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**Principal’s News**

**Numeracy In service**

Today Ms Sweeney, Mr Clarke and our High School Maths teachers Mr Rajendran, Mr Fanning and Mr McClymont spent the day with Cindy Cusak a numeracy trainer working and setting into place a plan to improve numeracy across Primary and Years 7&8. This in servicing is a part of the National Partnership in Numeracy funding the school has received.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held 4.30-7.30pm on Thursday 29\textsuperscript{th} August (Week 7). The interviews will be K-6 in the Primary school block and Yr 7-11 in the school hall. Parents can make a booking via the school office in person or by phone.

**Book Week**

Book Week Parade is on this Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August commencing at 11.30am in the school gym. I am looking forward to seeing all the students dressed as their favourite book characters.

**Quota Student of the Year**

Congratulations go out to Inga Neilsen who represented Batemans Bay Quota Club at the finals of the Quota international student of the year competition on the weekend in Sydney.

Inga recently won the Batemans Bay competition and was announced runner up in the finals in Sydney. The competition involved submitting a personal resume, undergoing a half hour interview involving citizenship, general knowledge and current affairs to a panel of 3 judges, as well as delivering a prepared speech and an impromptu speech to the audience. This is a great achievement for Braidwood Central School and Public Education.

**Regional Athletics**

Good luck to the Primary students, Lily Morris (Discus) and Shania Morgan (Shotput) who will be representing our school and district at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra on Friday.

**Subject Selections**

Students in Years 8,9 and 10 were issued with booklets and information regarding subject choices for 2014 last week. The forms are due back to Ms Parsons next Monday 26\textsuperscript{th} August. Students are encouraged to seek information from the relevant staff so they can make informed decisions.

If parents need any clarification or support during this process please contact me at the school.

**Please contact me at the school if you have any issues or concerns about your child's education. I am more than happy to sit and work with you to achieve the best possible outcomes.**

Peter Neilsen  
Deputy Principal
**Deputy News**

**Bus Zones**
The front of the school is a bus zone from 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm each school day. If you are dropping or picking up your child please park your car on the opposite side of Wilson Street or in Ryrie Street and use the pedestrian crossing.

The bus drivers have had some concerns with safety as a result of parents dropping off and picking up in the bus zone.

**School Uniform**
I am very understanding that with the cold weather, finding a clean warm uniform can sometimes be difficult for families to maintain. I would like to remind the school community that BCS is a uniformed school and that we expect students to wear uniform to school each day. Jeans and coloured sweatshirts are NOT school uniform.

The P&C run a uniform shop from the school canteen or you can fill in an order form and return to the school. I would really appreciate your support in this matter.

Peter Neilsen
Deputy Principal

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**Primary News**

**Student of the Week**

Our Students of the Week are now being chosen by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis. They nominate students who consistently display our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm. Congratulations to these students:

- **Swans:** Olivia Baumann-Lionet
- **Diamantinas:** Oliver Gurling
- **Alligators:** Kiarra Morgan
- **Daintrees:** Sam Watson
- **Macquaries:** Hunter Gleeson
- **Parramattas:** Jacob Kiff
- **Cotters:** Louis Munnings
- **Franklins:** Ashley Duffus

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**
Our school’s Premier’s Spelling Bee was held last Thursday. It was a tough competition with many difficult words and all of our contestants are to be congratulated for their efforts. The winner for Stage Two was Cate Shea and the runner up was Sarah Williams. Amelia Bigg was the Stage Three winner and Lily Morris was the runner-up. These four students will now represent our school at the Regional finals at Sunshine Bay Public School on Wednesday 18th September. Good luck girls.

Thank you to Mr Julian Davies and Ms Trish Sargeson for your help with the Spelling Bee.

**Puberty Education - Calling all Year 6 Parents/Carers!**
Last Thursday evening Parents/Carers of Year 6 children were invited to attend a special session presented by Ms Jo Parsons on puberty and change. This was a great opportunity to hear what the Year 6 students have been learning about puberty. Ms Parsons’s entertaining way of dealing with often sensitive topics was enjoyed by those who attended and I’m sure parents/carers came away feeling more confident in talking to their children about puberty and change. Many thanks must go to Ms Parsons for giving up her time and to Mrs Sweeney for organising this informative session and the delicious supper.

**Book Week Parade**
This exciting parade is being held this Thursday 22nd August in the gym. Don’t forget to send in details about your child’s costume so that they can be announced during the parade.
Uniform awards

We are consistently pleased at the number of students who come to school in full uniform every day. This shows great pride in the school and ensures that all students are wearing comfortable and appropriate clothing enabling them to participate fully in all activities. Congratulations to last week’s uniform award winners: Joanna O’Connell, Nelson Sargent, Amy Clarke and Ryley Hazelton.

Jewellery at school

Please ensure that your Primary students do not wear jewellery to school. Stud or sleeper earrings, a watch and a religious necklace can be worn, but all other jewellery should be kept at home. This is a safety issue as jewellery can cause injury in the playground and it also ensures that valuable and sentimental pieces of jewellery are not lost, broken or stolen.

Mogo Zoo excursion

All Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students will be invited to participate in an excursion to Mogo Zoo in Week 9, on Wednesday 11th September. The cost of the excursion will be approximately $12 per student. More details will be provided on a separate note which will be sent home later this week.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Fathers’ Day Stall

On Thursday 29th of August, K-6 students will have the opportunity to buy a lovely gift for their dad/carer at our annual Fathers’ Day Stall.

Buyers will have the choice between a $5 or $10 gift. Please send either $5 or $10 to the office PRIOR to the day, clearly marked with your child’s name/class. This will ensure the day runs smoothly.

We will gladly accept any gifts that you would like to donate. These can be sent to school and given to Mrs Sweeney. Anyone who donates a gift will receive a raffle ticket to win a gift basket for dad.

The Fathers’ Day stall is a terrific fundraiser that helps cover costs associated with Year 6 graduation, including their gift to the school.

So please send in $5 or $10 asap, to buy a gift for a special dad.

Sarah Sweeney

Book Week Parade

We are celebrating Book Week at BCS during Week 6. Our annual Book Character Parade is being held on Thursday 22nd August at 11.30am in the school gym. This event is always lots of fun. All K-6 students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character and join in the parade.

Remember that costumes can be very simple, and the day is all about celebrating the wonderful world created by books. Characters can be from fiction or information books. Parents, relatives and friends are all welcome to come and view the parade.

The theme for Book Week this year is Read Across The Universe. Students will be working on activities relating to this theme in the next few weeks during library lessons. All students are welcome to make posters or book marks on this theme for display in the library.

Any enquiries about Book Week should be directed to Mrs Davis or Miss Scott or to your child’s class teacher.

Secondary News

Love Bites Program Comes To BCS

The LOVE BITES sexual assault and domestic and family violence prevention program is being run for Year 9 and 10 students at our school early in term 4.

What is LOVE BITES?

- LOVE BITES is an extremely successful school-based prevention program. It aims to break intergenerational cycles of domestic and family violence and the increasing rates of sexual assault, by supporting young people to develop respectful relationships.
- Young people develop the skills to identify what a safe, equal and healthy relationship is, develop respectful conflict resolution skills and problem skills and find support services in the community if they need help.
- It is based on best practice standards for prevention educational programs as recommended by the Federal Government and is part of the National Health-Promoting Schools Model.
- Over 70,000 high school students throughout NSW have participated in the program and over 2000 workers and teachers have been trained.

The LOVE BITES program consists of two interactive workshops on sexual assault and family/domestic violence and then two creative workshops. The workshops will be facilitated by members of the school’s
welfare team and outsider facilitators from Barnardos Youth and Family Support, Queanbeyan.

Although it deals with confronting issues, the program is a positive experience for students as it provides them with life skills and strategies. As such, it is expected that all students participate. If you would NOT like your child to participate in the program please return the slip at the end of this newsletter.

If you have any further questions about the Love Bites Program please contact the school and speak to your child’s Year adviser, Mrs Willetts or Mr Nielsen.

Vanessa Willetts

**Year 9 Sydney Excursion Preliminary Notice**

Planning is well underway for the Year 9 Camp to be held at the end of Term 3. We will be travelling to Sydney from Tuesday 17th September to Thursday 19th September, Week 10.

Approximate cost $300-400 including travel and accommodation and a small amount of spending money.

More information in coming weeks.

Jill Clarke
Year 9 Year Adviser

**Year 9,10 and 11 Excursion to Terra Preta Truffle Farm**

Last Friday, Year 9, 10 and 11 Food Technology students visited Terra Preta, a local truffle farm.

Our generous and knowledgeable hosts Kate, Peter and Gus spoke to us about their property and the French black truffle growing and harvesting cycles.

Dogs Shadow and Sal then showed us the way to the truffles, which our hosts very kindly let us dig up. Layered in between were several courses of delicious foods prepared with truffles, showing students the range of flavours and aromas of the truffles.

The staff and students involved really appreciated the time, energy and enthusiasm of our hosts and now have a hands on understanding of Food Trends and local produce.
Book Week - Not Just for Primary Students!
Earlier this year, students came to the SRC and asked that we support Book Week. Well Book Week is here!

The SRC will be running a guessing competition in the library this week - match the teacher to their favourite book. The primary and secondary student who gets the most correct will win a prize!

This Thursday is the Primary Parade, where students dress up as their favourite book character. The SRC would like to encourage secondary students to dress up as book characters, too!

40 Hour Famine
Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 40 Hour Famine.

More than 50 students went without modern luxuries for the weekend, and raised over $1200 for World Vision - this is $200 past our goal! Thanks so much to all the parents and community members who supported us. If you planned to donate, but didn’t get around it, it’s not too late. Donations will be open until the end of September. You can donate at http://40hf.com.au/BraidwoodCentralSchool

Alisa Stephens

Secondary & Primary News

Tournament Of Minds
This Sunday, a talented bunch of lateral thinkers will travel to Nowra to compete in the prestigious Tournament of Minds competition.

They have been working hard on their long term challenge. The Year 6 and 7 teams have chosen a Language and Literature Challenge, and the Year 8 team are doing a Maths and Engineering Challenge.

We wish them luck! Photos and a report to come next week.

Year 6 team
Myrtle Wild
Tashani Davidson-Fuller
Jasmine Potter
Ruby Gurling
Lucy Baumann-Lionet
Sophie Cargill
Lily Morris

Year 7 team
Rosie Crawford
Sophie Foy
Haddie Davies
Logan Davidson
Ariella Elliott
Georgia Garcia

Year 8 team
Sullivan Kovacs
Harvey Kovacs
Dominic Morris
Elizabeth Vella

Thanks
Mrs Sweeney

Could the following students please return the trophies that were presented to them on 2012 Presentation Day so we can prepare for 2013 Presentation Day. Thank you.

Swimming Champions
Primary Girls
Myrtle Wild
Sophie Cargill
Britney Carey

Primary Boys
Junior
Ryan Castle

11yrs
Sam Daniher

Senior
Harry Shoemark
**Secondary Girls**
*Junior*
Hannah Cargill
Catherine McDougall

*Intermediate*
Rebecca Harris
Courtney Doyle

*Senior*
Matilda Corby

**Secondary Boys**
*Junior*
Forbes Corby

*Intermediate*
Matthew Barr

**Athletics Champions**
*Primary Girls*
*Junior*
Lucy Baumann-Lionet

*11yrs*
Natasha Tisdell

*Intermediate*
Tiharn Cole

*Senior*
Forbes Corby

**Cross Country Champions**
*Primary Girls*
*Junior*
Lucy Baumann-Lionet

*Primary Boys*
*Junior*
Harry Jeffery

*11yrs*
Sam Daniher

*Secondary Boys*
*Junior*
Forbes Corby

*Senior*
Harry Shoemark

**Primary Sports Boy Award**
Harry Shoemark

**Secondary Sportswoman**
Kate Harris

**Homework Centre**
The Homework Centre will be operating again this year. 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

**Bandanas For Sale $5**
House colours. Available at the Front Office. To raise money for Canteen – kids with Cancer.

Jo Parsons

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**Library News**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms will be handed out in class on Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} August. Orders are due back on Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} August. 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* and brought to the library. 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

**Uniform Shop News**
The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30am till 9.30am Wednesday mornings and from 3.00pm till 3.30pm Wednesday afternoon. There is a box at the front office where orders can be placed at any time. If you would like your order sent home with your child please include their class.

Thanks
Sue

**Permission Notes**

**Love Bites Program Comes To Bcs**
I do NOT wish my child to participate in the Love Bite Respectful Relationship Program.

Student name: ____________________________
Year: _______
Signature: ____________________________
Advertisements

Year 10 would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets in the wood raffle to raise money for the Year 10 Formal. We raised $484 and the winner was Craig Pettit. We thank you for your support.

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3.0L - diesel
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Rego until – 28 February 2014 - NSW
Transmission - manual
Colour – silver
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8 seater
Bullbar, towbar, spot lights, bonnet protector, headlight covers
[AGF 444 Number plates will be retained by owner]
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