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Braidwood Central School

NEWSLETTER

Coming Events

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|                    | Graduation                                                           |
|                    | 1pm School Oval                                                      |
|                    | Yr11 Study Camp                                                      |

Principal’s News

Primary Recognition Assembly
All family and friends are invited to our Primary Recognition Assembly this Thursday commencing at 11.30am in the school’s Gymnasium. Primary students will be receiving awards for effort and achievement in class as well as some sporting and other achievement awards.

RFS Cadets
20 Year 9 students will be undergoing Rural Fire Service Cadet training this week. They will have their pass out graduation parade on the school oval on Friday 29th November. All parents, family and friends are invited.

Year 10 Work Experience
Year 10 students will be undertaking work experience for the next two weeks. Many thanks to Ms Jo Parsons for her work in facilitating this worthwhile program.

Yr11 Study Skills Camp
Year 11 students will be involved in a study skills camp in the Illawarra from Tuesday to Friday this week. The students will be putting into place much of what they learned at our study sessions in preparation for their HSC year.

Kinder Transition
Our next Kinder transition day is this Tuesday from 10am-12pm in the Kinder Room. Just a reminder that if you have a Kinder student or know of any Kinder students for 2014 enrolment forms are now due. Please spread the word.

Please note: the deadline for newsletter submissions is 3.10pm Friday. Submissions received during the school week will go in the following week’s newsletter. All submissions should be submitted electronically to the email address below.

If you would like to receive the Braidwood Central School newsletter by email, please contact us at braidwood-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The newsletter is also available to download each week from our school website.

Front Office Phone  
4842 2249

Canteen Phone  
4842 2251

Claiming the Date
Presentation Evening
7:00pm Thursday 12th December
School Gym

Primary Recognition Assembly
Thursday 28th November
11:30am School Gym

Secondary Recognition Assembly
Tuesday 10th December
11:30am School Gym
**Year 7 Orientation Day**

Year 7 2014 will be undertaking their orientation day tomorrow 26\(^{th}\) November. The students will have an opportunity to get to know new students as well as tasting life in Secondary School including getting to know where the classrooms are and the different Secondary School teachers. Students will experience some mini lessons as well as group work activities.

**P&C**

A reminder that our last Parents and Citizens meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday starting at 7pm in the library. All welcome.

**State Debating Finals**

Good luck to Inga Neilsen of Year 10 who is a member of the Illawarra and South East Regional debating team who will be competing in the state debating finals at Sydney University this week.

**Thumbelina Encore Performance**

Well done to the members of 9/10 Drama and Ms Bryant for performing one last show last Friday for the students of the Braidwood Preschool and the Purple House. The little ones were very excited and it was a lovely gesture.

Please remember if you need to discuss any aspect of your child’s education I am always available. Until next week.

Take care

Peter Neilsen

Relieving Principal

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**Secondary News**

**Primary Recognition Assembly**

This Thursday Primary students will be recognised at our Primary Recognition Assembly. Students will be presented with certificates acknowledging success in many aspects of their schooling. Awards will cover areas such as achievement in subject areas and sport, as well as application of PBS values. We hope that you will be able to share in your child’s success and attend the event. The program begins at 11.30am in the school gym. Students will return to class after the assembly. I would like to remind parents that if you wish to sign your child out of school after the event a reason needs to be entered into the sign out book.

I would also like to make parents aware that our major academic achievement and sporting awards will be presented at the whole school Presentation Evening on Thursday 12\(^{th}\) December. Students receiving an award at this assembly will receive an official invitation shortly.

**Three-Day Event**

One of the most exciting events of the school year is just around the corner. Three-day event is an opportunity for students from Years 6 to 11 to attend a wide variety of workshops and excursions. It is a great occasion for students to mix with a wider group of peers, learn new skills, and visit exciting places. Although the events are different, these dates are normal school days; students do not have the choice to come or to stay at home. If your child does not attend any of the three days, a note or call explaining their absence is required.

If you child has not yet organised their activities they need to do so as soon as possible. Mrs Lang provides students with an opportunity to book their spaces at specified times each day. If your child requires a new note or more information they should see Mrs Lang as soon as possible. Alternatively, please call the school if you require more information.

Vanessa Willetts

Relieving Deputy Principal

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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.
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: Marlo Munnings
Diamantinas: Tully Wild
Alligators: Pip Cram
Daintrees: Fletcher Stanley
Macquaries: Zoe Cargill
Parramattas: Ananta Bajracharya
Cotters: Lachlan Clancy
Franklins: Olyssa Cuevas

Kindergarten 2014

Our 2014 Kindergarten students had another fun morning at “big school” last Wednesday where they met their Year Five buddies, made their own special hats and visited the canteen. Many of them were back again on Friday for a special performance of Thumbelina. Our next transition session is this Tuesday 26th November where the students will meet Miss Hart and take part in some more fun and educational activities. Our last transition session and parent morning tea/information session are on next week on Thursday 5th December.

P&C Raffle

Please remember to send in items for your child’s classroom raffle basket. Classroom teachers have chosen the theme and students are asked to bring in items based on this theme. The items do not have to be expensive and they will receive a free raffle ticket for each item donated. Tickets will be sent home soon and more tickets will be available from the front office and at our Carols by Candlelight.

The Primary classes and themes are:

- Franklins – kitchen
- Cotters – picnic
- Parramattas – Christmas
- Macquaries – pamper
- Daintrees – day at the beach
- Alligators – garden
- Diamantinas – breakfast
- Swans – outdoor games

Year Six

Year Six will attend their Secondary School orientation day on Tuesday 26th November. They will spend the day as Secondary School students, starting the day early at the Secondary assembly at 8.40am. They will be treated to a BBQ lunch but will need to bring food and drinks for recess as usual.

Primary Recognition Assembly

This special awards ceremony will be held on Thursday 28th November at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend to share with us in acknowledging the effort our students have put into their work throughout the year. A more formal K-12 Presentation Evening will be held on Thursday 12th December to award academic achievement.

Gold Award Excursion

All Primary students who have achieved their PBS Gold awards this year will be invited to attend a movie at the Goulburn Cinema on Monday 2nd December. These students will receive a note which will need to be returned as soon as possible so that we can confirm the numbers with the cinema. If your child has received 20 awards but has not yet received their gold certificate they will need to take their awards to Mrs Davis by Tuesday 26th November to be included in the Goulburn excursion.

Year Six Farewell

We are trialling a new format for our Year Six farewell events this year. There will be a formal Farewell Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 11th December at 10am, followed by morning tea. We will then have a Primary Disco after lunch between 1.30 and 3pm. This will enable the students who live out of town to attend the disco without the need to go home first. Students who wish to dress up for the disco will be able to bring their clothes to school and change into them at lunch time. We will send home more information closer to the date.

Christmas Concert

This year’s Christmas concert will be held on Friday 6th December at 11.30am. Classroom teachers will send home information about props and costumes this week.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

BCS fires up for the RFS

On November 8th, heaps of cakes were brought in by the Primary students of Braidwood Central School in the hope of raising lots of money to help the local NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). This was a great effort from all kids K-6 (especially Year 6 with the organising) and Primary SRC.
We couldn’t have done it without the great support of Ms Clark. We all pitched in and helped to raise almost $400! We loved dressing up in ‘fire’ colours (red, black, orange and yellow) for the mufti day that we had to celebrate the cake stall. All the kids at BCS appreciate the work RFS does to keep ourselves, homes and animals safe when there is a fire.

On 18th November the $400 we raised was presented to Chris McGrath and Danny King, members of the RFS. Everyone was pleased with the work by Braidwood Central School.

By Lucy Baumann-Lionet and Ashley Duffus (Year 6), with Ms Clark

At camp some activities we did were swimming, archery, BMX riding, kayaking, rock-climbing, flying fox and fishing. Our favourite activities were the flying fox, rock climbing and archery. In flying fox we had a talk about safety, and then we went over to where the safety harnesses and helmets were. After we got our safety harnesses on we put on our safety helmets, and then went over to the flying fox and Guss told us about climbing up the ladder to get to the top of the tower. Guss told us to ‘always be connected’ (our ‘ABCs’) which meant we had to latch the harness on to the ladders as we went up. We had to climb up two ladders to get to the top. When we got to the top we had to wait in a line of four people, then Guss hooked us up to the line and then we jumped off a platform that was 15m high and 120m long. It was scary! But fun.

Our next favourite activity was rock climbing. In rock climbing we had to listen to the other staff member whose name was Ollie. He gave us our harnesses and helmets. When he was done telling us about how to climb, we lined up and had a climb each. The wall was on the side of the flying fox tower. You had four people holding you up and when you got to the top they would let you down. When you got down you just sat down and watched everyone else have their go.

Year 5/6 Camp to Borambola

We stayed at Borambola for one week. We left Braidwood at 9:00am on Monday 11th November, then travelled to Borambola, which is near Wagga Wagga. The trip is 3 hours. When we got there we felt happy to get off the bus and exited to see our cabins. The first thing we did was have a talk with the camp staff. Their names were Guss and Ollie. Then we sorted out our cabins. In the cabins there were 12 bunk beds and there was an ensuite in most of the cabins. Every day we had four meals – breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper (plus fruit breaks in between).
Our next favourite activity was archery. Guss was our supervisor in archery. The first thing we did was sort out who is right or left handed. After we did that, we sorted ourselves into three groups. We had three shots at the target. When we finished shooting our arrows, Guss told us to go get them. When we brought them back the next group had a shot. When everyone had a shot we went to the semi-finals. Then we had five grand finalists. The winner out of the grand finalists was crowned the ‘golden archer’.

The night activities were also heaps of fun. We did group pictionary, mini Olympics to music, and heaps of other mini games. At night time our bed time was 9:00pm and lights out at 9:30pm. On the first night we didn’t sleep much, but the other nights we slept a lot because we were exhausted.

On the last day we cleaned up. We stopped at McDonalds on the way there, and the way back. We’d like to thank all the teachers that came (Mrs Sweeney, Mr Clarke and Liz Crisp) and of course all of the camp staff. We learnt so much and had heaps of fun.

By Will Shoemark and Brock McAdam, on behalf of Years 5 and 6
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

Year 8 Japanese Excursion – Cancelled
Due to low numbers of notes returned by the deadline, we have unfortunately had to cancel the Year 8 Japanese excursion to Canberra, which was scheduled to run on Tuesday 3rd December.

Library News

Scholastic Book Club
The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms will be handed out in class on Tuesday 19th November. Orders are due back on Tuesday 26th November. 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

P & C News

The P&C meets this week on Wednesday 27th November. We will be sharing mince pies and other Christmas fare while we organise the last activities of the year.

As mentioned previously, fundraising for this term will centre on providing food and goodies at the Carols evening on 14th December from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. We will be needing volunteers to help on the night and some baking ahead of time to provide cakes and slices.

The Canteen continues to need volunteers. You are probably tired of reading this – so why not help stop us having to tell you every week and come along and help out? If you have pre-schoolers who need looking after at the same time why not pair up with a friend so one of you can help and the other looks after the kids? Even if you can only come once, that’s one day’s wages we will have saved that can go to help the school.

This week Ex BCS student Kerrie Ramm will be talking about Genetic Modification in the Library at 1pm. She is a Scientist at the CSIRO. I would encourage all students interested in Science or the topic of Genetic Modification in plants to come along to Kerrie’s talk.

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

Contact the P&C

The P&C email address is bcsrandc@gmail.com or you can always contact me (Bidda Jones) directly at bidda@sharewater.net, 4842 7189 or 0422 542175.
P&C Canteen News Week 8 Term 4 2013

On Monday 2nd December (Week 9) we would like to CELEBRATE SUMMER with a Smoothie Day!!!!
Smoothies will be on sale over the counter at lunch time for $2.50.
There will be a variety of flavours
(depending on what is available from the shop Monday morning)
If you would like to PRE-ORDER you will get 50 cents off!!!!![smoothie]

CONGRATULATIONS TO MELISSA MUNDY
For the winning entry

Berry Smoothie
Ingredients:
¾ cup berries (mixed)
¾ vanilla or berry yoghurt
1/3 cup milk
Blend ingredients in blender until smooth and creamy.

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We are still in need of Volunteers; if you have a spare 3 ½ hours this term please feel free to get in contact with Heather (Mon-wed) or Maureen (Thurs.-Fri) at the canteen 48422251 or call in and visit to see what it’s all about (9am-2pm). Don’t forget it’s a fun day, the children love seeing a familiar face and to say thank you we give you a small $5 gift voucher each day that you help out.

P&C CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4

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Thank you to all of our Volunteers for giving up your precious time. If for some reason you can’t do your canteen rostered day can you please Call Heather (Mon, Tue, and Wed roster) on 48421793, Maureen (Thurs, Fri roster) on 48461147 or the canteen (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) on 48422251. Thank you from the Canteen Staff

We are now offering a $5 voucher for volunteers to use at the canteen!!!
Advertisements

Cleaners required for the Braidwood area in 2014. Experience in cleaning schools and government offices would be an advantage but not essential, as full training will be provided.

For further information and requirements on this position, contact Mark Green on 0418999368.

Netball will NOT be on, on Monday 2nd December.
George Story

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Braidwood, Cnr Wilson St & Kings Hwy, Braidwood.

Monday 2 December, 9.30am – 3.30pm (40 more donors needed)

If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can make an appointment online or call us on 13 14 95.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Australian Red Cross Blood Service