**Braidwood Central School**

**NEWSLETTER**

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**Principal’s News**

As this will be the last newsletter for 2013 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support while I have been relieving as Principal of our great school: BCS. I would also like to wish our children and their families a safe and Happy Christmas and holiday. Please refer to information contained in this newsletter for finishing dates for 2013 and commencement dates for the 2014 school year. I hope to see you at our inaugural Presentation Evening and at our Carols by Candlelight. If not Merry Christmas and I will see you all in the New Year.

**Christmas concert**

Last Friday saw our Primary classes perform their Xmas concert to a large gathering of family and friends of the school. Well done to all children and teachers I really enjoyed the concert as did all that I spoke with.

**Best Start appointments for Kindergarten children starting in 2014 will be on Wednesday 29th January, Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January. Please contact the school to make an appointment.**

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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**

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**Braidwood Central School Invites you to their**

**First Annual Carols by Candlelight**

Saturday 14th December

6pm – 8.30pm

Performances by local musicians including The Cantors and The Brass Band

The P&C will have a food stall selling hotdogs, cakes, slices and drinks
Sculpture Success
Congratulations to our students in the Wednesday’s Metal Sculpture Program under leadership and instruction from Suzie Bleach and Andy Townsend. The students work “A School of Fish” has won the People’s Choice Award at the recent Centenary Celebrations of Canberra sculpture event at Lake Tuggeranong Art Centre. Well done and we look forward to the sculpture program continuing in 2014.

Victor Chang Science Award
Congratulations to Peter Ennis of Year 11 for being awarded the Victor Chang Science Award. Peter will be presented his award tomorrow at Wollongong University in front of his family and Mrs Stephens, his Year Adviser.

Peter receives this award for his commitment to Physics, Chemistry and Biology in Year 11.

Yearly Reports
All Secondary student Yearly reports will be mailed home this week. Primary students will receive their report from their class teacher by the end of the week. If you need to discuss the contents of the reports please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Secondary Recognition Assembly
Tuesday at 11:30 will see Secondary students recognised for their achievements this year in an assembly. Parents are welcome.

PBS Rewards Day @ Jamberoo
Approximately 30 Secondary school students who achieved Gold level in the schools PBS program will be rewarded on Wednesday with a visit to Jamberoo Fun Park. Well done to so many students attaining gold level.

Year 6 Graduation & Disco
Year 6 students will be graduating from Primary school this Wednesday 11th December with a special assembly at 10am. This will be followed by a disco in the afternoon between 1.30-3pm.

Inaugural Presentation Evening
Students and Parents who are receiving a major award will be celebrated at our Presentation Evening this Thursday 12th December starting at 7pm in the school gym. This is a formal occasion with many special guests. All students are to be in full school uniform and arrive at the Gym by 6.40pm. Family, friends and community members are welcome to help celebrate these achievements. Primary and Secondary School Captains will be inducted at this ceremony. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening. All welcome.

BCS Carols by Candlelight
Don’t forget this Saturday night BCS will be hosting Carols by Candlelight on the schools’ Police paddock. Many students from both Primary and Secondary and community groups will be performing. BCS P&C will be holding food stalls and selling glow candles and glow sticks. All welcome.

Secondary 3 Day Event
Next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students in Years 6-11 will finish the school year by participating in a vast array of activities including, cooking, craft, fishing, hiking, ice skating, shopping in Canberra, movies show team to name a few. Only students who have demonstrated positive behaviour have been invited to participate. Many thanks to Mrs Marg Lang for her coordination of this event.

Primary 1 Day Event
Kinder to Year 5 will spend Tuesday 17th December participating in their one day event a smaller version of the 3 day event with a variety of fun, activities to finish the school year.

Staff Development Days
Wednesday 18th December is the last school day for all students. The school will be open until Friday 20th December. Staff will be undergoing Professional Development and planning on these days. The Front Office will be open as usual. School resumes in 2014:

Kindergarten
- Monday 3rd February
- Years 1 – 6 and Year 7
- Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12

Mrs Faviell Retires
Next week will be the last week at BCS for Mrs Maureen Faviell School Administration Manager. Many parents and students have known Mrs Faviell as she has worked at BCS since 1974. Throughout this time Mrs Faviell has contributed to the development of current administration practices in the school. When Mrs Faviell first commenced work at BCS much of the work was done by hand in large ledgers and by typewriters.

Mrs Faviell has seen the introduction of computer technology into office administration. I would like to commend Mrs Faviell for her loyalty and commitment to the BCS community. She has assisted a number of generations of students and their families through their education at the school. The way in which she has supported the staff of BCS is greatly appreciated. I wish her a happy and healthy retirement and know she will
maintain the many links she has with Braidwood Central School. A retirement Function will be held for Mrs Faviell in March 2014.

**Other Staff Changes**

Farewell to Mr Ravin Reddy who will be moving with his family to take up a new position at a Primary School in Cootamundra. I would like to thank Mr Reddy for his contribution to our school during the time he has been at BCS. I wish him and his family all the best for their future. Mr Jordan Creenaune has been a fantastic addition to the English department at BCS this year. Mr Creenaune came to BCS for a 6 month contract and has stayed for the full 12 months. He has been a great teacher and we would have loved if he could have stayed with us, however, the desire to travel the world has been too strong. I would like to thank Mr Creenaune for his contribution across the school this year and wish him all the best in the UK. We hope you will return to BCS one day.

Thankyou also to Dr Stanton who has filled in for Mr Brian Oxley who took leave this year. Mr Oxley will return in 2014 and Dr Stanton will return to Yass High school. I would like to thank Dr Stanton for his contribution to the HSIE faculty

Mrs Rebecca Edwards has been working with Macquaries this year. Mrs Edwards has made a huge contribution to this class and to the Primary Department. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Many thanks to the Permanent, Temporary and Casual teaching and Support Staff for your wonderful efforts in providing quality education and support for the students at Braidwood Central School

Finally a big thank you to the P&C and other parent and family helpers in the school. Your efforts in supporting educational and extracurricular activities are greatly appreciated and certainly have not gone unnoticed.

I wish all our community a wonderful festive season and holiday and look forward to working with you all in the capacity as Deputy Principal when Mr McClure returns in Term One 2014. Your support during the last term has been appreciated.

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal

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**Deputy News**

**Secondary Recognition Assembly**

On Tuesday 10th December the achievements of our Secondary students will be acknowledged at a day time assembly. Presentations will be made to acknowledge the achievement and effort that students have made in their individual classes. In addition, the champions for swimming, cross country and athletics will be formally recognised. We invited all parents of Secondary students to attend the assembly which will be commencing at 11.30am in the school gym.

**Presentation Evening**

On Thursday 12th December the school will be celebrating the major achievements of all of our students. Awards for 1st in year and academic achievement will be presented and the sports persons of the year will also be announced. In addition, our new school captains will be formally inducted into their roles and a number of special awards will also be presented. Former student, Mr Pat Martin, will be returning to the school to deliver a special address. Pat recently received the Dean’s Award from Wollongong University recognising his superior achievements in his tertiary studies. There will be a light supper at the end of the evening. Formal invitations have been sent to the parents of award winners. All members of the school community are welcome to join us as we honour the success of our students.

**Uniform**

This week is the final formal week of schooling for secondary students. It is important that students
continue to wear school uniform throughout the week as many public events will be held. I understand that some students have outgrown their current uniforms and that new ones will not be purchased until the start of the year. However, I do ask for your assistance in ensuring that students are appropriately attired. In particular, pastel coloured shorts, shirts with slogans, and ‘short’ shorts are not to be worn to school.

Uniform is mostly an option for students during three day event. However, students still need to be attired in an appropriate manner as they are representing the school. Again, items such as shirts with slogans or very short skirts, dresses and shorts are not appropriate for the venues that students will be visiting.

If you have any questions regarding uniform or clothing choices for three day event please do not hesitate to contact me.

Road Safety
At this busy time of year there is a lot more traffic around the school. As such it is a great time to remind your child to cross at the crossing.

Thank you
Vanessa Willetts

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: Angus Potter
Diamantinas: Pyper Critchlow
Alligators: Patrick Shea
Daintrees: Jaiden Hennes-Flood-Smith
Macquaries: Mayyne Prothero
Parramattas: LJ De Vera
Cotters: Louis Munnings
Franklins: Lucy Baumann-Lionet

Christmas Concert
Approximately 320 parents, grandparents and other visitors packed the hall to watch our Christmas concert. The changed format of having the students enter from backstage gave the audience more seating room and helped make the concert run more smoothly. All classes watched the dress rehearsal on Thursday so the children didn’t miss out on seeing the items by other classes.

Special thanks must go to Mr Ross Waples, Miss Elisa Bryant, Mr Richard Allen, Keaka Dennis, Morton Ennis, Carl Foreman, Mrs Mary Appleby and Miss Laurel Clark for their work on and before the day. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who helped by providing costumes and props and helped the children dress on the day. Very special thanks of course to the classroom teachers and the students who put in so much effort to prepare items and prepare such an entertaining show.

Our goal for next year’s concert and weekly assemblies is to set up special choir microphones for the hall which will greatly assist in adding volume to the children’s voices. An order form will be sent home soon if we are able to sell copies of the concert DVD.

Return Dates for 2014
Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 29th January. Best Start assessments for our new Kindergarten students will take place on Wednesday 29th January, Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January. Most parents of our new Kindergarten students have already booked a time for their child’s Best Start assessment but please contact the school if you or someone you know does not have a time booked. The school year for Kindergarten 2014 starts on Monday 3rd February.

P&C Raffle
Braidwood Design Centre has generously donated a made to measure sunscreen blind to the value of $500 to the P&C raffle as a separate item to the baskets. Please remember to send in items for your child’s classroom raffle basket. The items do not have to be expensive and students will receive a free raffle ticket for each item donated. Tickets have been sent home and more tickets will be available from the front office and at our Carols by Candlelight. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of school and winners will be notified by phone if they are not able to be present at the draw. All money raised from this P&C raffle will go towards purchasing text books for the new curriculum.

The Primary classes and themes are:

- Franklins – kitchen
- Cotters – picnic
- Parramattas – Christmas
- Macquaries – pamper
- Daintrees – day at the beach
- Alligators – garden
Year Six Farewell
There will be a formal presentation assembly on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am to present our outgoing Year Six students with their graduation certificates, followed by morning tea for Year Six, their parents and teachers. 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. More information has been sent home but if you have any questions or concerns please contact the front office or your child’s classroom teacher.

Carols by Candlelight
We understand that this is a busy time of year for families and that some will be unable to make it to Carols by Candlelight. However, some Primary classes have been asked to present their Christmas Concert items at the Carols. Notes have been sent home with your child if his/her class is performing. Please return these notes as soon as possible or ring the school if your child is able to attend so that the classroom teachers know how many students they will have.

Mrs Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Year 6 Graduation Events: Please send in a plate of food for the disco
Year 6 will be farewelled through two special events taking place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The formal graduation assembly will start at 10am. Among the formalities, Year 6 will receive their graduation certificates and a gift from the school. At approximately 11am the assembly will finish and Year 6 and their special guests and teachers will enjoy morning tea together. This will be provided by our secondary hospitality students.

The second part of celebrations is just as important – the disco! All K-6 students are invited to party with Year 6. It will run from 1:30pm-3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December. **It is asked that students Years K-2 bring a savoury plate to share; and students Years 3-5 bring a bowl or plate of sweets to share.**

All students must wear full school uniform to school on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Students are welcome to bring a change of mufti clothes for the disco.

Parents/Carers of Year 6 students should have received their invite to the Formal Assembly last week. Please call the office with numbers attending (ph. 4842 2249). Thank you for supporting this very important time for Year 6.

Mrs Sweeney, Mr Clarke and Year 6

Primary and Secondary News

Tennis Fun Day
On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Year 12 SLR students ran a Tennis Fun Day for Infants and Junior Primary children. Kindergarten, K-1, 1-2 and 2-3 classes had the opportunity to get involved. The students participated in a range of basic tennis activities which were focused on developing fundamental movement skills and having fun. Despite the hot weather, everyone had a great time, with plenty of smiles and red faces at the end of the each session. A special thank you goes to Nick Fry, from the Braidwood Tennis Centre for the use of their facilities. Also to Bendigo Bank for being such a great supporter of community activities, and Tara Paxton for volunteering her time and expertise.

Library News
Could all students please start to return their Library books to the Library as soon as possible. An amnesty on all books from the Library, past and present.

Canteen News

P&C Canteen News Week 10 Term 4 2013
We would like to invite all of the Canteen Volunteers from 2013 to a **THANK YOU Afternoon Tea** at 2pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the canteen. We will have some yummy cakes, slices, tea and coffee to say a big thank you for giving of your time to help out the P&C run canteen. Anyone interested in helping out next year is also invited. Even if you just want to come for a look in to see what it’s all about?

P&C CanteEN ROSTER TERM 4

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Thank you
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 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday roster) on 48421793, Maureen (Thursday, Friday roster) on 48461147 or the canteen (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) on 48422251. Thank you from the Canteen Staff.

P&C News

Volunteers needed for Carols by Candlelight
The P&C is catering at this upcoming event by providing food (hot dogs, cakes and slices), drinks and selling glow sticks and ‘safe’ candles for the audience to hold. Can you volunteer some of your time to help with the BBQ, selling food from the canteen, selling glow sticks, making cakes/slices to sell, setting up or cleaning up?

When: Sat 14 Dec 2013
Time: grab your half-hour slot from 5pm to 9pm
Call: Veronica McClure 4842 2645 or 6128 5095
Email: bcsandpc@gmail.com or mcclurer@tpg.com.au

Xmas raffle street stall
A street stall has been booked for Friday 13th December to sell raffle tickets – if you are able to help out on the stall, please contact the P&C. The longer we can keep the stall going, the more tickets we will be able to sell.

Sign designer or artist needed
We need a fund-raising barometer sign for next year so people can track our efforts and to reach a target amount. If you are a sign writer or artist and would like to help us design and paint an HUGE sign for the front of the school for our textbook fundraising campaign, then please contact the P&C.

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

The Summer Reading Club will once again be taking place at the Braidwood Town Library throughout the summer holidays.

The theme this year is Investigation but you can read any books that interest you.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success with over 35,000 children taking part across Australia and over 260,000 books were read.

At the Braidwood Town Library Summer Reading Club activities will run from 9 December until 23 January.

Registration is FREE! When participants register at our library they will receive a Summer Reading Club pack.

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