**Principal’s News**

**Empowering Local Schools Leadership Conference**
Today I will be travelling to Sydney to join the 229 School Principals to undertake a leadership course facilitated by Michael Fullan to help develop Principals with the skills to Lead and Manage the school as public education reform moves towards a Local Schools Local Decisions model.

**School Captains Process**
Nine Year 11 students are part way through the school captain nomination process. I had the pleasure to be on the panel last Friday to be a part of the interview stage of the process. Regardless of the final outcome all nominees should be very proud of themselves for putting themselves forward and completing the application and interviews, skills that are important in the wider world. The outcome of these interviews will be finalised later in the week where the successful students will present a speech to the student body who will vote to determine the School Captains and Vice Captains. The Primary Captains process for 2014 will take place later in the term.

**RFS Cadet Talk**
As the NSW bushfires dominate the news the Rural Fire Service will be talking to Year 9 students on Tuesday outlining the RFS Cadet program which runs later in the term at Braidwood Central School. This has been a valuable program that has ran for a number of years with all participants learning new skills, contributing to the local community as well as developing team work and having a lot of fun as well, Thanks to Chris McGrath who is the local coordinator of this program.

**Improving Literacy Numeracy National Partnership**
Mrs Sarah Sweeny is coordinating the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership at our school. Sarah will undertake further training this Tuesday and will for the next 12 months be coordinating programs within the school to improve numeracy outcomes for all students K-10.

**End of Year Activities**
Staff are busy coordinating the activities that will be offered for the High School 3 day event and the Primary School 1 day event scheduled for the end of the year. The High School 3 day event is available for students from Year 6 to Year 11 as a reward for good work and behaviour. Students who regularly appear on the schools RISK database for poor behaviour may lose the right to participate in these activities. I am hopeful that students will remain focussed for the remainder of the term so they do not jeopardise their participation.

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**Braidwood Central School**
**Is a Uniformed School**

Some of the reasons why we are encouraging students to wear school uniform:

- Improves safety of students
- Less peer pressure
- Develops school spirit
- More cost effective
- Enhances focus and thus improves academic performance
- Meets OHS requirements for practical classes

If you require assistance to access a school uniform please contact me at the school. The school uniform shop is open before and after school each Wednesday. Orders are also taken via the front office.
**Yearly Assessments**
All classes are working hard as they lead up to the end of the year with assessments, exams and final tasks on the horizon. Remember that the homework centre operates each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 until 5:00 in the school library.

**Years 1-6 Author Visit**
Year 1 to Year 6 students will have an opportunity to work with Author Harry Laing this Thursday. I know the students will get a lot out of this opportunity.

**Grandparents Day**
I want to thank the school community for their understanding of the re scheduling of Grandparents Day. I would like to warmly welcome all Grandparents and guest to our Grandparents morning this Friday commencing at 9:15 am and concluding with a morning tea. I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

**Water Safety talk**
Following the Grandparents Day activities our Primary students will participate in a Water Safety Talk by the Royal Lifesaving Society.

I hope you all have a good week. I am always available if you need to discuss any aspect of your children’s education.

Peter Neilsen  
Relieving Principal

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**Deputy News**

**Trading**
Over recent times some students have shown their entrepreneurial skill and participated in high finance trading goods for $ or other goods. Whilst it is particularly good/interesting to see our younger students display a range of valuing, bargaining and negotiating skills at such an early stage of their education, not all parents agree on their child’s valuation of the said items.

For this reason we ask that any belongings of value be left at home to ensure that losses don’t occur. Braidwood Central School’s Department of Fair Trading has been overworked.

**Bus Passes**
If a student needs to catch a bus that is not their usual bus, parents are required to contact the bus company to see if there is a spare seat on the bus and then send a note to the Front Office so a bus pass can be issued.

Students are required to bring the note to the Front Office either before school or in their recess or lunch time.

Mick Wall  
Relieving Deputy Principal

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**Clean Glass Jars Needed**
Year 11 are planning the Year 11 Formal for 8th November. To help with decorating we are asking people to please donate clean glass jars (jam jars etc).

Please send any clean glass jars you can spare to the Front Office this week or early next week.

Thank you  
Year 11

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**Very Important**
Due to a new finance program being introduced we advise that there should be no payments made via direct deposits until further notice. Payments can be made via cash or cheques during this period.
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: Harry Williams
Diamantinas: Blake Henness-Flood-Smith
Alligators: Ryley Hazelton
Daintrees: Nelson Sargent
Macquaries: Louise Story
Parramattas: Jacob Kiff and Logan Kendall
Cotters: Todd Hazelton
Franklins: Amelia Bigg

Swapping toys
We have recently had a number of incidents where students have swapped and/or sold toys to other students at school. We would like to stress again that toys should only be brought to school for news with parental permission which will help avoid these problems.

Grandparents Day
Grandparents’ Day is now this Friday 1st November starting at 9.15am. We hope the postponement of this event didn’t cause any inconvenience and appreciate the understanding families have shown. If you haven’t already, please return the RSVP slip or ring the school with the number of guests your children are expecting so that we can cater for morning tea.

Author Visit
Primary students from Years One to Year Six will be involved in writing workshops on Thursday 31st October with local author Harry Laing. They will take part in fun and inspiring games and exercises to develop self-confidence in their writing skills. This author visit will be paid for by the school and as it forms a part of the curriculum a permission note will not be required. Please inform the school in writing if you do not wish your child to attend this performance.

Water Safety
All Primary students will take part in a Water Safety Awareness session on Friday 1st November. This session is also free for students and forms a part of the curriculum so a permission note is not required.

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.

**Braidwood Netball**
A reminder to all interested girls that a Netball Competition has commenced on Mondays in the community gymnasium from 5.00 to 6.00 p.m. Inquiries to Georgeanna Story.

**Milo Cricket Clinics**
The cricket clinics are open to all students boys and girls from Kinder up. These clinics are conducted each Thursday afternoon down at the Rec Ground from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

**AFL Clinics**
The AFL are conducting skills clinics for all boys from Kinder up each Friday afternoon down at the Rec Ground from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. All welcome for fitness and fun.

Greg Clarke

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**Secondary News**

**Love Bites**
In weeks 2 and 3 students in Years 9 and 10 completed the Love Bites program. This program covered issues relating to domestic violence and sexual assault. Facilitators from Barnardos, Youth Connections and the police delivered the program to students. Evaluations completed by the students show that the program has had a positive impact. Students will now be applying what they have learnt to develop a community awareness project.

This will culminate in students running a stall in Braidwood on Thursday 21st November to raise money and promote message related to White Ribbon. The enthusiasm that students have shown for the project and their desire to do something about issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault is a testament to their maturity and thoughtfulness. You can keep track of how the project is developing through the school’s Facebook page.

During the program students were also provided with an emergency contact card in case they wished to access support services. If your child participated in the program and you feel that they require more support please do not hesitate to contact us.

Vanessa Willetts

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**Mental Health Survey**
BCS has the opportunity to participate in a survey about student mental health being administered by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People and the NSW Mental Health Commission. The survey will investigate students’ mental health, first aid actions and explore the supports and barriers that exist in young people accessing adult support, when a peer or friend is experiencing a mental health problem. The survey is aimed at students in Years 9 and 10 and is completely voluntary. The survey is administered online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

All students in Years 9 and 10 will receive a letter to give to parents, an information sheet for themselves and a consent form. Please complete the form either giving or declining permission for your child to participate. Responses need to be returned to the front office by Friday, 1st November. Students participating will complete the survey in week 5.

If you have any further questions please contact me at the school.

Vanessa Willetts

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**Year 8 ESSA Test**
Year 8 will sit the state wide ESSA exam for science during the week of 11th-15th November 2013. This test will be completed online. Students will need earphones (such as for an ipod) for this exam. Could parents/caregivers please ensure that students bring their own if they have access to them. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

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**Primary & Secondary News**

**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
**Library News**

**Scholastic Book Club**
The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms will be handed out in class on Monday 21st October. Orders are due back on **Monday 28th October**. The order forms and money should be in a sealed envelope and brought to the library. All cheques need to be made payable to **Braidwood Central School** not to Scholastic. Please ensure that all orders are returned by the due date as no late orders can be taken.

Any enquiries should be directed to the library.

Linda Bunn  
SAO Library

**Library News**
On Friday the 1st November, Week 4 at 1pm the Library will be hosting a talk by Neale Lavis. Neale won a gold medal in Eventing, at the Rome Olympics in 1960. Then went to the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and was inducted into the Australian Sporting Hall of Fame in 1989. Neale received the “Order of Australia” in 1999.

Every week in the newsletter we will inform you as to who is speaking in the library that week. If there is anybody outside of our school community who would like to come along and listen to the speaker they are very welcome. All you have to do is sign the visitor’s book in the front office and get a pass and come to the Library. Students from Year 5/6 and all of Secondary will be able to come and listen to the talks. This is not compulsory and you should only come and listen if you are able to be respectful and have a genuine interest in the topic. PBS certificates will be handed out if you have attended three of the sessions.

Secondary students are still able to participate in IPOD Wednesday. There are still places available from Week 5 onwards. Get in quick. Remember if you would like to participate in IPOD Wednesday you need to contact the Library and put your name down and follow the rules.

Mel Jeffery  
Library
Teach someone to drive and be a happy experience.

You can learn all you need to teach a learner driver at a workshop.

The next workshop will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers

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**Year 7 Parent Dinner**

Thursday 14th November 2014
Braidwood Serviceman's Club
6 pm

Whilst this is an adult event, if child minding is an issue, please contact Jo Parsons to request supervision for your children.

Approximate cost $20 per person, please RSVP by Friday 8th November on 4842 2249.

Caring is Central

It has been a wonderful and interesting year where your children have grown physically, emotionally and intellectually. I would love the opportunity to connect with you once more and give you an informal run down of the years events and achievements and what to look forward to for the coming year.

Braidwood Central School
Corner, Ryrie & Wilson Street
BRAIDWOOD, NSW 2622
Ph: (02) 4842 2249

This is an alcohol free event

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Advertisements

**Braidwood Community Bank Heritage Cricket day**

Is on once again at the Rec ground on Saturday the 16th of November 2013.

With the kids hitting off at 9.00am with the Milo Cricket. Then the Senior's at 10.00am. All kids play for free, seniors rego is $15.00 per person. We also have a women’s team this year, so if you would like to get a women’s team together to represent the school and have a nice trophy to display proudly at the school, start getting your girls team together.

There will also be the" FREE" kids section once again with our favourite face painter "FRANCIS" manning the kids section with lots of things for the young ones to do as well as the "FREE" jumping castle and "FREE" bungee basketball.

So if you want a great family day out and watch Dad (and MUM) have a fun day of cricket while the kids are all entertained for FREE. Then the Rec ground is the place to be on Saturday the 16th of November 2013 starting at 9.00am

See you all there :) Food and drinks available on the day.

P.S. Come and watch us win the Ashes back from last years winners (The Braidwood Servicemen’s Club) :) Contact Chris or Michelle on 48421123 or 0407801799

**Braidwood Swimming Club 2013/2014**

**STARTS TONIGHT 5PM**

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.

**Country Childrens Early Learning**

**After School Care**

The After School Care program is up and running successfully under the management of Country Childrens Early Learning.

Noemi Holcman is operating the program From school closure to 6pm Monday to Friday.

All children attending the service need to be Enrolled with CCEL, forms can be collected from Noemi.

We have vacancies on Mondays and Fridays at the moment, we accept casual bookings when vacancies are available. Enrolments are currently being taken for 2014.

For more information talk to Noemi or Contact Julia or Tania 02 6236 8305 www.ccel.com.au

**2 x Garage Sales/Moving Sales**

**Saturday 2nd November**

9am-1pm

NO EARLY BIRDS...Strictly..locked gates

40 Lascelles St (corner of Hassell Circuit)

AND

3A Hassall Circuit Braidwood

Bargains Galore!!!!

Household items, furniture, toys, clothes, books, linen, BBQ and more