



# B.C.S. NEWSLETTER

**Be Respectful      Be Safe      Be a Learner**

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Thank you to parents/carers for participating in 3-way conferences this week. If you were unable to attend the important conversations about student learning and would like to speak with teachers, please call the school to organise a convenient time to call.

Our P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Thank you to our donors: Dog'n'Bull Hotel, Powick's Pantry, Bonalbo Post Office, Bonalbo Pharmacy, Trudy Kohler AquaU massage, Foodworks Bonalbo, MJS Tipping, various staff and families.



Students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 completed the NAPLAN assessments recently. They are to be congratulated on their participation and we hope to receive results late Term 2.

Staff and students are looking forward to the Sydney trip early next term. Forms and payment for students attending need to be in at school by the end of next week.

Anzac Day is on 25<sup>th</sup> April – the Tuesday before we return for Term 2. We encourage students and families to attend a local service somewhere. Bonalbo is hosting a Dawn Service and a 10:45am march and service. Drake is also holding a Dawn Service. Old Bonalbo's service starts at 9:30, whilst Tabulam's march and service begins at 10:30.

Have a safe, happy and choc-filled Easter break.

*Kathryn Taylor, Principal*

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>			
APR 4	Rewards Activity – Morning Tea	MAY 1	School Photos
<b>6</b>	<b>END OF TERM 1</b> Easter Activities, Picnic & Hat Parade	2	Year 7 Vaccinations (Yr 8 & 11 catch-ups) Lawn Bowls Gala Day @ Evans River
7	Good Friday – Public Holiday	4	Whole School Cross Country
7-25	<i>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</i>	5	Table Tennis @ Goonellabah TBC
21-22	Bonalbo Show	8 - 12	Sydney Excursion
24	School Development Day NO STUDENTS	12	UCPSSA Cross Country @ Bonalbo
25	Anzac Day – Public Holiday	18	GRIP Primary Leadership Conference
<b>APR 26</b>	<b>TERM 2 BEGINS</b> <b>All students return to school</b> Anzac Commemoration Service 10:15am	24 - 27	Beef Week
		25	Life Education Van Skills & Thrills Roadshow @ SCU Lismore

# Student Leaders Induction Assembly

School Captains,  
Tess & Shayla



Leadership Team  
2023

## Primary Assemblies



## SWIMMING

This term saw us hold our whole school swimming carnival. All students who attended participated well and had a great day. Students enjoyed some fun novelty events along with more serious races. The day ended with the student verse adult race, which the teachers won, of course! Bruxner Bandits won the overall point score for the day. Well done to everyone.





## Swimming Champions

	GIRLS	BOYS
<i>PRIMARY</i>		
Junior	Telia Hardke	N/A
11 years	Tia Redden	Blake Gray
Senior	Kiani Small	Jhwarne Cook
<i>SECONDARY</i>		
12 years	Pepquita Bell-Link	Shane Adams
13 years	N/A	Robert Adams
14 years	N/A	Jason James
15 years	N/A	Dan Cousins
16 years	Chloe James	N/A
17+ years	N/A	Brad Cousins

This year, a number of primary students made it to the UCPSSA swimming carnival at Woodenbong. These students represented their school with pride and should be very proud of themselves. It was a great day and a wonderful time to meet students from the surrounding schools.

Five students made it onto Zone swimming: Kiani, Kalli, Tia, Blake and Jwharne. Again, these students represented the school with honour. Our PP5 relay team (Kiani, Blake, Jhwarne and Tia) then made it through to the next level - Regionals at Alstonville. They came 3rd in their heat and 9th overall. This is a wonderful achievement and you all should be so proud of yourselves, we certainly are. Great job, team.



## HARMONY DAY



## PRIMARY NEWS

It has been a busy start to the year with Primary participating in a number of engaging activities. Some of these activities have included the swimming carnival, UCPSSA Swimming, Zone and Regional Swimming, a basketball clinic, Cyber Safety Day, Harmony Day, Cross Country training and NAPLAN. Years 3-6 have also been taking part in several virtual excursions from the Sydney Learning Museum which they have found very interesting.

The students have welcomed some new school pets this year with 3 chickens and our school rabbit. The students have been learning to care for animals and about what living things need as part of their science units.

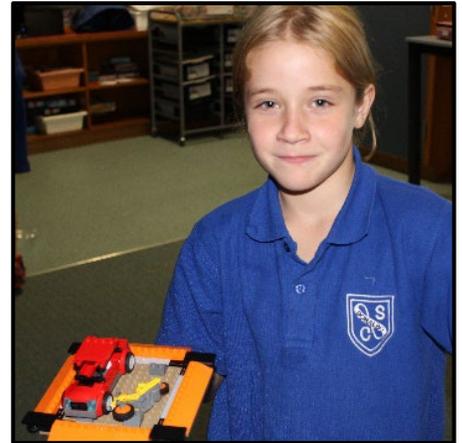
On Thursday 6 April, we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade which is a whole school activity with the pre-school joining us. Students will be participating in a day of Easter fun with art and craft activities, cooking Easter eggs, games and making Easter hats followed by the Easter hat parade and treasure hunt. The P&C raffle will also be drawn. We hope to see you all there.

## Kindy



## Lego Donation

Primary would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Whitney and the Bonalbo Show Society for their kind and generous donation of Lego. We can't wait to see what the students create to enter into the upcoming Bonalbo Show!



## SECONDARY NEWS

### Construction Induction Training



Some of our senior students were joined by students from Woodenbong Central to complete their White Cards earlier this term. Thank you to Mr Muller for facilitating the training.

## Stage 4 Camp – Gold Coast Recreation Centre

In Week 6, Stage 4 students attended their camp at the Gold Coast Recreation Centre. Students enjoyed games at Tallebudgera Creek and challenging activities, where they had to build a working catapult and knock down blocks. They had the opportunity to do the high ropes challenge where they climbed about 10 metres to walk along a bar. Most students were up to this challenge and succeeded in walking all the way across the bar and climbing to the top of the circuit. On the final day, we went down to the beach with boogie boards and caught some waves. Most students agreed the boogie boarding was the best with the high ropes coming in a close second. Thank you to Mrs White, Mr Muller and Ms Surman for supervising students on this enjoyable camp.



## The Land CWA Regional Cookery Competition

Last year, Stage 5 food technology students had the opportunity to participate in the Bonalbo CWA cooking competition in the junior competitor tea cake category. Tess Codrington and Aimee Taylor put in a great effort to achieve 2nd place and Erin showed off her amazing cooking skills to come away with first place.

This term, these students again showed off their baking skills competing against other junior competitors across the Northern Rivers. Tess and Aimee again placed second and, in an amazing achievement, Erin's tea cake once again came home with first place. Erin will now represent the Northern Rivers at the state level of the Land Cookery Competition. A big thank you to the Bonalbo CWA for supporting our students. Well done, Erin, and good luck!



## Stage 6 Hospitality



Erin, Chloe and Tess preparing bruschetta

## Stage 5 Food Technology

This term, students have been learning about the food service and catering industry. As part of their assessment, students provided a fabulous lunch for invited staff and students. The food they prepared was absolutely amazing and they worked really hard to provide a great experience for their guests. This class also went above and beyond to provide food from different cultures to staff and students as part of the school's Harmony Week celebrations and morning tea to visiting principals on their network day. Well done to all.



Aimee preparing churros to deep fry, served with strawberries



Kasiha preparing chicken and prawn pasta



Joel's Caesar salad



Morning Tea for Principals

Happy guests!



## Technology

This term, Stage 4 Mandatory Technology have been working hard developing their cooking skills in the Food Tech room. They have been learning about food safety and the importance of good food hygiene whilst cooking some amazing meals and having a great time.



## Agriculture

Senior students have been busy working with our steers in preparation for upcoming shows. Some have also been working after school to get them ready. We have also received our sheep for the Dubbo Wether Challenge in August. Students are handling and feeding the 6 sheep to make sure they look their best and behave later in the year!



## DOGFEST 2023

Students and staff were recently involved in the first ever Bonalbo DogFest. A wonderful weekend of dog-related activities. Congratulations to everyone involved in putting on this great local event. What great community spirit!



School staff helping at one of the many stalls



Students and staff made the "pack"



Artworks on show from Year 3 to Year 8



## Basketball Clinic

We were pleased to have Lauren King from Basketball NSW come to lead a basketball clinic for all students earlier this month. As part of the “I’m a girl, I can do anything” campaign, both girls and boys were able to take advantage of Lauren’s expertise to improve their shooting and passing. Thank you to Lauren for giving us her time.



## Wellbeing Hub Update

The Hub has started its makeover! The old principal's residence has been gutted and asbestos removed. Work has now begun on the structural renovations.





# Kyogle & Villages School Holiday Program Autumn & YOUTH WEEK

13TH  
APRIL

12 - 3pm

**BOWLING @ KYOGLE  
COMMERCIAL HOTEL BOWLING  
ALLEY**

Snacks provided - meet at Youthie

14TH  
APRIL

10am - 3pm

**MOVIES @ KYOGLE CINEMA**

Snacks provided - meet at Youthie  
Buses from the villages - call Kyrstie to book

**FREE  
for ages  
12-18yrs**

18TH  
APRIL

3pm - 5pm

**LASER TAG @ KYOGLE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

199 Summerland Way, Kyogle  
Snacks provided.  
Registration essential limited spaces  
Buses from the villages - call Kyrstie to book

19TH  
APRIL

9am - 5pm

**ACCREDITED BARISTA  
TRAINING - NORTH COAST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

@ the Youthie

\*Registration essential. Limited spaces

28TH  
APRIL

5pm - 10.15pm

**YOUTH WEEK  
ROLLERWORLD- LISMORE**

Buses from Kyogle leaving Kyogle Youthie at  
5.15pm + Returning 10.15pm  
\* Registration essential. Limited Spaces.  
Buses from the villages - call Kyrstie to book

**Contact Youth Workers  
to register for events + buses:**

**Mikala - 0406 725 166**

**Shelley - 0460 578 866**

**Kyrstie - 0458 394 713**



**Looking for a fun way to learn new skills?**

**Join the Village Youth Program**

**12-25 year olds**

**"Learn How to Podcast" program**

**Term 2 - Wednesdays**

**Starting Wednesday 3rd May, 2023**

**3.30pm-5.30pm**

**Bonalbo Hall**

You will learn all about the world of podcasting, including how to create, edit, and produce your own podcast episodes.

You'll work with an experienced producer to develop your own podcast concept, create content, record your episodes, and publish them online. You'll learn about different types of podcasts : interview-based shows, storytelling podcasts, and news podcasts, and explore how to use music and sound effects to enhance your episodes.

You will develop new technical skills, encourage creativity and use critical thinking.

In groups, you'll brainstorm ideas, refine your message, and develop compelling content that will engage your audience.

You will make a fully-produced podcast episode that you can share with friends and family, and you'll have the skills and knowledge you need to continue creating content in the future.

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**VILLAGE YOUTH  
PROGRAM**

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## Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



### Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
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.



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We create **collaborative** learning environments

We **all play a part**

We work **in partnership** to promote student learning

### Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: [education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students](http://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students)

### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Respectful.  
Communication.**

School Community Charter

[education.nsw.gov.au](http://education.nsw.gov.au)