Coming Events

Monday 27th October
Regional Debating

Tuesday 28th October

Wednesday 29th October

Thursday 30th October
Primary Assembly 11.30am

Friday 31st October

Principal’s News

Grandparent Day Success
Congratulations to all of our Primary students and their teachers for a very successful Grandparents Day last Friday. Over 150 guests including grandparents, parents and special friends spent the morning visiting classrooms and participating in exciting learning and activities. The students were very excited to show off their classroom, friends and teachers and their work. At 10:15am everyone converged on the school hall to celebrate with a mini concert whereby all classes performed a small item for their special guests. Following the concert guests were served a delicious morning tea prepared by Ms Maddern and the Year 11 hospitality students. It was fantastic to spend this time meeting and chatting with many very proud grandparents and special friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the grandparents, parents and special friends who attended the school on Friday to help us celebrate.

The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe Rehearsals
Congratulations to the cast and crew of elective Drama and Ms Elisa Bryant for holding a successful rehearsal over the weekend for the upcoming production of The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe. The shows are set down for November 7th and 8th in the school hall. Bookings to be made through the Front Office. It makes me feel very proud of the huge talent base that our school has among the students and staff.

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.

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Braidwood Central School Presents

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Performance by the 9/10 Drama students and ‘Yabbies’
Performance in BCS School Hall
November 7th 6.30pm
November 8th 2.30pm & 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults $10
Concession $5
Family (4) $25

Bookings through BCS Front Office
Payments made at the door
Phone: 02 4842 2249

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

Week 4 Term 4

27th October 2014
**Regional Debating Quarter Finals**
Good luck to Ruby Gurling, Darcy Gordon, Jessie Kay and Haddie Davies, who are participating in the Regional Debating Finals today at Braidwood Central School. We wish all the students the best of luck. Many thanks to Mr Julian Davies for his ongoing efforts in supporting our students who continue to impress everyone with their debating and public speaking skills.

**Year 7-9 Assessment week**
This week is Year 7 to 9 assessment week. Many classes will be holding end of year exams and assessment are due.

**Principals TPL Batemans Bay Friday**
Just to notify our community that I will be attending a meeting at Batemans Bay on Friday and will not be in the school if you have a need to contact me please make an appointment to see Mrs Willetts otherwise I will be available on Monday.

**Year 12 Formal**
We are now in the second half of the HSC exams and all reports are that our students have found the exams to be fair with the students continuing to work hard in preparation for their remaining exams.

The Year 12 Formal will be held at Garanvale Woolshed on Friday 14th November. This function is organised by the BCS P&C with assistance from Year 11. Special mention must go to Mrs Amanda Flack for her efforts so far.

There are only 8 tickets remaining that are available to Year 12 families and their invited guests. They are available for $60 each on a first in basis

**2015 School Captains Announced**
I would like to introduce to our school community the School Captains for 2015.

The school student body will be ably led by Inga Neilsen and Forbes Corby. I am confident that these two students will not only wear their badge with pride but will also initiate and contribute to many programs and events within the school. Inga and Forbes are also fantastic ambassadors for Braidwood Central School and of public education.

The school captain process is a comprehensive process designed to replicate situations students will find themselves in after finishing school and in particular the job application process. This was the seventh year in which this process has been implemented at the school.

The process this year was coordinated by Mrs Vanessa Willetts Relieving Deputy Principal with a panel of staff including Mr Wall, Mr Guilfoyle, Mr Roberts and Ms Salzke.

Year 11 students were invited to apply for Captain and Vice-Captain positions for the remainder of 2014 and 2015. This was done by firstly completing an application form, secondly submitting a written application addressing specific criteria developed by the panel essential for being a School Captain. Thirdly students were interviewed by the panel members to discuss the criteria for a School Captain, the attributes they possessed and projection into the role.

The panel then had to deliberate as to which students had met the criteria for the positions. Throughout the process students were informed on a number of occasions on the importance of this as only those who met the criteria in both the application and interview could proceed beyond this point in the process. A student and staff vote was not needed as there were two positions as captain and two applicants who met the criteria.

Students who did not meet the criteria for School Captain were given the feedback in a supportive nature and provided with an opportunity to meet with the panel members and resubmit an application for Vice-Captain. I wish to thank all the applicants for showing the initiative to put themselves out there for this very important process.

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal

**Deputy News**
**Exams, Assessment, Letters of Concern and Notification**
Students in Years 7 to 9 will complete most of their assessable work this week. Assessment could be in the form of an assigned task or a test. Teachers of all years

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will also be looking closely at classwork and homework in the lead up to the end of year reports.

Although this can be a stressful time for students (and some parents) it is important to remember that assessment is carried out throughout the year. The notion of ‘failing’ a subject doesn’t fit with outcomes based assessment which is aimed at gauging what students can achieve and whether they are able to work independently or require assistance to complete a task.

During this busy assessment period some parents may receive letters home in relation to course requirements that students have not met. A Letter of a Concern is the first formal type of communication that you will receive if your child has missed an assessment task, submitted a not-serious attempt or handed work in very late. The purpose of the Letter of Concern is to alert parents to the issue and invite you to discuss it with your child.

The letter is not a form of punishment. Our goal is to have students complete the work and submit it by a new due date. We also believe that students are successful when teachers and parents work together with children – letters of concern are one form that we use to build that partnership.

In Years 9 to 12 if students do not respond to a letter of concern and work remains outstanding a 1st Warning Letter may be issued. These letters are more serious as they indicate that a student may not meet the course outcomes. Further warning letters are sent if the issue remains unresolved and an interview between parents, the student and a member of the executive will be arranged. Although more serious, again the purpose of the warning letters is to re-engage students and help support them to meet the necessary requirements of the Stage 5, Preliminary and HSC courses.

It rarely happens that students need more than a first warning letter to change their approach and complete assessable work.

What should you do if you receive a letter of concern or warning letter about your child?
1. Don’t panic – ask your child what they know about the missing work or task.
2. If your child is not sure about the task check the Scope and Sequence Book (Years 7 & 8) or the Assessment Booklet (Years 9 to 12). Have a discussion with your child and try to find out why the work was not competed.
3. If your child believes that they have completed the task they should check with their teacher and clarify the situation.
4. If your child needs another copy of the task or assistance they should approach their class teacher.
5. If your child has fallen behind with their work help them to review their time management skills and organisation.
6. You are always welcome to ring the school and speak with the head teacher of the subject area where there is a concern. You should also encourage your child to talk to their class teacher themselves so that they gain in independence and are able to resolve issues for themselves.

Lateness to School
One of the strategies that the school has adopted in order to improve our attendance rate was asking students for more detailed explanations when they signed into school late. It is pleasing to note that for some students this has helped them to reflect on their habits and become more organised in the morning. I congratulate those students who have made this effort and thank families for recognising the importance of getting to school on time.

Even with the best of intentions there will be unavoidable situations that cause your child to be late to school. If this is the case, please provide them with a note or provide the ladies at the Front Office with a reason for the lateness when you sign your child in. This allows us to record the absence as explained rather than unexplained and will ensure that your child does not end up with unexplained absences on their report.

Vanessa Willetts
Relieving Deputy Principal
Primary News

Student of the Week
These students are nominated by the Assistant Principals for consistently displaying our PBS values of consideration, responsibility and enthusiasm in the playground and classroom. Congratulations to these students:

Peaches: Cheyenne Murray
Apples: Tyson Carters
Kidmans: Katie Mendham
Scarecrows: Eliza Wlasak
Yabbies: Pasquale Deo
Clydesdales: Hattie Cram
Drovers: Ned Jeffery

Grandparents Day
It was wonderful to have so many Grandparents and special guests come to Grandparents’ Day last Friday. The children were very excited and enjoyed showing their visitors their classrooms and then performing for them. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to make the day so special. Lots of photos were taken and they will be displayed in the foyer.

Thank you also to Doohan Palmer and Morton Ennis for operating the sound and lights for us. This was a big help and even though there were a few technical issues we appreciate you both giving up your time for us.

Assembly
Don’t forget our assemblies are held on Thursdays at 11.30am. Please come along this Thursday to support our students.

Uniform Prizes
It is wonderful to see almost 100% of our students wearing full school uniform and hats every day. To recognise and continue to encourage this we award small prizes to individual students and/or classes each week. Last week’s prize (15 minutes extra play) was awarded to Yabbies and Kidmans because every student in each class was in full uniform including hats. Congratulations Yabbies and Kidmans. Please remember to check that your children wear their hats to school every day. Congratulations to Anusha Bajracharya, Jade Bunn, Sienna Billman, Zoe Cargill and Holly Butcher.

Kindergarten 2015
Enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten 2015. If you or someone you know has a child starting Kindergarten next year please see the front office for an enrolment form and information pack. There is also information about starting school available on our website: http://www.braidwood-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

We will be having three transition mornings and an exciting new ‘Central Stars’ Expo Day next term. ‘Central Stars’ is the name we are giving to the group of students starting school next year to give them a sense of belonging to the school and the group of students they will be starting with.

The transition mornings will be held on Wednesday 12th November, Tuesday 25th November and Thursday 4th December from 10am until 12 midday.

On Wednesday 19th November we will be having the Kindergarten 2015 Central Stars Expo. This day will give enrolling students the opportunity to take advantage of some of the unique opportunities and experiences that BCS has to offer – ‘jamming’ in the Music room; making art in the Visual Arts room; cooking in the Food Technology room, Science in a Science lab and Drama and Sports in the Gym. Finally, the Central Stars, their parents and carers and staff will enjoy some light refreshments together (including those prepared by the Stars).

Better Buddies Framework
For the past few years our Kindergarten students have been partnered with a Year Six student to help them settle into school. This year we have registered with the Better Buddies Framework which is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation. This program fits perfectly with PBS and will be used to support and extend our existing buddy system. It features a specific training program for older buddies that will be implemented by their teachers. Through Better Buddies, children in their first and last year of primary school buddy up and learn the values: caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility. Better Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Secondary News

Homework Centre
The Homework Centre is running in the School Library on Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm-5pm.

Students can use this time to use computers, books etc for homework. Mr McClymont will be pleased to assist as necessary.

Secondary Toolkit Requirements
Having a toolbox for each class allows students to be organised and ready to work. The list below identifies
what should be in your son/daughter/wards “tool box”, as some of them are running low near the end of the year.

Year Advisers will be checking that students are prepared each morning.

### Student Tool Box
- Black, red and blue pen
- Glue stick
- Eraser
- At least one HB pencil
- Plastic/wooden ruler (not metal)
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighter pen
- Pencil case/container for the above
- Appropriate books/folders for day’s lessons
- Calculator
- USB- thumb drive
- Diary for school use

Kelly Baumann

**The Year of Magical Places**

In 2014, Braidwood Central School has produced several theatrical productions. After reflecting on the journey we’ve been on it became clear that 2014 was the year of magical kingdoms. Together as a community we have journeyed through Neverland, Ancient Greece, The Magical Land of Oz and this November we journey through the land of Spare’Oom, enter the Wardrobe and find ourselves in C.S.Lewis’ Nania.

Creating productions at BCS is a really important part of learning and confidence development. Our students shine again and again, we are incredibly proud of them and grateful for the time and energy they continue to offer. As a school we produce productions in the Primary school, High School, Year 11 Drama and Year 9/10 Drama. The year 11 production is designed as a study of theatrical style and text. We adapt historical texts for a contemporary audience, so students may learn about the relevance of theatre in Australia today. In year 9/10 Drama we create fairystory productions, aimed at a primary aged audience. In these productions we aim to learn about stage blocking, the elements of production (lighting, costume and set) and the learning of lines. This process of learning about theatre through creating a production makes our students strong, confident performers, who develop a solid knowledge of theatre and how it is made.

Our 2014 Year 9/10 production is, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. This production is fun, humourous and unique. We’ve included songs like: I have a Dream (ABBA), Killing in the Name Of (Rage Against the Machine) and I Cast a Spell On You (Creedence). Our Aslan is cheeky, the white witch is glamorous, the children are jovial, the beavers are huge, Mr Thumnas is graceful and our chorus are thoroughly involved. We have combined our senior students with a small group of students from year 3/4. These younger students are performing in the chorus, playing minions, citizens of narnia, wolves and children of London. It has been a joy to work with them throughout this process and we look forward to performing with them on stage.

Our production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, runs November 7th - 8th. Tickets can be booked through the front office of BCS and paid for on the night.

November 7th - 6.30pm
November 8th - 2.30pm and 6.30pm
Tickets: Adults: $10, Concession: $5, Family of 4: $25

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Front Office News**

Could the following students please return their trophies from 2013 so we can organise engraving for this years recipients.

**Swimming champions**  
Ben Critchlow, Courtney Doyle, Lillie Pryor.

**Athletics Champions**  
Ben Critchlow, Lucy Baumann-Lionet, Chloe Stephenson, Lillie Pryor.

**Cross Country Champions**  
Rhys Neate, Lucy Baumann-Lionet, Chloe Stephenson, Inga Neilsen.

**Secondary Sportsman**  
Brock Rasker

**Secondary Sportswoman**  
Matilda Corby

**Primary Endeavour Sports Award (Tony Davey Memorial)**  
Lucy Baumann-Lionet

Thank you
**P&C News**

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

**Crazy Camel Fundraising Calendars**

Today students will receive their artwork and order form for the fundraiser that Braidwood Central School P & C organise each year through Crazy Camel Fundraising. Primary students have been working on their art work at school which can be used to order calendars, greeting cards, diaries, notebooks and iPhone covers. All of these items can also be ordered with photos of your choice.

Instructions on how to submit photos are on the back of the order form. Great ideas for Christmas presents and the greeting cards can be used for Christmas cards, or birthday cards throughout the year. Examples of all items are on the order form. If your order form has arrived without artwork, your child is most welcome to complete some artwork at home on a blank A4 page with their name and class written on the back. More than one photo or piece of artwork can be used. For any further information, please contact Melissa – 0434 215 714

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**Uniform Shop News**

From 20/10/14 the Uniform Shop hours will be 9.30am – 3pm Mondays
Braidwood Central School
Year 7 Orientation

December 2nd, 2014

8.40am arrival for assembly, finish at 3.15pm.

Travel to and from Braidwood Central School will be available via bus. Buses travel from Majors Creek, Manar, Krawarree, Bungendore, Captains Flat, Braidwood Rd, Araluen, Reidsdale, Mongarlowe & Nerriga.

Please contact the front office for further information regarding enrolments:
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Braidwood Central School
Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2015?

Introduce you and your child to school and school routines. It’s a wonderful opportunity for your child to:
- Make new friends
- Meet teachers and Year 6 buddies
- Learn about being at school
- Experience our K-12 facilities

If you have any enquiries, please contact:
Mrs Wendy Davis
Ph: 4842 2249

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Transition Days
You are invited to attend our Kindergarten Transition Days.

**Where:** Kindergarten Room
**Time:** 10am — 12pm (Children bring morning tea)

**When:**
- **November:** Wednesday 12th
- **December:** Thursday 4th

Central Stars Expo

**Where:** Meet at Kindergarten Room
**Time:** 10am—2pm (Morning tea & lunch provided)
Please notify the school of any food allergies

**When:**
- **November:** Wednesday 19th
  Please RSVP for catering purposes 48422249

Children can attend 1, 2, 3 or all 4 sessions
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 at home on 48421793 or the canteen (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-2pm) on 48422251. Thank you from the Canteen Staff.

Canteen News

STREETS WILL NO LONGER BE MAKING 50 CENT FRUIT STACKS!!!!!!!

There will still be the 20 c Polar Freeze and the 50 c Fruit Tubes available from the canteen at lunch ONLY.

We have a new ice-cream called Shaky Shake for $2.00 available at lunch time only. It is on the Healthy school Canteen amber list so will be available every day. We also have changed our nuggets to Dino Nuggets. They are a little bigger, and comply with the Healthy Schools Initiative. They will be the same price as chicken nuggets.

If you would like to help out at the canteen this term please give Heather or Maureen a call at the canteen on 48422251 or pop on in for a look around and a chat. Just a reminder that all volunteers (and visitors) must sign in at the front office on arrival, and sign out on departure.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the P&C Canteen,
From the Canteen Staff
Advertisements

Claim the Date for Digger’s Day on Saturday 8th November 2014.

Apex Braidwood will host their 37th Digger’s Day as a fundraiser for the local RSL Sub-Branch and Legacy. Traditionally Digger’s Day is held on the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day however this year the day will be held on Saturday November 8. Similar to the format from recent years, the golf will be a 3-Ball Ambrose event. **Players, clubs, shops or businesses can enter a team of three or individuals can be allocated to a team on the day.** All golfing abilities will be catered for on this fun day that raises money for the Braidwood RSL Sub-Branch and Legacy. Bowlers will also be catered for with a 10am start for those having a ‘roll’.

Spread the word, grab a team of three and claim 8 November 2014 as Digger’s Day. The golf will be a shotgun start 9:00am sharp. Registration from 8:00am till 8:30am with breakfast from 8:15am. $50 per person which includes golf or bowls, food and drinks.

Thank you