**Braidwood Central School**

**NEWSLETTER**

### Coming Events

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### Principal’s News

**Inga Neilsen Receives Award from the Governor of NSW**

On Monday September 16th Inga Neilsen will receive an award from the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Ms Marie Bashir. Inga’s award is one of only eight given across all education sectors in NSW; Catholic, Independent and Public. The award recognises Inga’s efforts to achieve peace and harmony in the wider community through her public speaking, especially topics such as boat people and exploitation of children in the Congo.

It was a great pleasure to nominate Inga for this award. She has achieved it off her own efforts and sense of morality. I know that everyone in our community will be as proud of her as I am.

**Information on Anaphylaxis**

This newsletter contains an important article regarding procedures relating to students diagnosed with the disposition for an anaphylactic reaction. I urge all Parents/Caregivers to read this article.

In particular, parents who have a child diagnosed as anaphylactic, a decision needs to be made as to whether the child can carry their own EpiPen or Anapen. This issue has arisen because a student died in 2011 when they were not carrying their medication, felt unwell but told no one. The outcome was tragic.

The Department is writing to all NSW General Practitioners urging them to continue to prepare anaphylaxis action plans in cooperation with the Parent/Caregiver and the local school.

Parents/caregivers who have already informed the school that their child is anaphylactic will receive a letter and form asking whether they wish to allow their son/daughter/ward to carry their own medication with them.

Parents who have given permission for their son/daughter/ward to carry their own EpiPen or Anapen will also receive a letter providing general information and confirming that this will continue to be the case.

**Year 11 Preliminary Exams**

Year 11 will begin their yearly exams on Monday September 16th. I wish all of the students good fortune as they complete their Preliminary HSC year.

**Year 9 Camp**

Year 9 will leave for Sydney on Tuesday 17th September returning Thursday 19th September. This should be a wonderful experience for the students involved. Mrs Clarke and Mr Wall will be accompanying the students.

**Touch Football at Goulburn**

Year 7&8 male and female touch football teams will travel to Goulburn on Wednesday September 18th to play in a knockout competition. I am sure that the students involved will seek to perform to their personal best.

**Primary African Rhythms Performance**

On Thursday September 19th a Primary performance afternoon will be held at 1.45pm in school hall. Please find further information within the newsletter.

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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
Year 12 2013: Last Day
Friday September 20th will be the last day that Year 12 2013 will be officially at school. Parents and caregivers are reminded that Department policy is that Year 12 students are not to be on school grounds on the night before they leave. I am sure that the Year 12 assembly will be as amusing and engaging as in past years. Details regarding the final Year 12 assembly are provided further on in the newsletter.

Rod McClure
Principal

Deputy News

School Uniform
A letter was sent to all families last week outlining the schools policy in regard to school uniform. I would appreciate it if all families could take the time to read the letter and support the school in an improvement in school uniform compliance for the start of Term 4.

Year 11 Exams
Year 11 will complete their Preliminary Final exams this week in the Gym. Students will have permission to go home or to study when they do not have a timetabled exam only when the permission slip is returned to the Front Office. Students will need to sign out of school in the Deputy’s Office when they leave.

Term 4 Dates
School holidays commence this Saturday 21st September. School resumes for all staff and students on Tuesday 8th October. Term 4 runs through until 20th December, although Thursday 19th December and Friday 20th December are pupil free days for staff development.

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: Cruz Campbell-Davys
Diamantinas: Fenix Filmer
Alligators: Angus Stuart
Daintrees: Holly Butcher
Macquaries: Sarah Williams

Parramatts: Annabel Flack
Cotters: Tyra Masland
Franklins: Shania Morgan

Mogo Zoo Excursion
Kinder, Year One and Year Two were very fortunate to have perfect weather for their excursion to Mogo Zoo last week. All students were very well behaved and they reported that they had a wonderful time. Thank you to Miss Clark for organising the excursion, Miss Hart for driving the school bus to help keep the costs down and to Mark Lionet for his assistance on the day. Thanks also to Mr Clarke for stepping in at the last minute to accompany Kindergarten. This was his first K-2 excursion in 32 years of teaching!

Shekere Beats
This exciting performance is coming to our school on Thursday 19th September, not Monday 16th as reported in last week’s newsletter. Shekere Beats samples African rhythms produced by the shekere (She-Ka-Re) and other percussion instruments. The presenter, Jonas Tandoh, will also retell stories from his childhood in Ghana to give students an understanding of the African culture. This performance will be paid for by the school and as it forms a part of the curriculum a permission note will not be required. Please inform the school in writing if you do not wish your child to attend this performance.

Breakfast Club
We have recognised that a number of our students are coming to school without an adequate breakfast or are eating breakfast very early before catching buses. This has meant that some students are tired, hungry and challenged by learning expectations when they arrive in class at 9am. We are offering a nutritional breakfast for any Primary children who need to have breakfast at school for whatever reason. It is open to all Primary students and is supervised and run by our Primary teachers and Student Learning Support Officers. The Breakfast Club operates in the Kindergarten classroom between 8.30 and 9am each school day. Students are able to have breakfast every day or just come along when they wish. Bookings are not necessary. Please notify the school in writing if you do not wish your child to eat breakfast at school.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Primary/Infants Calendar

Woolies Earn and Learn Points
This week we received confirmation that our points that we submitted in July were valid. So I went shopping with 17,470 points. The school will receive next year:
- 3 class sets of small magnetic white boards with coloured markers
- Steel white board carry baskets
- Some small hoops to share with Infants Sports and High School Science Programs
- Soccer, AFL balls

Thank you to all community members and families who supported this venture. I am sure all students will benefit from these resources in 2014.

Stage 3 Camp at Borambola.
A reminder to all parents whose children are attending this camp in Term 4, the final instalment is due at the end of this term, which is Friday 20 September. Mrs Sweeney and myself have drafted a letter to all individual families to advise them of what monies the school has received so far. A reminder that the total bill is $350. All medical notes have to be returned by the same Friday.

Finally a message from Borambola Management, they have a policy of no electronic hardware on their site. This will include mobile phones, i-pods etc. All necessary phone calls will come through staff mobiles or the Department of Sport and Recreation landlines.

Greg Clarke and Sarah Sweeney

Secondary News

Change of dates for Year 11 First Aid Course
The Royal Life Saving Society of Australia’s (RLSSA) First Aid Course originally planned for Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October 2013 has been rescheduled to be presented on the following two Wednesdays in Term 4:

Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 30th October.

To satisfy the Course requirements, students will need to attend both full day sessions as well as demonstrating the necessary competencies (as per original programme).

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in this two day course, please return the permission note that was sent home with Year 11 students with the $60 course fee to the Front Office by Friday 11th October.

Dimity Borra
Course Presenter/Examiner

Graduation Ceremony
Parents and friends of Year 12 are invited to attend the final assembly for our graduating students. The assembly will be held Friday 20th September in the school hall, commencing at 12pm. At the conclusion of the assembly Year 12 students may return home with their parents.

Year 12 Formal
Family and friends are invited to the Year 12 Formal taking place on 8th November at the National Theatre. Tickets are available from the school at a cost of $55 and must be purchased before the event.

If you have any questions about either of these events please contact the school for more information.

Vanessa Willetts
Year 12 Year Adviser

Primary & Secondary News

Year 12 Cake Stall
On Thursday 19th September, Year 12 will be hosting a cake stall for both Primary and Secondary students to raise money for their chosen charity. A stall will be set up at school for students to purchase various goodies, as well as a stall down the main street of Braidwood.

Cakes and other goodies will be on sale for prices between 50c and $2.50. Please support us by purchasing some of Year 12’s baking!

Thanks
Year 12, 2013

Homework Centre
The Homework Centre is 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

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

Jo Parsons

P&C News

Fundraising update
At last week’s P&C meeting we discussed a potential fundraising target for the coming year. Because of the national curriculum rolling out in 2014, the school is in desperate need of extra funds to buy new textbooks, so the P&C is aiming to fundraise specifically for this...
purpose. At the next meeting of the P&C (Week 3, Term 4, Wed 23 October) we will be talking about how best to do this. The P&C exists to support the school, but there are very few parents turning up to meetings, especially from primary. This makes it much harder for us to organise new activities. Our meetings are informal and friendly, there is room to raise any issues you want to talk about, and we welcome every parent/carer who comes along with open arms – so please, if you are able to help with a street stall, raffle or other fundraising ideas, or have an issue you would like to discuss, please come along.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out at the Election Day BBQ – we raised over $600 for the school to add to the $430 raised from catering for the Prince Cinders Pantomime.

Time equals Textbooks at the P&C Canteen
Every volunteer who helps in the P&C Canteen means we don’t have to pay someone to be there – that’s saving the equivalent of two maths textbooks every day. Why not start making your contribution now by helping out? You’ll receive a $5 canteen voucher, free tea, coffee and conversation, a warm glow from donating your time to a good cause and a chance to see your kids in their favourite place – school! Just call Heather (Mon-Wed) or Maureen (Thu-Fri) at the canteen on 4842 2251 and let them know what day you can come in. No experience necessary!

School A to Z website
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has a website designed to support parents and carers in understanding what their children are learning and how to help them. It includes handy mobile apps for maths, spelling and literacy, work planners, study tips and homework resources. Just go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home or search for School A to Z in your app store.

Community Engagement
Two great developments coming out of the Community Engagement process is the creation of a BCS Facebook page and the updating of the school website. If you use Facebook, make sure you ‘like’ the BCS page so you can keep updated with all that’s happening at the school. Updates and reminders about school activities are being posted all the time. And don’t forget that the website is now available on your mobile device, so you can access the school calendar and newsletters wherever you are at a touch.

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

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
IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?

What is this article about?
If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed a risk of anaphylaxis you will receive a letter from the school.

This article provides more information about anaphylaxis.

What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?
EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.

What is anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child's health care needs.

Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.
The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep the Deputy Principal, Mr Peter Neilson informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

Why you need to provide the school with your child's current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor.
The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.
We will keep a copy of your child's ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child's EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe.
It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.
Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won't get into trouble. They need to tell a teacher immediately.

Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from the Deputy Principal Mr Peter Neilson.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.
The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?
Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child’s individual health care plan.
They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).
To find out more go to the Department’s public schools website:

(ALSO ADD ANY RELEVANT LINKS TO THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE)
We are now offering a $5 voucher for volunteers to use at the canteen!!! If you can do a 3 ½ hour day, one day this term please fill out the form below. The day consist of preparing toasted sandwiches for recess, serving recess (the infants/primary line) then a break for lunch and a cuppa then preparing lunch orders and serving lunch. It is an enjoyable easy day and you can see how much the children enjoy seeing a familiar face on the other side of the counter. If you are unable to volunteer we would appreciate donations of freshly baked cakes or slices that we can sell at recess and lunch. If you even have some fresh eggs or a pumpkin from your veggie patch we would appreciate any donations. If you would like to help "FILL IN THE BLANKS" Please call Heather on 48422251 (CANTEEN) or 48421793 (HOME) or Maureen 48461147 (HOME)
# 2013 High School Uniform Order

**Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Sue Chinnery 48421380**
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*NAVY BLAZERS, JUMPERS, NAVY BOYS SHORTS/TROUSERS, ARE FOR SENIORS YR 11/12 ONLY* **TOTAL:** $8
During the **National Literacy Week - Year 4/5 Parramatta** entered a National Writing competition.
It was run by the Pen Pilot Company and Stories were judged by Andy Griffiths (Children's Author).

Below are the list of students who received awards and prizes for their exceptional short stories.

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Wednesday November 20th
Braidwood Central Schools year 7 students will be performing
devised theatre pieces from their study of ‘Experiencing Asia’.
As well as a variety of other music, dance and drama performances.

1pm in the BCS School Hall
Parents and Community Welcome


**On the lookout for Braidwood Musical Society**

Over the Christmas school holiday break, Elisa Bryant (Drama teacher at Braidwood Central School) will be producing a community based production of Pirates of Penzance. There is so much talent in the community and the six week break is a great opportunity to get a production up and running. If anyone knows how to find the Braidwood Musical Society or knows of a similar group that has been running in our area, please contact Elisa at elisa.bryant@det.nsw.edu.au.

Pending funding applications and the announcement of a director/musical director the production should be set to go ahead.

Keep an ear out for audition announcements in late October 2013.

Thanks

Elisa Bryant
Drama Teacher
Braidwood Central School

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**Lost National Theatre Keys**

The National Theatre is missing a set of keys, someone collected a set from Ms. H. Small and on asking everyone we can think of, we have not found the person who collected them.

Anyone connected with the Dracural Spectacula event could you please have a good think and ask around if you know someone who helped set up and may have needed a set of keys.

The Committee would be very grateful for the return as we cannot get new keys cut for the door lock.

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**LOST**

A red South Coast Region Athletics Carnival hoodie, possibly mistakenly taken home from Junior Soccer a few weeks ago, as it looks similar to the Kanga Cup hoodie.
You might be interested to hear - calling for expressions of interest

The Goulburn Regional Conservatorium (The GRC) is exploring the possibility of establishing a remote campus in Braidwood in 2014. Under the proposal, individual and shared music lessons would be delivered from rooms in BRAG’s Community Arts Centre. Initially, the GRC would like to offer lessons in the following instruments:
- Piano,
- Voice,
- Guitar, and
- Violin.

Establishment and expansion of a GRC Braidwood Campus to include additional instruments will depend entirely on the interest in the Braidwood Community for the establishment of its own Conservatorium campus.

If you would be interested in enrolling your child, or yourself in music lessons delivered at the GRC Braidwood Campus, you could use one of the methods to express your interest and/or ask for information:
1. On the AGM night, you can complete an expression of interest form (your details, student name, age instrument, phone number and email)
2. You can go to the GRC website and go to Enquiries > select Enquire then > in the dropdown menu select "other" and provide the details in the space provided for comments
3. Pick up a Form at the Front Office of BSC or the Arts Center when it is open and mail it to the GRC.

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**Call for Submissions from performers, musicians, vocalists, vocal groups, dance troops etc.**

This year Braidwood Central School will be producing a 'Carols on the Oval'. It is our way of branching out into the community and connecting creatively with fellow artists.

The event will be held on Saturday December 14, from 4pm - 9pm - with the opportunity to extend if we receive a large response.

There will be a COMPULSORY dress/technical rehearsal in the Braidwood Central School hall on the 8th of December 2013, 11am - 3pm. Where we will run the program and work out any difficult stage changes.

We are still in the planning stage and more information will be available as we progress; however, if you are interested in participating please forward an email through to Elisa Bryant - elisa.bryant@det.nsw.edu.au. Containing your name, your desired performance number, time length and any other information re. space and equipment you require.

The popular carols are sure to book out so please get your submissions in early.
For Sale

The following, all in good condition:

1 Queen sized bed (metal frame with wood slats) $100
2 King single sized beds (with sheets in good condition) $50 each
1 Pine Round Table and four upholstered pine chairs $150
4 Pine Armchairs $150
1 Parker coffee table $50
1 TV/Hi Fi Unit $50
1 Baby pusher (large wheels) $50
2 baby gates $50 each

Phone 48421969 or Alan 0414630154 or Florence 0428882355

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Joey Scout Fun Day

Sunday, 13 October 2013
10:00am to 1:00pm
Queanbeyan Town Park
Lowe Street, Queanbeyan
Do you like adventure? Do you like having fun?
Are you 5 -7 years of age?

Come along to Southern Ranges District’s annual Joey Scout Fun Day!
You don’t have to be a Joey Scout to join in the fun and adventures; you just
need to be 5 – 7 years old. There is heaps of fun for boys and girls with a spirit
of adventure.
Fee: $5.00 – everyone who participates will receive a cloth badge for their
camp blanket.
What do I wear? Wear sun-sensible clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Closed-in
shoes are also recommended. Joey Scouts should wear their Joey shirt and
scarf.
What do I bring? Bring a full water bottle with you, and a snack. It’s a busy day,
and you will need to keep up your energy!
Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be run after the activities, or you can bring your
own food.
Contact: Teresa Bostle, JSL 1st Bungendore Scout Group
0414 253 724
clicker.friends@bigpond.com
BRAIDWOOD AECG MEETING
( Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group )

Tuesday 17th September 2013

Braidwood Central School – Library

6.00pm

Light Refreshments provided

It would be great to see parents and carers attend the AECG meeting. Come along and discuss your Children’s education.

If you are unable to attend you may like to email / text any concerns or add some suggestions on your child / children’s education at BCS all comments and suggestions welcomed

Please contact Sherrin Murphy by
Mobile: 0409765592
Phone: (02) 48421194 or
Email: Kishketac@bigpond.com
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, __________________________ (Full name of Applicant)

Of __________________________ (Full Address for all correspondence)

Hereby apply to become a Full / Associate / Junior * Member of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated (NSW AECG Inc). In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the current Rules of the Association.

_________________________ / __/20 Date
Signature of Applicant

I, __________________________ (Full name of Proposer)

being a Full Financial Member of the Association, nominate the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for Membership of the Association.

_________________________ / __/20 Date
Signature of Proposer

I, __________________________ (Full name of Seconder)

being a Full Financial Member of the Association, second the nomination of the Applicant, who is personally known to me, for Membership of the Association.

_________________________ / __/20 Date
Signature of Seconder

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Signature of President/ Secretary Date

Forwarded to Secretariat Fax^ __________________________ / __/20
Post^ Date

* Delete as appropriate ^ Circle as appropriate
ATTN: Newsletter Coordinator

SCHOLARSHIPS TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS – CLOSING NEXT WEEK!

Urgent information for your students

Applications are closing at the end of next week for scholarships to travel and study overseas on a variety of programs with AFS Intercultural Programs – Australia’s most experienced and trusted student exchange provider.

Please include the following message in your next newsletter to alert your students to this opportunity:

“Scholarships are available to travel overseas with AFS Intercultural Programs on short and long-term programs across 56 countries worldwide. Full and partial scholarships are available for all students looking for a life changing experience abroad. The deadline for applications is 27th September. Apply now at www.afs.org.au/scholarships or call 1300 131 736”

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AFS is a non-profit, volunteer organisation with charitable status in Australia. We are a registered and approved Student Exchange Organisation in every State and Territory and a member of the Council for Australian Student Exchange Organisations (CASEO).

If you’d like to receive posters or have someone come and speak at your school, please contact us on 1300 131 736.

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