**Coming Events**

**Monday 14th October**  
HSC Begins  

**Tuesday 15th October**  
Yr 7&9 Re-immunisation  

**Wednesday 16th October**  

**Thursday 17th October**  
Love Bites Yr9  
Year 11 Cake Stalls  

**Friday 18th October**

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**Principal’s News**

**HSC Commences**  

If a student is sick or suffers any other illness or misadventure it is important that they still present for the exams and complete the illness and misadventure paperwork with the Presiding Officer. We wish all Year 12 students all the best with their exams. I know that after today their initial nerves will have been alleviated.

**School Captain 2014 Process**  
The school has commenced the process for determining the New School Captains and Vice Captains for 2014 in the high school. The process is a three phased process. All year 11 students have been invited to apply for School Captain / Vice-Captain. To apply for School Captain and Vice-Captain positions, students must be nominated by two peers from either Year 11 or Year 12, be seconded by two members of the teaching staff and attach a type-written response to the following selection criteria:  
1. Demonstrated leadership skills  
2. Demonstrated involvement and enthusiasm for school life and culture  
3. Capacity to represent the school with dignity, integrity and pride  
4. Demonstrated capacity to speak in public

Phase two of the process involves an interview of applicants by a panel consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal and Year Adviser. Applicants will be asked a series of questions by the panel. The panel will, like in a job interview, short list the applicants to 4 based on how well the applicants meet the criteria in phase one and phase two. The 4 shortlisted applicants will then present a speech to the school population. Students and teachers will vote to determine the Captains and Vice Captains.

The process is not gender specific. We have two Captains positions and two Vice-Captains regardless of gender.

I would like to stress that we have been following the process in Secondary school for a number of years and it provides invaluable experience for all the students in developing a variety of skills that will help them in the wider world after school regardless if they receive a position or not. I congratulate all applicants for putting themselves forward and wish them all the best as the process proceeds.

The process begins now for Secondary because the current School Captains are doing their HSC exams and when completed will sign out of school. The Primary Captain process will take place later in the term.

**Presentation Evening/ Recognition Assemblies**  
This year the school will be trialling a different format for our annual Presentation Day. The school will be holding a formal Presentation Evening 7:00pm on Thursday 12th December. This event will have a variety of special guests and will focus on academic achievement from Kindergarten to Year 12.
Parents will receive a formal invitation to this event if your child is receiving an award. Although the event is open to all members of our school community. A supper will be provided at the conclusion of the event to allow students, parents and guests time to celebrate the achievements.

The school will hold two smaller events preceding this. On Thursday 28th November at 11:30am the Primary will recognise effort, achievement and other awards in a special recognition assembly in the gymnasium.

Secondary will recognise effort, achievement and other awards in a secondary recognition assembly on Tuesday 10th December at 11:30pm. All parents and community members are invited to these recognition assemblies. We have tried to spread these events out and give families advanced notice so you can put them in your diary. We appreciate that this is often a busy time of year with other school and home events happening prior to Christmas.

Love Bites
Over the next couple of weeks the school will be conducting a series of workshops called Love Bites around the concept of respectful relationships. The program is run by trained facilitators from outside the school along with staff from the school. Year 9 will have their day this Thursday 17th October and year 10 will have their day next Thursday 24th October. If you would like to know more about the Love Bites Program please contact the school to discuss with Mrs Vanessa Willetts. Later in the term the School Police Liaison Officer will continue with more workshops, this time focussing on the use of technology and relationships within the Year 7 and 8 classes.

School Uniform
I would like to thank the students and their families who have responded to my letter on improving school uniform compliance. Last week saw a vast improvement in students in the Secondary school regarding wearing of uniform. As mentioned in the letter that went out to all families last term, BCS is a uniformed school, it is not an option.

There are many benefits to be a part of the school team and wearing the appropriate clothing and footwear to school. In addition to the reasons outlined in the letter it assists students for when they enter the world of work, when uniform and dress standards are common practice. If you would like to discuss any aspects of school uniform compliance or you need financial assistance to purchase a uniform please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school. All requests or discussions are done so confidentially.

In Primary school this term students are required to wear a sun safe hat to school- no hat no play.

University Of Technology Sydney Summer School Program
Congratulations to Keaka Dennis of Year 9 who has been accepted into the University of Technology Sydney U@Uni Summer School Program in Science Investigation. Keaka will be attending UTS between 13th and 24th January 2014. UTS Science is all about practical learning. Students are encouraged to analyse and solve problems that affect our future. Participants will have an opportunity to explore various fields of science and mathematics by participating in a range of hands-on activities, using state-of-the-art science facilities at UTS. Topics included are Environmental Science, Forensic Science, Health Sciences, Physics and Mathematics Modelling. Well done Keaka, I know you will enjoy and get the most out of this opportunity.

Changes to advertising in school newsletter
The school is always looking at ways to improve the way we do our business. One of the areas of communication we are trying to improve is the school newsletter. As a part of this improvement the school will be restricting advertisements to the back page of the newsletter in a classifieds style page. All advertisements attract a flat fee of $20 apart from community service announcements. If you would like to discuss this please feel free to contact me at the school.

Find us on Facebook
Remember to find us on Facebook and ‘like’ our page so you can follow and keep up to date with all the great things that happen at Braidwood Central School. The school website is now also available on your mobile device, so you can access the school calendar and newsletters wherever you are at a touch.

I am available for you if you need to discuss any aspect of your child’s education or schooling. Please do not hesitate in making contact with me at the school. Until next week.

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal.

Deputy News
Mobile Phones
All students who wish to bring a mobile phone to school require permission to do so. Part of the process is to obtain a phone registration or licence which registers the phone at school. Owners of phones at school which are
not registered are in breach of the school policy for mobile phones. Any student breeching the mobile phone policy, including inappropriate use, will be asked to leave the phone at home for the remainder of the calendar year.

If your child does not have their phone registered at school please obtain a form from the Front Office and agree to the appropriate use of the phone at school so the student can continue to bring their phone.

**Partial Absence**

If your child wishes to leave the school grounds for a legitimate reason during the school day they require a signed permission note. A partial absence (leave pass) will be issued so that they can access businesses in Braidwood.

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**Immunisation**

Re-vaccinations for Year 7&9 are occurring tomorrow. If you would like your child re-vaccinated please make sure they return forms by tomorrow to enable vaccinations to occur.

Mick Wall
Relieving Deputy Principal

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**Primary News**

**Student of the Week**

Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis nominate students who consistently display our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm to receive Student of the Week awards. Congratulations to these students:

- **Swans:** Sam Bigg
- **Diamantinas:** Kelley Gray-Tetley
- **Alligators:** Kiara Williams
- **Daintrees:** Paige Elliott
- **Macquaries:** Robbie Watson
- **Parramattas:** Annabel Flack
- **Cotters:** Jasmine Potter
- **Franklins:** Myrtle Wild

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**Kindergarten 2014**

Our transition program for children starting Kindergarten in 2014 will be starting next month. Children who turn five before the end of July 2014 are eligible to start school. Parents who are unsure whether their child is ready are welcome to make an appointment to discuss this with the school. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the Front Office and will also be available during the transition sessions.

Our Kindergarten transition dates this year are **Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 20th November, Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 5th December**. Each session will run from 10am until 12pm. All children who are beginning Kindergarten next year are invited to attend these sessions which are a wonderful opportunity for children to become more familiar with school staff, settings and routines.

There will be a parent orientation session and morning tea in the library during the last session on Thursday 5th December.
If you know of any families who have children starting school next year please pass this information onto them.

Uniform awards
All families received a letter last term regarding the schools policy on school uniform. Braidwood Central School is a uniformed school and as such it is an expectation that students attend school each day in school uniform including sun-safe hats and appropriate footwear. If you are unable to access a school uniform the school can assist financially. The uniform shop is open each Wednesday before and after school.

As a way of encouraging and rewarding the wearing of full school uniform four Primary students’ names are drawn each week. If they have full uniform on they receive an ice-block voucher or a small prize. Last week's winners were: Amy Clarke, Stella Riley, Deklyn Reddy and Ben Castle. Congratulations to these students and to all of our students who proudly wear their uniforms every day.

Grandparents Day
Invitations have been sent home with Primary students for Grandparents’ Day which is on Friday 25th October starting at 9.15am. The format will be similar to last year with open classrooms, a mini-concert and morning tea.

We understand that not all students will have a grandparent who is able to attend so “stand-in” grandparents are most welcome eg. neighbours, aunts, uncles, etc. to ensure that all students have at least one visitor. Please return the RSVP slip or ring the school with the number of guests your children will have so that we can cater for morning tea.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Primary/Infants Calendar

Stage 3 Camp at Borambola
A reminder to all parents whose children are attending this camp in Term 4, all medical notes are due in. Borambola Camp Management have a policy of no electronic hardware on their site. This will include mobile phones, i-pods etc. All necessary phone calls will come through staff mobiles or the Department of Sport and Rec landlines. The management has sent us a timetable of activities. We will send home a copy this week to all families that are attending.

Braidwood Netball
A reminder to all interested girls that a Netball Competition is commencing this Monday 14th October please see advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

Greg Clarke and Sarah Sweeney

Primary & Secondary News

Change of Date for Yr11 First Aid Course
Due to a clash of activities, the Year 11 First Aid Course which WAS to be held on Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th October has been changed to Thursday 24th and Wednesday 30th October.

Permission note and $60 registration fee must be in to the Front Office by Friday 18th October.

Thank you for your understanding.

Dimity Borra
RLSSA Instructor/Examiner

Cupcake and Cookie Stall – Thursday 17 October
This Thursday, Year 11 are running a Cupcake and Cookie Stall to raise funds for the Year 12 Farewell Dinner. There will be a variety of cupcakes and cookies for sale. Cookies will cost $1 each and cupcakes will be $2.

Primary students can pre-order their goodies, and these will be delivered to classrooms in the morning. Secondary students will be able to buy their treats on the quad at recess and lunchtime.

We encourage all students to bring a gold coin or two to enjoy some yummy snacks, while helping to raise money to throw a great farewell party for our outgoing Year 12 students.

Mrs Stephens and Year 11.

Homework Centre
The Homework Centre is operating again this term. Mr McClymont will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Library from 4pm to 5pm.

Students are encouraged to use this quiet time to do research using the Library’s facilities and/or gain advice from Mr McClymont and other teachers who may be available.

David McClymont

P&C News

Fundraising planning meeting next week
The P&C meets next week at 7pm on Wednesday 23rd October in the School Library. This meeting will be focusing on developing ideas to help raise funds for our
national curriculum textbook target. Because of the national curriculum rolling out in 2014, the school is in desperate need of extra funds to buy new textbooks, so we are aiming to fundraise specifically for this purpose.

The P&C exists to support the school, but only a handful of parents are coming to meetings. This makes it really hard for us to organise new activities. Our meetings are informal and friendly, there is room to raise any issues you want to talk about, and we welcome every parent/carer who comes along with open arms! So, please come along to next week’s meeting with any ideas you might have to offer!

P&C Canteen and Uniform information now online
You can now access and download the P&C Canteen Menu and Uniform Shop order forms online via the school website:

School A to Z website
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a website designed to support parents and carers understand what their kids are learning and how to help them. It includes handy mobile apps for maths, spelling and literacy, work planners, study tips and homework resources. Just go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home or search for School A to Z in your app store.

Contact the P&C
The P&C email address is bcspandc@gmail.com or you can always contact me (Bidda Jones) directly at bidda@sharewater.net, 4842 7189 or 0422 542175.

Permission Notes

Cupcake/Cookie Stall
Primary Order Form
for Thursday 17th October

Name ________________________ Class _________

How many cakes or cookies would you like to buy?
______ Cupcakes ($2 ea) ______ Cookies ($1 ea)

Please tick this box if your child is gluten-free.  ☐

Please return this order form and payment to your child’s classroom teacher by Wednesday 16 Oct.

Cupcakes and cookies will be delivered to primary classrooms before recess on Thursday 17 Oct. Please understand that we cannot guarantee that our food will be nut-free, so will not be suitable for children with serious allergies.

Thank you for helping Year 11 raise funds for the Year 12 Farewell.

Uniform Shop News
Due to a family appointment the uniform shop will not be open this Wednesday, I will open the uniform shop on Friday morning instead this week, sorry for any inconvenience.
Sue
Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

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**BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Community Preparedness Session

Attention All Residents: Queanbeyan & Surrounds

Come along to a community preparedness session to learn first hand about what to expect this bushfire and storm season. The session will include representatives from:

- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- State Emergency Service
- Local Emergency Management Committee
- The Ambulance Service of NSW
- NSW Police Force

And will cover:

- Taking control and preparing in advance (storm/bushfire)
- Understanding warnings in an emergency
- Dangers and risks
- What to and not to expect in an emergency
- Ways to help you keep you and your family stay safe

**WHERE and WHEN? 17 OCTOBER 2013**

7-9pm

RB Smith Centre

Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

For further information contact Lorrae Stokes on 02 4842 9252
Advertisements

**NETBALL**

When: Monday nights 5-6pm for junior girls and 6-7pm for all age women.

Recommences 14th October 2013

Where: Braidwood Central School Gymnasium

Interested? Please contact Rhyll Tozer on 48427140 or Georgeanna Story on 48461238 or just turn up on a Monday night.

It is an informal social comp for school girls and women. Individual Players and organised teams welcomed. $10/season Insurance/Registration costs and approx. $3/week gymnasium hire.

**Braidwood Swimming Club 2013/2014**

It is starting to get warm again so Braidwood Swimming Club is kicking off for another season. Come along and watch your children participate in swimming races, improve their swimming skills, keep fit and have fun with their friends. Each week, kids will swim races of differing strokes and lengths depending on their own ability.

Children need to be able to swim one lap of the pool to participate.

Registration Fee for 2013/2014 is $60.00/child.

Club nights – Monday’s at 5pm.

First swim night is the **28th October 2013**.

All members must register online with NSW Swimming. Please contact Melinda Corey on 0428 623 448 or Kylie Walker 044 7273158 for any questions about registration.

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**Charity Halloween Trivia Night**

Thursday 31st Oct -7pm Free Entry

Raising funds for Braidwood Kids Activities

$17 Meals from 6pm

Extra team points awarded for Best Costume, Best dressed team, Best individual in Character,

Plus, late night Ghost Busting with Jamie Yeomans

To Book 48422 491

202 Wallace St, Braidwood

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**Halloween for Kids**

Thursday Oct 31st

**Spooky Kids Supper & Fun games**

From 3:30pm at TorPeas Restaurant

**Horror Film & Fancy Dress Competition**

From 5:30pm at The National Theatre

Only $5 per child per event*

Limited availability, bookings essential

Call Heidi on 0418 666 606

*Designed for children between 5 & 12 yrs of age. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times, no fee for supervisory adults, contact Heidi if you would like to help out with this and other safe events for Braidwoods Children.

A braidwood & Villages Tourism Initiative

Major Sponsors: Braidwood Community Bank & TorPeas Restaurant