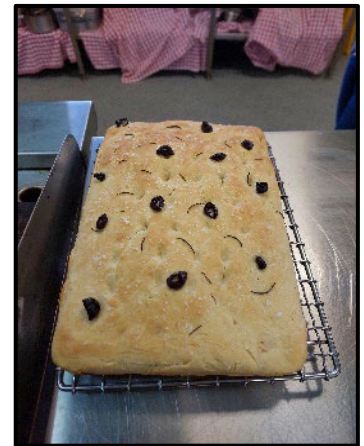
Our boys made it to their last game with nothing left in the tank. However, they found something within themselves to muster a stirring performance against our local footy stars from Woodenbong. In this last of 6 games for the day our boys managed a moustache-assisted tie 2-2.

After this courageous performance, our boys packed up their boots for the long drive home but not before treading the same path that so many before have taken; the obligatory refuel and recover at the Golden Arches in Glen Innes.

All 7 boys put in a superhuman effort during the 6 games. They all need to be commended on representing their school with such pride. They ran themselves till they dropped with twisted ankles and knees as well as cramps and exhaustion.

Thanks to Mr Gray and Mr Ryan for coaching and transporting students. And Mr Gray for this fabulous account of the trip!

Stage 6 Hospitality



Stage 6 Hospitality students have been busy putting their practical skills to good use.

Year 12s have been working hard honing their barista skills and supplying school staff with much-needed caffeine to help raise funds for the Year 12 Formal. Congratulations to Shayla who completed her work placement at Powick's Pantry in Term 1 to rave reviews. A big thank you to Simon and Emma for their support of our students and giving Shayla the opportunity to have experience within an industry setting.

The Year 11s have also been enjoying their practical lessons and making some amazing dishes including focaccia, cinnamon rolls and pizzas. It has been great to see these students develop their skills while having a bit of fun in the kitchen.





New items in the Canteen (Available to order)

Fried Rice - \$4.00

Bacon & Egg Muffin Burger - \$4.00

Spaghetti Bolognaise - \$4.50

Curried Sausages - \$4.50

Fish Bites & Wedges – 6pcs \$6.00

4pcs \$5.00

Fish Bites - \$0.80 each

Rewards Afternoon

In the last week of term, eligible students enjoyed movies and snacks in recognition of their consistent effort, attendance and demonstration of our school values. Congratulations.

Achievement Assembly

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our end-of-semester assembly.





Work Placement & SBAT

Thank you to the businesses that have accepted our students to complete work placement for their VET courses – Primary Industries, Hospitality and Construction. Thank you also to Yulgilbar Station, who have taken on Chloe as a school-based trainee. We encourage our families and community to support these businesses who have supported our students:

Pit Stop Café, Woodenbong Yulgilbar Pastoral Company, Baryulgil

Powick's Pantry, Bonalbo Mara Seeds, Sandilands

Matthew Smith Farm Services, Drake Casino Food Co-op

Greg Clark Building, Lismore Purple Haze Café, Grafton

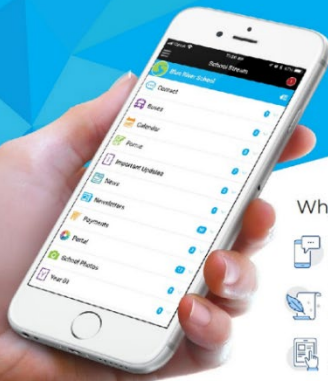
DA Carmichael, Bonalbo Armstrong Dairy, Old Bonalbo

Tenterfield Golf Club Restaurant AJ&KM Gould, Greenridge

Armstrong Bricklaying, QLD





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