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**Principal’s News**

**RFS Cadets Graduate**

Nineteen Year 9 students graduated on Friday from the Rural Fire Service Cadet Program with their pass out parade and graduation ceremony on the school oval in front of students, teachers, parents, RFS personnel and other special guests. I would like to thank the local volunteers who gave up their time to train our students. Many thanks in particular to Mrs Chris McGrath and Mrs Jill Clarke for their support and work to ensure the program continues to be a success after seven years.

**Yr11 prepared for HSC Year**

Year 11 returned to school on Friday afternoon from their Study Skills Camp. The students undertook sessions in study skills to prepare them for their HSC year as well as some recreational activities. Many thanks to Mrs Stephens, Mr Drury and Mr Creenaune for accompanying the students.

**Work Experience continues**

Year 10 students continue work experience this week in a variety of different work places both locally and away. I heard lots of really positive reports about the students’ placements last week.

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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**
4842 2251

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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
PBS Gold Excursion
Primary students who attained Gold level in our Positive Behaviour for Success program will be rewarded today by attending the movies in Goulburn. Congratulations to these students.

Learn to Swim Program
Selected Kinder to Year 4 students will commence the learn to swim program this week. The students will participate each day from 12pm-2pm.

NRL visit
Between 11am-1pm today The NRL will be visiting the school to conduct workshops with students in K-6 who are not involved in the PBS Gold day or the Learn to Swim Program.

Industrial Action
All students who were at school on Friday should have taken home a note outlining details of a proposed Teachers Federation stop work meeting on Tuesday morning 3rd December. Members of the Teachers’ Federation will be at a stop work meeting from 9am-11am. At this point in time during the proposed industrial action BCS will be staffed sufficiently to provide safe supervision of students. Normal operations will commence by 11am.

The proposed Year 7 Orientation Day will proceed as normal. School bus and school start times will remain unaffected.

Yr7 Orientation Day
I would like to welcome our incoming 2014 Year 7 students from BCS and other feeder primary schools to our Orientation Day on Tuesday 3rd December. The Orientation Day will not be affected by the NSW Teachers’ Federation stoppage proposed for Tuesday. Students are to attend school as normal. Activities have been planned to allow students to taste Secondary school life, get to know their way around, have some mini-lessons and group work activities. Lunch will be provided. After lunch students will attend the Braidwood Pool to undergo a swimming assessment in preparation for the swimming carnival at the start of 2014. Any queries please contact the school.

Tennis Fun Day K-3
Students in K-3 will participate in a tennis clinic on Wednesday organised by Mr Sam Wilson. Many thanks to Mr Wilson for giving his time to the younger students in the school. Mr Wilson is a tennis coach in the Batemans Bay area and we are fortunate to have his skills here within our school.

Next Kinder Transition
Thursday 5th December is our next Kinder Transition Day. starting at 10am. Please spread the word to other parents who may not have this information.

Primary Xmas Concert
All parents and community members are invited to our annual Primary Xmas concert on Friday 6th December starting at 11.30am in the school hall. This is always a great concert and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

On the Horizon
The major events of next week include : Tuesday 10th December Secondary Students Recognition Assembly 11:30 in the school gym; Wednesday 11th December Secondary PBS Gold Reward Day at Jamberoo Fun Park; Thursday 12th December Presentation Evening 7pm in the school Gym, all welcome. This year BCS will be posting yearly reports to parents and carers. The Reports will be posted home in Week 10. Saturday 14th December BCS carols by Candlelight on the Police Paddock.

As we enter the very busy end of the year please remember that I am always available if you need to discuss any aspect of your child’s schooling. Hope to see as many as possible at our planned events over the next few weeks.

Mr Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal
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.

Braidwood Central School Cadets

Last Friday 19 Year 9 students from Braidwood Central School graduated at the conclusion of the 7th Secondary Schools Cadet Program on the school oval. Each and every student is a credit to themselves and their school eagerly waiting to be picked up at the front gate by the RFS bus for transportation to the Braidwood Fire Control Centre for the day’s tasks. Each and every Cadet completing every task that was part of the course.

The course is designed to be a learning and fun experience. I am sure that this was what the Cadets acquired as their assessment results showed. A very positive outcome for the CADETS, RFS and BCS. Job well done Cadets thanks for the opportunity and remember Revision, Revision, Revision.

Chris McGrath
Cadet Coordinator
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: Reegan Saunders
Diamantinas: Amellia Malley
Alligators: Tayla Percy
Daintrees: Leroy Campbell-Davys
Macquaries: Hattie Cram
Parramattas: Aingeal Gray-Smith
Cotters: Callaum Doyle
Franklins: Jack Sephton

Miss Kerrie Smith and Mrs Wendy Davis will be attending a special function in Nowra this Wednesday to celebrate Miss Smith’s graduation as a Reading Recovery trained teacher. Miss Smith has been working throughout the year to learn new skills to guide Year One students through this important and beneficial reading and writing program. We are very fortunate to have the Reading Recovery program at our school and we would like to thank Miss Smith for taking on this vital teaching role this year and into 2014. Congratulations Miss Smith!

Kindergarten 2014
Our 2014 Kindergarten students enjoyed a busy morning of activities with Miss Hart last Tuesday. Our final transition session is on this Thursday 5th December. While the children enjoy some activities in the classroom with Miss Smith we would love to meet all the parents of our 2014 Kindergarten class in the library at 10am for an information session and morning tea.

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 students 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 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.

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

Christmas Concert
All Primary classes are very busy practising for this year’s Christmas concert which will be held this Friday 6th December at 11.30am. Everybody is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there. Please make sure your child has their costume ready by this Thursday for the dress rehearsal. If you are having trouble finding the items needed please let your child’s class teacher know.

As a K-12 Central school we are very fortunate to have access to a wide range of extra curriculum activities and expertise not available to students in most other K-6 schools. All Primary classes have enjoyed a number of cooking lessons with one of our Secondary Food Tech teachers, Ms Baumann in the Food Tech room. Ms Maddern and the Hospitality students have prepared delicious morning and afternoon teas for our visitors on days such as Grandparents’ Day. Students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six have benefited from team teaching lessons and small group extension work with High School Maths and English teachers, Ms Sargeson, Mr McClymont, Mr Fanning and Mr Raj. Mr Waples has taken all Primary classes for music lessons each week and given them access to a wide range of instruments and experiences they otherwise may not have. A large group of Primary students had the opportunity to work with our Secondary Drama teacher Ms Bryant and Mr Waples on the Prince Cinders production. Ms Lang has shared her expertise in Science with Primary teachers and students at various times such as when all classes visited the roller coaster display and demonstrations. We would like to sincerely thank all of these Secondary teachers and others who have stepped in at different times for sharing their expertise and knowledge with our Primary students in 2013.

Asian Folktales
All Primary classes have been invited to attend a performance of Asian Folktales by the Year 7 Drama class next Monday 9th December. We are looking forward to this performance which will no doubt be another entertaining and professional performance put on by our
Secondary students under the expert guidance of Ms Bryant.

**Year Six Farewell**
There will be a Formal Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 11th 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. Mrs Sweeney and Mr Clarke have provided more details further on in the newsletter.

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 11th 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 11th 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 11th.** 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

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**Talking in the Library**
On Friday 6th December, 1pm in the Library, Ian Cargill will be giving a talk on NSW Fire Rescue Service. If you are interested in having a career in the fire service and want to be a Fireman/Woman when you grow up come along.

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.

Mel Jeffery
Library

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**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: Saturday 14th December 2013
Time: grab your half-hour slot from 5pm to 9pm
Call: Veronica McClure 4842 2645 or 6128 5095
Email: bcspondc@gmail.com or mcclurer@tpg.com.au

**Xmas raffle street stall**
A street stall has been booked for Fri 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.

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

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**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.
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.

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‘Off the Wall’
Summer Exhibition
Braidwood Community Arts Centre
45 Wallace St, Braidwood
14th Dec 2013 to 27th January 2014
10am to 3pm weekends only
Opening Event & Christmas Party
Thursday 12th Dec. from 6.30pm
Artwork submission dates Sun 8th Dec 1-6pm & Mon 9th Dec 10-3
Registration forms available from
the Arts Centre & www.bragart.com.au

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Gundilion Community Hall Christmas Party
Saturday 21st December 2013
Come along and join us as we celebrate this valued Christmas tradition. All members of our community are invited to attend and share in the family fun. The day starts at 1:30pm sharp, commencing with games for the children. Santa will be arriving at 4:00pm with presents for the children 10 years and under. A barbecue tea will be provided from 5:00pm onwards but we do ask each family to bring a plate (cakes, slices fruit etc) please.
Would you please advise Di Izzard by Friday 6th December 2013 of names and ages of any children eligible for a present who will be attending? As usual we will run a raffle and have a few competitions for young and old. This is a great opportunity to celebrate with our community; catch up with friends and enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter. Price of entry $6 per person, payable on the day at the gate.

Presents
Di Izzard 48475095

Enquiries
Lyn Hart 48422710
Chantelle Hindmarsh 48471170
Janine & Jason Hindmarsh 48421355
Mandy O'Brien 48471181

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Sing Baby Sing
MUSIC FOR BABIES PRE SCHOOLERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Come and have some fun singing, rhyming, moving and playing. Suitable for children 4 months to 4 years

Starts in Braidwood Monday 3rd February: sessions at 9.15 and 10.15
Starts in Bungendore Thursday 6th February: sessions at 9.15, 10.15 and 11.15

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Phone Merrilyn on 48421276
www.findyourmusic.com.au

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http://www.braidwood-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
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