**Coming Events**

**Monday 17th November**
- Aboriginal Education Awards

**Tuesday 18th November**

**Wednesday 19th November**
- Kinder Transition Day

**Thursday 20th November**
- Year 10 Careers Day

**Friday 21st November**

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**Principal’s News**

**Year 12 Formal a huge success**

Last Friday night was the Year 12 Formal at Garanvale Function Centre Year 11 students hosted the evening with the theme of “A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS”. I have included the Principals address below:

To all our outgoing Year 12 students you are all stars which is fitting with the theme of tonight- Movies Stars At The Oscars.. with the morphed movie posters and the red carpet.

As the Relieving Principal of the fantastic little school called Braidwood Central I am extremely proud of each and every one of our stars tonight. You have completed 13 years of schooling and are about to embark on the next chapter of your lives. I will quote from William Shakespeare

“It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.”

BCS has equipped you with the knowledge and skills to reach for the stars and to be active and engaged 21st century citizens. It is now time for you to take control of the pathway which will create your destiny.

To the parents and carers of our stars here tonight... I would personally like to thank each and everyone of you for having confidence in BCS as the school of choice for your stars schooling and for supporting the great institution of public education. In a time when many people believe that you have to pay large amounts of money and travel long distances each day to get a good education – what we have in front of us tonight is proof that each and everyone of you has had a great education and are already successful stars.

To the amazingly talented, hardworking and caring staff of BCS I would like to thank you for your contribution to the fantastic school BCS is and that you have made to these fine young adults we have in front of us tonight. My Thanks also goes out to Mrs Alisa Stephens and Ms Trish Sargeson for the great job you have done mentoring and supporting these stars in your role as year adviser.

I would like to congratulate the Year 11 students under the guidance of Mr Roberts and Ms Salzki for the absolutely superb job and effort you have done in preparing tonight’s’ Oscars, event. The school is very proud of your team work involved in getting this event organised. You have certainly set the standard.
This year we invited the P&C to help the school organise this event and I am sure you will agree that they have done nothing short of a sterling high class job. In particular I must pay tribute to Mrs Amanda Flack and Mrs June Williams for their fantastic preparation for this event tonight. I would also like to acknowledge Corinne Howards efforts with the programs.

In conclusion to Year 12 enjoy tonight, don’t rush away and congratulations on your success and good luck for the future... whatever that may be we know you will all be stars.

**Inspired Succeed Excel Aboriginal Education Awards**

Today Mr Guilfoyle will be accompanying Shania Morgan and Aguirre Corowa Swan and their families to Batemans Bay for the Inspire Succeed Excel Aboriginal Education Awards. The school nominated 5 students for these awards and is very proud that we have two students receiving awards today. Bradley Smyth was also nominated for an award and although he was not successful in gaining the award he was asked by the organisers to be the compare of the awards ceremony. Well done and congratulations.

**Regional Debating Champions**

The BCS 7/8 debating team travelled to Bomaderry on Friday to debate against Smiths Hill Selective High School in the Regional Debating finals. The Braidwood Team were successful and awarded Regional Champions in Years 7/8 debating. The Team will now travel to Sydney week 9 for 3 days of Debating in the State Debating Finals. This is a massive achievement. Congratulations to Haddie Davies, Darcy Gordon, Jessie Kay and Ruby Gurling on your stella achievement and to Mr Julian Davies for training, coaching, mentoring and escorting our students.

**Kinder Transition Expo**

On Wednesday the school will be conducting our next Kindergarten transition day on Wednesday in the format of a mini expo day from 10am – 12noon.

**Year 10 Careers Day**

On Thursday Ms Parson will be running a Year 10 career day for all Year 10 in preparation for their work experience which will commence next Monday for 2 weeks. Our students will be travelling far and wide for their placements. We wish them all the best with their work experience and thank Ms Parsons for her organisation.

**Rural Fire Cadets**

20 Year 9 students who have signed up for rural fire cadet training will commence next Monday. This year’s group will follow a long tradition of support for this great community citizenship experience. Thanks to Chris McGrath and her team for their ongoing support of the students at Braidwood Central School.

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal

**Deputy News**

**Debating Success**

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Debating Team comprising of Haddie Davies, Darcy Gordon, Ruby Gurling, and Jessie Kay for becoming the regional debating champions. The girls debated against Smiths Hill on Friday and won their case in a debate about whether single sex schools should be banned. The girls will now move onto the state level of the championship in Sydney.

We are very proud not only of the successes that the girls have had but also the friendly, thoughtful and mature way in which they have represented the school.

I would also like to thank Mr Julian Davies who has coached the team throughout the year. Julian’s commitment to promoting public speaking and debating is untiring and his efforts are deeply appreciated.

**Presentation Assemblies**

This is an exciting time of year as we get to reflect on all the wonderful things that students have achieved at school and in the community throughout 2014. In the coming weeks we will have a number of assemblies designed to acknowledge these achievements.

**Thursday 27th November – Primary Recognition Assembly**

This assembly will be held in the hall and acknowledges each student’s achievements. The awards reflect the school’s values of responsibility, consideration and enthusiasm and how these three values are used to create success. The assembly will also include awards for attendance and sporting achievements. The assembly will start at 11.30am. All primary parents are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday 9th December – Secondary Recognition Assembly**

This assembly will be held in the gym and rewards students for their achievements in individual subjects, as well as in outside competitions. Students will also receive certificates for attendance and PBS bronze, silver and gold awards. The assembly will start at 11.20am and we welcome all parents to attend.

**Thursday 11th December – Presentation Evening**

The purpose of presentation evening is to acknowledge those students who have achieved excellent academic and sporting results. It is also the time where elite awards such as the Long Tan Award, the Caltex Medal
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and Rueben F Scarf Award are presented. This year Tim Callan, the Dux of 2013, will return to the school to deliver our keynote address. Parents of awardees will receive an invitation to the evening in the mail shortly. We do invite all members of the school community to attend.

Texts Books
A reminder that as the year draws to a close it is time for us to stock take our texts. Please help your child to collect together materials that need to be returned and bring them to school.

Conjunctivitis
We have had several students present with conjunctivitis. Human Services advises that children should not be at school until discharge from eyes has ceased. We recommend you see your doctor if your child has symptoms.

Vanessa Willetts
Relieving Deputy Principal

Important Dates
❖ “Central Stars Expo”, Wednesday 19th November 10am-2pm for Kindergarten 2015 students
❖ Year 9 RFS Cadets, Monday 24th November and Tuesday 25th November
❖ Kindergarten Transition Day, Tuesday 25th November 10am – 12noon
❖ Year 10 Work Experience, 24th November – 5th December
❖ P&C Meeting, Wednesday 26th November
❖ Primary Recognition Assembly, Thursday 27th November
❖ Primary Gold Excursion, Friday 28th November

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: Mia Stanley
Apples: Charlie Jonas
Kidmans: Dakota Bunn
Scarecrows: Chloe Shoemark
Yabbies: Tamara Dillon
Clydesdales: Lily Coningham
Drovers: Monty Crobie

Kindergarten 2015
This Wednesday 19th November is our 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; 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 will enjoy some light refreshments together. We will meet at 10am in the Kindergarten classroom and the day will finish at approximately 2pm.

While the children are taking part in these activities parents are invited to meet in the library at 10am for an information session.

Lost Property
We have a huge number of school jumpers in lost property boxes in the classrooms and at the front office. If your child/children are missing one please come in and have a look as many of these jumpers do not have names on them.

Primary Mufti Day – Tuesday 18th November
Every year, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead cares for more than 102,000 sick children and their families. Without compassionate support from the community, schools and students the hospital simply could not fund all the projects, equipment, research and specialists that are needed for its life-saving work. Before baby Nyah was born the doctors knew that her heart needed mending. Knowing that time was of the essence, the Hospital team devised an extraordinary plan to save Nyah. A birthing theatre was set up, and Nyah became the first child to actually be born at The Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Within minutes of being born she was having major surgery. Nyah will need The Children’s Hospital at Westmead for a while yet. Over the next few years she’ll have more procedures on her heart and she will also visit for regular check-ups. Her mum and dad are just so grateful to have their baby girl and Nyah will spend this Christmas where kids should – at home with her loving family.
The SRC have chosen to support the hospital this year by organising a mufti day. All Primary students are invited to bring a gold coin donation and come out of uniform on **Tuesday 18th November**. The money raised will be donated to the 2UE Christmas Appeal, *A gift from the heart*, for the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Donations help the hospital make sure children and babies like Nyah get urgent and lifesaving treatments.

For their donation each student will receive a heart sticker the size of Nyah’s heart when she was born and a special heart message card to write a message of support. These cards will be completed at school and will be given to sick kids at the hospital this Christmas.

Please send the gold coin donation to your child’s classroom teacher on or before Tuesday 18th November.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

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**Smoothies for recess**

This Friday, primary students are able to pre-order smoothies for recess.

The smoothies will cost $2 and available in the following flavours: mixed berry, banana & honey and strawberry.

The smoothies will be made with milk, low fat frozen yogurt and fruit.

If your daughter, ward or son would like a smoothie, please complete the order form which was handed out on Monday and return with the $2 to the office by Thursday. Spare order forms are available at the Front Office.

Kelly Baumann

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**Secondary News**

**Our 7/8 Debating Team Are The Region’s Champions**

Last Friday our senior Year 7/8 debating team – Ruby Gurling, Jessie Kay, Haddie Davies and Darcy Gordon – travelled to Bomaderry for the Regional Final of the Premiers Debating Challenge, competing against Smiths Hill Selective High School. Smiths Hill often wins the Regional Final in both this age group and Year 9/10.

In fact, earlier this year the BCS 9/10 team also won through to this stage but lost to Smiths Hill. This time the 7/8 team reversed the result, winning a close debate on the scrapping of single sex schools. Of the 387 teams that entered the competition, Braidwood is now one of only ten remaining.

In two weeks’ time, the team and the other nine regional winners will travel to The State Championships at The Women’s College of Sydney University where they will stay for three days, taking meals and interacting together in the gaps in an intense schedule of debates. This will be an adventure for our four students, and a chance to mix with their peer group from around the state. When the team arrives at Sydney University, a schoolmate will already be there.

Jay Davies from Year 10 is part of our region’s combined schools team competing in the Year 9/10 Championships over the preceding three days. Both age groups will watch the 9/10 Final before the older students leave and the younger ones take their place.

Julian Davies
Debating Coordinator

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SRC Committee

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**SRC Disco**

**Save the date**

**Wednesday 10th December**

More information to follow

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**Year 10 Work Experience**

**Preparation/Development Day**

**Thursday 20th November 2014**
All Year 10 Students will undertake a development day in preparation for their week of Work Experience. This will be an interactive day held in the Library with Ms Jo Parsons and Mrs Sair Gordon. Topics covered will include personal presentation, professional courtesy, communication skills, rights and responsibilities, goals and career aspirations and exploring professional use of online social media such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Please bring pen and paper. For any enquiries please contact Jo Parsons on 4842 2249.

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.

Library News

Scholastic Book Club
The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms were handed out in class on Thursday 13th November. Orders are due back on Thursday 20th November. The order forms and money should be in a sealed envelope and need to be brought to the school library not to the Front Office.

*PLEASE NOTE* that all cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic not to Braidwood Central School. 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

Community News

In Semester 2 2013, BCS embarked on a whole-school project aimed at assessing the school's engagement with the community, and striving to continually make improvements over time. The project has involved the use of surveys, a Community Forum and the use of The School Assessment Tool - which was developed to assist members of the school community (students, parents, staff and community members) assess current engagement practices at BCS and evaluate progress when implementing strategies to strengthen engagement.

After the Community Forum a Community Engagement Working Group (CEWG) was formed (which includes staff, community members and parents and welcomes anyone who is interested in contributing to improved community engagement). The CEWG has been continuing to work through The School Assessment Tool’s 7 Dimensions of Family and Community Engagement. Work is complete on the two highest priority Dimensions (D1: Communicating and D2: Connecting Learning at Home and at School) and work has now begun on the third priority (as identified by the Community Forum), D4: Recognising the Role of the Family. As a result, there has already been a number of changes and improvements across the highest priority Dimensions.

Completion of all 7 Dimensions will lead to the development of BCS’s Community Engagement Plan. In order to gauge the project’s progress to date, the surveys...
conducted in 2013 are now being re-run. There is one survey for teaching staff and a "BCS Communication Survey" for the rest of the school community (i.e. parents, carers and interested members of the community). We would like to invite you to complete the survey. It includes 22 questions and only takes a few minutes of your time. We would really appreciate your input.

To complete the survey, please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BCSComms2014
The survey will be open to collect your response for approximately two weeks. Please complete it at your earliest opportunity, so you don't miss the chance to have your say.

Simone Horn
Community Liaison Officer

**Uniform Shop News**

**For the remainder of the year the Uniform Shop will only be open between 1pm and 3pm on Mondays**
Kindergarten Transition Day

Primary AFL Gala Day
Central Stars Expo
For students entering Kindergarten in 2015
Wednesday 19th November
Meet at the Kindergarten Room
10am—2pm
Morning Tea and lunch provided
Please RSVP for catering purposes
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Braidwood Central School
Year 7 Orientation
December 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 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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Advertisements

Braidwood Little Athletics

- Every Tuesday afternoon at the REC
  3.30pm-5.00pm
- $75.00 per child for the season (4\textsuperscript{th} & 1\textsuperscript{st} term)
- Need to bring: bottle of water, wear a hat and have sunscreen
- A parent/career required to assist
- Come and learn some new skills, while having fun
- Any questions ph Amanda 0417 422 650

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We are now taking booking for term 1 next Year and have limited spots for morning and after school lessons. The term dates are Tuesday, 27th January to Thursday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} April.
We also have limited spots for Rainbow Club. (Swimming club for children with disabilities). If your child has a disability don’t let them miss out on a skill for life. There will be a school holiday program during the Christmas School holidays from the 19\textsuperscript{th} to 26\textsuperscript{th} of January. The cost will be $50 per child for the week in group lessons. Please contact us for more details and bookings.

For more information or to book in now Please call us on 48212553.