Braidwood Central School
NEWSLETTER

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**Principal’s News**

**Inspire Succeed and Excel Indigenous Education Awards**

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter 2 of our indigenous students Shania Morgan of year 7 and Aguirre Corowa Swan from year 6 were recipients of the Inspire Succeed and Excel Indigenous Education Award held at a ceremony at Batemans Bay last Monday. The students and their families were accompanied by Mr Michael Guilfoyle BCS’s relieving Aboriginal Education coordinator. Bradley Smyth from year 9 was also at the ceremony in the capacity of co-host for the awards ceremony. Congratulations to all involved this is a terrific achievement.

**Central Stars Expo success**

Last Wednesday was our inaugural Central Stars Expo for our new Kindergarten students. This was a huge success with the Expo really highlighting the difference Braidwood Central can make to a child’s education through access to many teachers and resources not found in a normal K-6 primary school. Among the highlights of the day was doing science with Ms Salzke in the Science labs, Cooking Muffins with Ms Baumann in the Food Tech Room along with drama and music with Ms Bryant and Mr Waples. The next orientation day will be Tuesday 25th November commencing at 10am in the Kinder Room.

**Year 7 orientation day**

The Year 7 orientation day is set down for Tuesday 2nd December. Students from BCS Year 6 will be joined by students from St Bede’s, Bungendore Public, Captains Flat Public, Tarago Public as well as new students moving to the area for a day of excitement, getting to know each other and testing out a day in the life of a high schooler. The Year adviser for Year 7 2015 is Ms Elisa Bryant. The students will also get to meet and talk to our new Principal for 2015, Ms Nerida Mosely, who will be visiting the school during this time.
School Leaders attend leadership conference
Congratulations to our school captains and 2 members of our SRC who participated in the leadership day in Sydney last Friday accompanied by Ms Katherine Firman

Primary Gold Level Excursion
This Friday, primary students who are on Gold Level will be rewarded with an afternoon at the pool with a picnic lunch.

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Mr McClure’s Retirement Function
Rod McClure’s retirement function will be held at the club this Saturday night 29th November. On behalf of the school community I wish Rod the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement. I would also like to acknowledge his hard work and dedication not only to Braidwood Central School but to public education in general.

P&C Meeting Moved to week 9
Just a reminder that there will not be a scheduled P&C meeting this Wednesday. The meeting has been moved to 3rd December to give the community an opportunity to meet with our new Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, who will be visiting the school next week.

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Fire Cadets
This week 17 students from Year 9 will undertake training to become bushfire cadets. Braidwood Central has a strong tradition of student involvement with this project and we know that this year’s cadets will do the school proud.

Those Year 9 students are not involved in the project will be required to attend school as normal. While some classes may be combined students will continue with meaningful work throughout the week.

Primary Assembly
This Thursday the Primary school will celebrate the achievements of its students at our recognition assembly. The assembly will commence just after recess at 11.20. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us for this special event.

Secondary Bluey Prize Draw
Congratulations to our latest group of winners from the Secondary bluey prize draw. It was wonderful to have some many entries in our final draw of the year as it shows that students are enacting our values of consideration, enthusiasm and responsibility throughout the year. The prize winners were:
- Fondue set – Harry West, year 7
- Cupcake machine – Year 12
- Raft – Travis Matterson-Blogg, Year 10
- $30 iTunes card – Mark Lewis, year 8

There is still time for students to earn a spot on our Secondary gold excursion to Jamberoo. Students with 25 white merits will be eligible to attend the excursion.

Vanessa Willetts
Relieving Deputy Principal

Important Dates
- Year 9 RFS Cadets, Monday 24th November and Tuesday 25th November
- Kindergarten Transition Day, Tuesday 25th November 10am – 12noon
- Year 10 Work Experience, Monday 24th November – Friday 5th December
- P&C Meeting, Wednesday 3rd December
- Primary Recognition Assembly, Thursday 27th November
- Primary Gold Excursion, Friday 28th November

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: Rose Bolin
- Apples: Zoe Campbell-Davys
- Kidmans: Pip Crum
- Scarecrows: Ryley Hazleton
- Yabbies: Olivia Faulks
- Clydesdales: Ananta Bajracharya
- Drovers: Crystal Siranovic

Kindergarten 2015
Our first ever “Central Stars Expo” was a very exciting and busy day for our 2015 Kindergarten students. They made elephant toothpaste and learnt about static electricity in the Science Lab, baked delicious muffins to share with their parents in the Food Technology room, played instruments and danced in the Music room and made a lot of noise in drama games in the hall.

In between all of these activities they burnt off their energy on the play equipment and at the end of the day met with their parents to share the muffins they had baked. Thank you to Ms Salzke, Ms Baumann and her helpers, Miss Bryant and Mr Waples for providing these wonderful activities.
Our next transition day is on **Tuesday 25th November** and the last one will be on **Thursday 4th December**. Both of these sessions will run from 10am until 12 midday. The children will need to bring morning tea and a broad-brimmed hat.

**Primary Gold Excursion**
Primary students who have achieved their Gold award have been invited to attend the excursion to the Braidwood Pool on **Friday 28th November**. Each of these students has received a permission note with details of the excursion. All students’ swimming skills will be tested before they have free play in the pool and they will wear a coloured wrist band to identify those who are allowed to swim in the deep end. Mrs Davis and Ms Borra will accompany the students to the pool. There will be another reward activity closer to the end of the year to acknowledge those students who reach gold level after the excursion and for those who have achieved silver.

**Primary Christmas Concert**
This exciting event is on in Week 9 on **Friday 5th December** at 11.30am. Individual teachers will notify parents and carers if a costume and/or props are needed so don’t forget to check bags for notes. We always try to keep costumes as simple and inexpensive as possible but please see your child’s classroom teacher if you have a problem finding a requested costume.

**Primary Recognition Assembly**
All parents, carers, friends and family are invited to join us for this special assembly on **Thursday the 27th November** at 11.30am. Students will receive awards to acknowledge their effort and achievement across the curriculum as well as application of our PBS values. We hope to see you there.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

**Secondary News**

**Year 7 Orientation Day**
We will be unable to go swimming on orientation day as planned due to a clash with swimming lessons.

Students can use this time to use computers, books etc for homework and to ask for assistance from Mr McClymont and other staff who will be pleased to help. The Homework Centre is a service provided by staff voluntarily, so please take the opportunity to use this valuable resource as private tutoring can cost up to $40 per hour.

**Library News**
With the end of the school year fast approaching we are busy Stocktaking the library collection. We would appreciate the return of all items borrowed from our library (books and text books). Please have a good look at home for library books. They may be on bookshelves, bedside tables, in the cubby house etc. Overdue notices will be sent out soon.

The last official day for borrowing will be this Friday November the 28th, with these items due to be returned on December 12th.

Senior students who require textbooks and novels over the school holidays to prepare for their studies in 2015 will be permitted to borrow.

For school holiday reading don’t forget to visit the public library and on your children’s Christmas wish lists you could suggest they have ‘Something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to READ.’

Thank You,
Mary Langdon (Teacher Librarian) and Linda Bunn (Library SAO)

**P&C News**

**Next P&C meeting**
The next P&C will be in Week 9, on Wednesday 3 December at 7.00 pm in the School Library. This meeting has been rescheduled to provide the opportunity for P&C members to meet our new Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, when she is visits the school prior to taking up her position next year.

At this meeting we will also be discussing any applications for funding that have been submitted since our call went out to staff at the end of last term.

As always, we welcome and value the contributions of newcomers, old-comers, and anyone in between, so please do come along. As it is our last meeting of the year, it’s our custom to bring along some food to share with others to help make the meeting a little more festive than usual.

**Homework Centre**
The Homework Centre is running in the School Library on Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm-5pm.
Carols by Candlelight on Sat 13 December
As the sound of carols being sung in the Police Paddock grows a little closer, I am wondering... will there be anyone to bake the cakes or serve the food this year? We need volunteers to help out if we're to make a success of the evening. If you can help please let me know via email at bidda@sharewater.net.

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

Uniform Shop News

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

SRC End of Year Disco
This exciting event will occur on Wednesday 10th December, 2014. A professional DJ will provide music and lights for the event.
Your child must be dropped off at the allocated time, and picked up at the end. No students will be permitted to stay at school after 3:15pm and wait until their disco.
Tickets are now available for purchase from the office.
(Parents of primary school students please note: For 2014, this event replaces the traditional K-6 end of year disco. The 2014 Year 6 students chose a Local Fun Day Out for their end of year celebration, instead of the traditional disco. This presented an opportunity for the SRC to step in. We appreciate you supporting this SRC-run event. Funds raised will help pay for important school projects).
Arrangements for Yrs K-2:
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
Cost: $5.
Each child is to bring a small plate of sweets, please.
Entry includes a free drink.
Sausage sandwiches will be available for $2. Pay at the event.
Photo booth photos will be available for $2. Pay at the event:

Arrangements for Yrs 3-6:
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Cost: $5.
Each child is to bring a small plate of sweets, please.
Entry includes a free drink.
Sausage sandwiches will be available for $2. Pay at the event.
Photo booth photos will be available for $2. Pay at the event.
This is a particularly special event for Year 6, as it is their last celebration with their peers before graduating from primary school. Year 6 will be presented with their ‘novelty’ graduation certificates at this event.
Arrangements for Yrs 7-11:
Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Entry includes a free drink.
Sausage sandwiches will be available for $2. Pay at the event.
Photo booth photos will be available for $2. Pay at the event.
Get your tickets asap!
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Guilfoyle or
Ms Firman via the school office on 4842 2249.
Year 6 Update to Parents/Carers:
November/December 2014

Hello parents/carers of Drovers students,

There are so many important things happening between now and the end of the year that I felt it was important to include this extra notice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me on sarah.levey12@det.nsw.edu.au or ring me via the office on 4842 2249. Thank you for supporting your child(ren) in this exciting phase as they graduate from primary school.

Year 7 Orientation Day 2/12/14

- Organised by Ms Bryant, who is your child’s Year Adviser for next year and beyond.
- Children must be at school for an 8:40am start.
- Great opportunity for children to try different subjects, and meet students who are coming to BCS from other primary schools.

Eco House Assessment Due 8/12/14

- Your child should be well underway with this major assessment.
- It is due Monday 8th December. Please ensure it doesn’t come to school earlier than this (as there is not enough space to store them in the classroom).
- Please encourage your child to read the assessment sheet several times as they progress with the construction, to make sure they are on track.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly 10/12/14

- Hopefully you have received your invite (it sent home with your child a few weeks ago). This is on Wednesday 10th December at 11:30am.
- This is a special event attended by the Principal, and includes speeches, performances, cake cutting, presentation of certificates, and gifts given to/from the school.
- Ms Baumann and the hospitality students are providing a light lunch following the assembly. This is for students, guests and teachers.
- Year 6 students can bring up to 4 guests each (we can be flexible). Please ensure you RSVP soon by calling the office on 4842 2249.

SRC End of Year Disco 10/12/14

- The 3-6 Disco will be held from 5:00pm-7:00pm on Wednesday 10th December, 2014. This is a lovely way to end Year 6’s graduation day.
- Please see the entry in this week’s newsletter for details.

Mrs Sweeney’s leave: Week 9

- Mrs Sweeney is having surgery on 28 November, 2014 and will take sick leave for all of Week 9.
- Ms Scott will take the Drovers in Mrs Sweeney’s absence. Ms Scott will pick up her creative and performing arts program with them, along with some other work across the remaining learning areas.

Fun Day Out 12/12/14

- Year 6’s last day together is Friday 12th December. After packing, cleaning and sorting our room we will be heading to the Rec Ground to play some sports, and have hot chips.
- This excursion will be covered by Local Area Permission Notes. There is no cost.

3-Day Event 15/12/14 – 17/12/14

- Mrs Lang organises 3 Day Event for the last 3 days of term. Year 6 is very lucky to be included in this high school initiative.
- Your child will have the opportunity to choose the activities they do for each of the 3 days. Some activities have a cost associated with them, but several are free.
- Mrs Lang will hand the notes to Year 6 in the coming days.

The above items are specific to, or are of particular importance, to Year 6. However, please be reminded of these other K-6 events that involve all of Drovers:

- Thursday 27th November: Primary recognition assembly, 11:30am in the hall.
- Friday 5th December: Christmas Concert.

Thank you.

Mrs Sweeney
Advertisements

For Sale
2003 Toyota Hilux
$11,000 ono
Black, Manual
Rego until August 2015
255950kms, Dual fuel
Phone Greg 0409 095 194

Who’s In Charge?
WORKSHOP ON VIOLENCE TO PARENTS
The Queanbeyan Domestic Violence Committee presents facilitator training for the Who’s In Charge parenting program.

The Who’s In Charge program is an 8 week structured program for parents of violent or beyond control young people.

- The facilitator training is a two day training workshop
- Day 1: general training on violence to parents and is a pre-requisite to doing the facilitator training.
- Day 2: facilitator training workshop where participants work through each week of the program.

Places for the facilitator training are limited so book early.

Date: 4th and 5th December 2014
Venue: Barnardos Southern NSW Family Centre
24 Thornton Road Queanbeyan

Cost:
- One day general training $100.00
- Two day facilitator training $150.00

(purchase of Who’s In Charge manual an additional $75.00)

Participants who do not intend to run a workshop can elect to do the first day training only but many people have found the information contained in the facilitator training useful in extending their knowledge about this topic and finding new ways of working with families.

For more information or to register contact:
Debra Vido
Barnardos Queanbeyan
PH: 62438800
Email: dvido@barnardos.org.au

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