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Principal’s News

Harmony Day Celebrations a Great Success
Harmony Day celebrations at BCS were a great success. Held in conjunction with a PBS Assembly the day culminated in a wide variety of foods representing many different nationalities. I would like to congratulate all of the teachers and students involved and, especially, the caregivers and parents who sent in a wide variety of food. Organised by Mr Iain Yule, Head Teacher Secondary Studies, the day involved teachers, staff and the community working together to reflect the multicultural diversity of our nation.

Construction Crew Improves School Environment
The Year 10-12 Construction students have been steadily working to improve access behind the Yerrowa classroom. It is hoped that a final concrete pour can be made on Tuesday April 2nd to complete a concrete path that will make access much easier for all. I would like to thank Mr Damian Roberts, the Construction teacher and the students for putting their skills to such good effect in supporting the school environment.

Primary Public Speaking Evening
Primary students will demonstrate their public speaking skills on Wednesday April 3rd. The speeches will be held in the Braidwood Central School Library between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. I know that all of the students will deliver their personal best effort.

Year 10 History Excursion
Year 10 will undertake their mandatory History excursion on Wednesday April 3rd. This is a mandatory excursion that must be undertaken by all students.

Year 12 Half Yearly
Year 12 half yearly exams will start on Thursday April 4th. They will conclude on Wednesday April 10th. I wish all students success in their endeavours.

Secondary Public Speaking
Secondary students will deliver their “Radical Leaders” public speaking speeches on Thursday April 4th in the library. Please be at the school at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. BCS has built up a proud tradition in public speaking over the past five years. This event is designed to provide experience and confidence to our speakers before selections are made for competition.

Year 11 VET to be made “Work Ready”
Year 11 VET students will spend a large part of Friday April 5th receiving training that will help them with their work placements. This is an essential part of their development as the students move through the senior school and prepare themselves for the workforce.

Please read the important information on the following page
The P&C Desperately needs you!

The P&C held its AGM — sadly only five voting members turned up and we failed to fill two of the key Executive positions. With the end of Term 2 fast approaching, we will be in desperate straits this year if we fail to find a new Secretary and President.

Having a functioning P&C is essential to the running of the school — without it there would be NO CANTEEN, NO UNIFORM SHOP, and NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT for school excursions, crucial equipment and teaching resources. In the current economic and political climate, our school needs the P&C more than ever.

For the past three years, Cathy Owen has done a marvellous job as President, but now she needs a break. We also need one or two people to take on the job of Secretary. The two Vice-Presidents are both old hands and can offer a new person all the support they need to take on these roles. It’s really not that difficult. If you care about BCS and want to ensure it offers the best start in life for your kids, please consider taking on one of these jobs.

What does it involve?

- **President** — chairing meetings, representing the P&C at school functions, liaising with the Principal and other staff.

- **Secretary** — taking Minutes of the meetings, writing notices for the newsletter, writing occasional letters (with assistance from other members).

If you are willing to help out, or want to find out more, please get in touch with Bidda Jones (bidda@sharewater.net) or Amanda Flack (ma.flack@bigpond.com).

The next meeting of the P&C will be Week 3 of Term 2, on Wednesday 15 May at 7.00pm where we will hold a special second AGM to elect the remaining Executive positions.

Deputy News

NAPLAN

Please find attached a copy of the NAPLAN letter to parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The letter outlines the requirements for the NAPLAN tests held at the school on May 14th, 15th and 16th.

Students will also bring home a copy of the letter. If you have any queries please contact Peter Neilsen, Deputy Principal on 48422249.

Return Dates for Term 2

Staff Development Days
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April

All students return to school Wednesday 1st May

Mrs Ro Richardson
Mr P Neilsen
Deputy Principals

Secondary & Primary News

Secondary Sports News

Two more Soccer matches coming up this term are:

- **Bill Turner Trophy for Junior Girls 15 years and under** (born 1998 or later).
  Rd 1 versus Karabar High School at Lambert Park, Karabar on Tuesday 9th April. Bus fare $15 + Permission Note + Medical Form (if not already submitted in 2013).

- **Bill Turner Cup for Junior Boys 15 years and under** (born 1998 or later).
  Rd 1 versus Yass High School in Yass before 12th April. I am hoping for a confirmation of date and venue soon.

Dimity Borra
Representative Sport Coordinator

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is operating again this year. Mr McClymont is 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.

**Norta Norta Program**
The Norta Norta Program is a tutoring program for Aboriginal students to get extra support in Numeracy and Literacy. The NSW Department of Education provides schools with financial assistance to employ tutors to assist Aboriginal students with their Literacy and Numeracy. Our small funding grant will allow Braidwood Central School to run a program of approximately 5 to 6 hours a week over the Second Semester. Tutors will work directly with the students in the classroom. Tutors will assist teachers in the classroom in the delivery of the teaching program. There is a role statement attached to this newsletter. Applications are invited for the Tutoring positions, with interviews held early next Term. It is envisaged that there will be more than one successful applicant, and the hours of work will be shared. Applications are open to qualified and non-qualified persons equally. NSW DEC is an equal opportunity employer, and this role is open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous applicants. For further information contact Iain Yule at BCS.

**Primary News**

**Bring Back Blue notes**
Over the past few years we have had many occasions where students have missed out on special events or on the day of the event staff have rung parents to obtain permission. We don’t like students missing out, but ringing individual parents takes up a lot of time and we cannot always do this. To assist parents and students in remembering to return permission slips, notes, money etc to school, all notes which need to be returned will be printed on blue paper. Notes will be issued in advance and reminders included in the weekly newsletter. Thank you to those parents who return notes promptly and we would appreciate it greatly if everyone also do so.

**Easter Hat Parade**
Our Easter Hat Parade was once again a huge hit with students and visitors. The students put in a lot of work making their hats at school and they looked fantastic. It was lovely to see the Pre-Schoolers proudly wearing their hats they made with the help of Year Six students. The judges had a very difficult time choosing winners so special thanks must go to Mrs Richardson, Mr Neilsen and Mrs Howard for taking on this difficult task. We would also like to thank Mr Richard Allen for setting up the sound system and ensuring that the children could hear the music while they paraded in their hats.

**Harmony Day**
We were overwhelmed by the variety of food provided by parents for our Primary Harmony Day celebrations. Students were able to sample food from a range of different cultures and family recipes. Our SRC students created posters to explain the significance of the food to the families who provided it and these posters will be displayed around the school during the next few weeks. The SRC students put in an amazing effort to set up the food stalls, serve the food and clean up afterwards. They worked tirelessly all day, foregoing their lunch and recess breaks and we are very grateful for their efforts. Thank you to everyone who provided a plate of food and thanks also to Miss Clark for her efforts in working with the SRC to make the day such a success. All money raised will go towards reducing the costs of excursions for all Primary students.

**Making Friends**
Our first in-school performance for this year is Making Friends. All Primary students will be attending this performance on Thursday 11th April. Making Friends is aimed at all age groups and uses verse, rhyme and imaginative texts to entertain and engage the students. It looks at interpersonal relationships, accepting, fitting in and dealing with bullying. It gives students easy to remember strategies for making friends and solving conflicts.

The cost of the performance is $5.00 per student which must be paid to the front office before Wednesday 3rd April. A separate note has been sent home with every student but if you have misplaced the note or not received one please see your child’s classroom teacher or the front office.

**Secondary News**

**Assessment in English, Drama and Music**
As term one is drawing to a close all students from Years 7 to 12 will have completed some form of assessment task in English, Drama, and Music. The teachers of these subjects have been pleased with the standard of work submitted. However, a few issues have arisen that we would like to clarify.

1. **Late work**
Students always receive assessment tasks at least two weeks prior to the due date, though they are often given a lot longer to complete work. Students with issues that may affect completion are therefore encouraged to consult their teacher as soon as a problem arises. Extensions will only be given when there is a real need. Work that is submitted late will receive the following penalties:
• Years 7 and 8 – a loss of 10% per day (weekends excluded)
• Years 9 and 10 – a loss of 20% per day (weekends excluded)
• Years 11 and 12 – all late work receives a zero (Board of Studies policy).

Students in Years 9 to 10 need to submit a doctor’s certificate to avoid the application of late penalties, a note from home is not equivalent. This is in keeping with Board of Studies procedures. Late work is marked on its merits and students are informed of the marks that they would have received if the task were submitted on time.

We encourage students to use their diaries and laptop calendars to manage their time. Often students receive both a paper and email version of tasks to enable them to access task requirements in multiple ways. Several parents have requested that they be emailed tasks and explanations directly. This is not only a time consuming task for teachers but also undermines efforts to have students take responsibility for their own work. As such, this will not be possible in most circumstances.

2. Plagiarism

The English, Drama, and Music faculty define plagiarism as the copying of another person’s work, colluding with another person to complete work, or reusing old assessments to meet the requirements of new tasks. The following procedures are used to deal with plagiarism:

• On the first occasion, either their class teacher or the head teacher will counsel students. During the counselling session, students are provided with alternative strategies that they can use to complete their work.
• A second offence will carry a penalty of reduced marks. This penalty will work on a sliding scale, depending upon how much of the work is original. For instance, if 50% of the task has been copied, students are only eligible to receive 50% of the task total.
• A third offence will result in students receiving zero.
• The Board of Studies procedures for dealing with plagiarism will be applied to HSC students.

We encourage students to see their teacher if they are unsure of how to complete a task. Plagiarism is also often the result of work that is completed at the last minute. As such, we suggest that students begin tasks as soon as they receive them and work on them progressively.

We are aware the formalised assessment can cause anxiety and stress for students and their families. We hope that by clarifying the procedures all students and their parents will have a common understanding of the process. If you have questions about the procedures or a specific assessment task please contact me at the school.

Vanessa Willetts
Head Teacher English, Drama, and Music

English Teachers at the Homework Centre – How we can help

The homework centre is in its second year of operation and the number of students attending continues to grow. This year Mr Creenaune and Ms Sargeson have joined the teachers operating the centre. This ensures that students will have access to an English teacher on both Mondays and Wednesdays. The following is a guide on the help that can and cannot be provided.

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The above guidelines also apply to help that can be provided to students via email and Edmodo. The guidelines are designed to ensure that access to teacher support is fair and equitable.
If you would like further information on strategies that you can use to support your child in English, please contact me at the school.

Vanessa Willetts
Head Teacher English

P&C News

Position Vacant - Canteen Manager
BCS P&C has a vacancy for the position of Canteen Manager. Expressions of Interest are sought for this part-time position. Applications close on Tuesday 2nd April 2013. For details about the position please contact Belinda Lawson on 48422845 or email Belinda.Lawson@anu.edu.au.

Uniform Shop
With the cold weather arriving soon, don’t forget the uniform shop has polar fleece hats and scarves in stock for $6.00 each or $12.00 the pair, as well as polar fleece jackets and a few 1/2 zip jumpers in size 12 & 14. Please note that if you would like your purchases sent home with your child to include their class on the order form. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday morning from 8.30am - 9.30am and most wednesday afternoons from 3.00pm till 3.30pm. Thank you.
Sue

Permission Notes

Local Area Excursion – Infants and Primary 2013

I give _____________________ Class _____________ permission to leave the school grounds to participate in local area excursions during 2013. I understand I will be provided with details of a particular excursion at the time it is to take place and students will be fully supervised at all times. Transport for these local venues will be by school bus or students will walk to the destination.

Signed: _____________________ Date: ___________
Parent/Caregiver

The Braidwood Central School Front Office is in need of donations of girls and boys underpants size 6 and grey school shorts size 5 and 6.

Thank you

Braidwood Central School is in need of casual cleaners.

Please contact BCS front office staff 48422249

Thank you
Easter Hat Parade 2013

Winners of the Easter Hat Parade

Back Row: Ryan Clarke, Eliza Wlasak, Toby Moller, Emily Shea, Gus Munnings, Abbie Ray, Byron Matheson, Hattie Cram

Front Row: Ashley Duffus, Sam Moller, Amelia Bigg, Angus Potter, Holly Azzopardi, Lexie Dixon, Jasmine Potter, Louis Munnings
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14-16 May 2013.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17 May** – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
**GO GO GO for 0!**

0 days away

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**MISSED SCHOOL = MISSED LEARNING**

Miss 1 day each week = 1 Term each year

= 1½ years by the end of Yr 6

= 2¾ years by the end of Yr 12

*It’s not OK to be away!*
To celebrate National Youth Week 2013, Palerang Council is running a photography competition open to all young people who live in the Palerang Council area.

The theme for Youth Week is **Be Active. Be Happy. Be You.**

Why not be creative and take some photos of what this theme means to you. There are two categories in this competition:

- PRIMARY SECTION: 5-12 years of age
- SECONDARY SECTION: 13-18 years of age

The closing date for this competition is 5.00 pm Friday, 5 April 2013, and the photos will be on display in the Bungendore Council Office foyer from Monday, 8 April 2013. Judging and presentation of prizes and certificates will be held on Wednesday, 10 April 2013.

Entry forms are available from Council’s offices in Bungendore (10 Majara Street) and Braidwood (144 Wallace Street) or by telephoning 1300 735 025 or (02) 6238 8111. They may also be downloaded from Council’s website at [www.palerang.nsw.gov.au](http://www.palerang.nsw.gov.au).

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**Redback Junior Rugby**

Training for all teams commences this Thursday 3:30 at the Rec.

A trial game has been arranged for Under 12’s on Saturday April 6 at the REC v Broulee Dolphins. Please confirm your ability to play at this weeks training.

**Date: Sat April 6**
**Arrive 10am for a 10:30am start**
Come and join Braidwood Gamers

Braidwood Gamers is a new group designed to give people of all ages a place to get together and play games of all kinds. We are only just getting started but are looking to play card games (eg, munchkin, flux, game of thrones etc), board games (both traditional ones and adventure style) and even tabletop games (from warhammer to start wars miniatures).

At this stage we are trying to judge interest in the community. We are prepared to host on 1-2 nights a week and if there is enough interest will look to set up some competitive events.

There is no cost involved. We have a decent selection of games to choose from and members are encouraged to bring their favorite games. We will also be working to get two complete Warhammer 40K armies ready.

If you are interested please email us at braidwoodgamers@hotmail.com and we can try and get something happening. We would love to hear from gamers of all ages and parents are welcome to bring their kids along, after all we have a 10 year old who plays card games and we can put up a few sets of Pokemon cards for them to compete with.

Early Childhood Music at the GRC

The Goulburn Regional Conservatorium is offering Early Childhood Music Classes for children as young as 18 months old and their parents. Classes are available every Monday and Wednesday morning. The course is highly interactive and progressive and offers young children and their parents the opportunity to learn and experience music together. Watch your child’s imagination come alive to the experience of music! Enrol now for only $100 per term! Call 48321 8833.
Dreaming of Riding Horses?

The Saddle Camp

at Braidwood is perfect for beginners!

Beautiful horses and ponies provided!!

Trophies & Rosettes presented for the competitions!!

Horsemanship Day

Learn how to groom, saddle-up, ride and drive a horse and cart. Practice your new skills in a mini-gymkhana, learn about the points of the horse and receive a trophy or rosette at the end of the day!

Every Tuesday and every Saturday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm, costs $120.

Picnic Trail Ride

Ride a 5 km trail around the property and stop for a scrumptious picnic. It’s a lovely, scenic ride and you’ll hear many stories of the area’s history. Every Wednesday 10 am - 12 noon and every Sunday 9.30 - 11.30 am, costs $70.

Gymkhana

A day full of games on horse-back. Learn new horse riding skills and put them into action!

Every Thursday 10 am - 2 pm, costs $85.

Show Day

Learn how to plait up a pony and present it for showing, and learn how to compete in a leading class, riding class, dressage test and jumping competition. Trophies & Rosettes awarded.

Every Friday 10 am to 3 pm and every Sunday 11.30 am - 4 pm, costs $105.

Weekend Saddle Camp

Your own horse for the weekend!!! Learn how to groom, saddle up, ride and drive a horse & cart. Play mounted games and party games on horseback. Spotlight native animals at night, go for a Picnic Trail Ride and practice competing in a horse show.

Absolutely Girls Only! Costs $300 and strictly limited to 4 riders!

Slumber Party Special

Bring up to 3 Friends for a Weekend of Adventure. Play party games on horseback, go on a spotlighting tour at night, eat pancakes for breakfast and go for a picnic trail ride around the property in the morning. From 2.30 pm Saturday to 11.30 am Sunday.

Absolutely Girls Only! Costs $140 per rider.

Mini Adventure Rides ($22), Private Riding Lessons ($38) and Café available every day! Little Riders Parties also available!!!

See www.saddlecamp.com.au for details or

Book Now on 0417 456 093
FIND YOUR MUSIC SESSIONS IN BRAIDWOOD TERM 2

PRE SCHOOL MUSIC : SING BABY SING

Creative and playful groups for pre-schoolers from 6 months to 4 years with their parents. Singing, movement, saying and playing quality instruments. Lots of fun and a great introduction to music.
Mondays 9.30 and 10.45 at the Services club. Tuesdays 9.30 numbers permitting.
Bookings essential $80 per term and discounts for siblings.

CHILDRENS SINGING:LITTLE JILLY SINGERS

Small group singing for children from 6 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. The groups are designed to develop singing confidence, working in a group, composing, and the opportunity for performance in the community.
These sessions are held on Monday afternoons at the Services Club and bookings are essential.

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

A small number of individual sessions are available for children and adults to develop singing, song writing and playing guitar.
Sessions are tailored to the individual and the focus is on enjoying the music. These sessions can be shared with two students.

MARKET DAY SINGING

A singing for fun group session for adults held each market day from 2pm to 3.30. The group will suit both experienced singers and those who just want to have a go. The songs are chosen from a range of musical traditions including folk, world, gospel and blues. Songs are sung in parts and rounds, easy to learn and lovely to sing.

All sessions are led by Merrilyn Simmons an experienced singer, songwriter, performer and Orff trained music teacher.

For Bookings and further info about any of the classes please call Merrilyn on 48421276 or email merrilyn@findyourmusic.com.au
Braidwood Community Bank Heritage Festival invites all members of the school and community to participate in the Photographic and Old Work Boot Decorating competitions, which will be judged on the day of the Festival, being Saturday 4th May 2013. All participants are requested to complete an entry form, to be submitted with your entry on the morning of the 4th May. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the Committee at the email address below or from the website after the 1st April.

Entry forms can also be obtained from the Braidwood Central School Front Office.

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**TWO FIRES FESTIVAL BRAIDWOOD 2013**

The fifth biennial Two Fires Festival, celebrating the legacy of poet, writer, environmentalist and activist Judith Wright, will be held in Braidwood over the weekend of April 12-14, 2013.

Strong themes in Art and Literature, Environment and Indigenous issues offer over 30 program items - panels, discussions, art exhibitions, talks, talks, creative workshops, music, fine art, performance, poets' and writers' breakfast and two evening concerts.

Canberra's Chris Latham both directs and performs in the Friday night four piece chamber music concert and Shortis and Simpson and Microwave Jenny make up the bill for Saturday evening, both concerts being held in Braidwood's historic tin shed National Theatre.

Come one, come all, and enjoy. The heritage listed town of Braidwood will welcome you with open arms. You are invited to visit the festival website [www.twofirefestival.org.au](http://www.twofirefestival.org.au) to view the full program details and to purchase festival tickets online.

Children under 18 years are admitted free to festival activities. Of particular interest to young people will be events in Ryrie Park – the Zine Fair, Humpty Building with Yuin Elder Uncle Max Harrison and the Creative Re-Use workshop.
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