**Principal’s News**

**Thanks for support**

This will be the last newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for their ongoing support of our great school Braidwood Central. I would like to wish Mr Rod McClure a long and happy retirement and thank him for his support and work at BCS over the past 16 years. Last week the school community had an opportunity to meet our new Principal Ms Nerida Mosley. The school community was very impressed and we look forward to working with her from the beginning of the 2015 school year.

I would like to thank Mrs Vanessa Willetts for relieving as Deputy Principal whilst I have been relieving as Principal over the last term and a half.

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

Pictured is New BCS Principal Ms Nerida Mosley meeting the School Captains Forbes and Inga and the Vice Captain Jess.

**Presentation Evening**

I am really looking forward to this year’s Presentation Evening on Thursday commencing at 6:30pm in the Gymnasium. The evening will conclude with a supper giving students, parents and teachers an opportunity to celebrate individual and collective successes of students and the school.

**Carols on the Police Paddock**

Don’t forget to come along to the school police paddock at 6.30pm on Saturday for Carols by Candlelight.

Last year was a huge success and this year promises to be bigger and better. The P&C will be providing food and refreshments as well as candles and glow sticks. All money raised will go back into the school.

**Merry Christmas**

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8th December 2014
Expressions of Interest for Northern Territory excursion 2015.
Ms Lisa Maddern has put together a proposal for students from BCS to travel to the Northern Territory at the end of term 3 next year.

Highlights of the trip include: Coober Pedy, Uluru, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Katherine Gorge, Kakadu National Park and Darwin.

If you are interested in your child attending could you please contact the school for further details before the end of the school year.

Primary Xmas Concert
The Primary Christmas concert last Friday was a huge success. I really enjoyed the variety and talent from each of the class performances. Thank you to all those parents and friends who came to support this annual event.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to the BCS 7/8 debating team of Ruby Guriling, Haddie Davies, Jessie Kay and Darcy Gordon who competed in the State finals at Sydney University last week. Although not the state winners they need to be proud of being Regional Champions and in the top 5 teams in the state. Thanks to Julian Davies and the other parents who escorted the students to Sydney. Also last week Jay Davies competed in the 9/10 debating state finals being an instrumental member of the regional team comprised of students from different schools in the Illawarra and South East area.

Reports
Secondary reports 7-10 will be posted home this week and Primary reports will be handed to students on Friday. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s yearly report.

Calendar
I have included an updated calendar for the remainder of next year as well as the start of 2015. Please note the change of date regarding commencement of the new school year which is slightly different to that notified in last week’s newsletter.

This Week (Week 10)
Primary learn to Swim Scheme until Wednesday PM
Mon 8/12 Year 7-10 Reports posted home
Primary School Captains Speeches
11:10 Hall

Tue 9/12 Secondary Recognition Assembly- Gym
11:20

Wed 10/12 Secondary Gold Excursion – Jamberoo
Year 6 Graduation Assembly time 11.30
School Disco: Kinder-Yr2, 4pm – 5pm.
Yrs 3-6, 5pm – 7pm. Yrs 7-12, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Thur 11/12 Annual Presentation Evening –
Gymnasium 6:30 start

Fri 12/12 K-6 Reports distributed
Sat 13/12 Carols by Candlelight – 6:30 School’s police Paddock. P&C Catering

Next Week (Week 11)
Mon 15/12 Year 6-11 Three Day Event (Mon – Wed)
Tue 16/12 Primary One Day Event
Wed 17/12 Last Day of School for all students
HSC results available

Thur 18/12 Staff Development Day
Fri 19/12 Staff Development Day

2015
Week 1
Tue 27/1 Staff Development Day- pupil free day
Wed 28/1 Kinder Best Start (by appointment)
Years 1-6 Resume
Year 7 Resume
Thur 29 Kinder Best Start (By appointment)
Years 8-12 resume
All Students Year 1-12 at school
Fri 30/1 Kinder Best Start (By appointment)
All Students Year 1-12 at school

Week 2
Mon2/2 Kinder first day at school
Thur 5/2 School Swimming Carnival

Week 3
Thur 12/2 School Photos

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday and look forward to working with you all again next year.

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal
Deputy News

Secondary Recognition Assembly
The secondary school will be celebrating a broad range of achievements at our recognition assembly on Tuesday 9th December. The assembly commences at 11.20 in the gym.

Presentation Evening
The school's formal assembly for recognising academic and sporting excellence will take place on Thursday 11th December. Students receiving an award at this elite event have had invitations posted home. If your child is receiving an award please ensure that they are dressed in their best version of school uniform. The evening starts at 6.30pm in the gymnasium. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

Student Leadership Team 2015
Last week interviews for the vice-captain position were finalised and it is with great pleasure that I announce Jessica Burgess as the school’s vice-captain for 2015. Jess will join Forbes and Inga in leading the school next year. The team met with Ms Nerida Mosely last week to discuss plans for the school. Our senior school leaders will also work closely with the primary leadership team once those elections have taken place.

Textbooks
Please help your child to find and return any textbooks or equipment that has been borrowed from the school. The more books that are returned the more new equipment we can buy instead of having to replace lost items. We really appreciate your assistance with this matter and remember that long lost items are very warmly welcomed back.

Childcare for 2015
Some parents have contacted the school in relation to after school care. This is provided by Noemi Holcmann from Mondays to Fridays 3pm to 6pm. Please contact Noemi directly to organise your after school care needs. Her number is: 0407 852 302.

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: Mollie Dixon
Apples: Zac Henness Flood Smith
Kidmans: Millie Potter
Scarecrows: Matilda Jeffery
Yabbies: Jallamara Gardner
Clydesdales: Alyssa Bollard
Drovers: Lachlan Usher

Primary Christmas Concert
Thank you to everyone who came along to see the students perform. The children and their teachers put a lot of work into making this such a great event and it’s always rewarding to have so many parents, carers, friends and other relatives come to watch. Please see your child’s classroom teacher to collect any missing costumes or items from the concert.

P&C Monster Christmas Raffle
The P&C is once again holding a Monster Christmas Raffle to raise funds for textbooks aligned with the new National Curriculum. We are supporting this raffle by putting together a basket of goods from each class. All students are asked to donate a new item to help fill their class basket. Many thanks to those families who have already contributed. There is still time so don’t forget to send something in. For every item donated the students receive a free raffle ticket.

All families should have received a book of tickets with last week’s newsletter. Please sell them and return the tickets and money to the front office. More tickets are available from the front office. The Staff are also donating a basket of morning/afternoon tea goodies.

The raffle will be drawn at our Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 13th December.

Primary class themes are:
- Peaches – Sport and outdoor games
- Apples – Art and craft
- Kidmans – Breakfast
- Scarecrows – Gardening
- Yabbies – Inside activities & games
- Clydesdales – Picnic

Dates for Immunisations 2015

Year 11 and 12
MMR – 24th February

Year 7
MMR – 3rd March, 12th May, 13th October

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• Drovers – Kitchen

**Carols by Candlelight**
This is the second time our school has hosted this exciting Community event and we are hoping for a perfect summer evening after last year’s cold night. If it is raining the Carols will still go ahead but will be moved into the school’s Gym.

This year all Primary students are taking part in a K-2 or a 3-6 item and some students will also perform with the Primary Choir or in individual items. A separate note with further details will be sent home early this week.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

**Scripture Christmas Celebration**
This Friday 12th December, the Scripture students will join with St Bede’s students to attend the annual combined schools Christmas celebration. We will depart at 9.30am and walk to St Andrews Anglican Church, Elrington Street, Braidwood. The celebration will conclude at 10.30am and students will return to school in time for recess.

Parents, siblings and friends are welcome to join in the celebration.

**Scripture Christmas Celebration**
My child/ren: __________________________ ________
Class: _______________________

Will be attending the Scripture Christmas Celebration on Friday 12th December at St Andrews Anglican Church.

Signed: _____________________ Date: ______________
Parent/Guardian

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**Visual Art Camp**
Monty Crosbie and Aguirre Corowa-Swan went to the Illawarra and South East region visual art camp at Greenhills, in mid November and had an exhibition last week. Which was displayed at the Queanbeyan performing arts centre and parents and students were invited to the official closing on Saturday.

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**Secondary News**

**Secondary Sport**
**Wednesday 4th February**
All Secondary students will do a water test at the pool for sport. Please bring swimmers, towel, $3 pool entry or season ticket.

**Thursday 5th February**
Braidwood Central School Swimming Carnival at the pool. All students expected to attend. $3 entry fee or season pass required. Parents and supporters most welcome.

**Secondary Sports Dates for 2015**
**Thursday 5th February**
Braidwood Central School Swimming Carnival
**Monday 9th February**
Back-up date Swimming Carnival
**Wednesday 18th February**
Zone Swimming Carnival
**Thursday 5th March**
School Cross Country Carnival
**Wednesday 25th March**
School Cross Country Carnival
**Friday 8th May**
Zone Cross Country
**Friday 29th May**
Area Cross Country
**Wednesday 6th May**
School Athletics Carnival
**Friday 20th June**
Zone Athletics
**Friday 31st July**
Area Athletics
**September 3rd-6th**
State Athletics

Dimity Borra
Our students' trip to the State Debating Finals

The The Women's College of Sydney University hosted the best debaters in the state from Years 9/10 and 7/8 throughout last week, and Braidwood Central had, for the first time, students involved in both events. Jay Davies was part of the combined schools team that represented the Illawarra and South-East region, and our 7/8 team of Ruby Gurling, Jessie Kay, Haddie Davies and Darcy Gordon took part as the region's champions.

It was quite an experience staying in an old college with its traditional buildings, enormous dining hall, and locking intellectual horns and having fun with students from every corner of the State. While most of the other teams came from selective schools, one other central school was represented, Norfolk Island Central, the North Coast Champions.

The Year 9/10 debates were very closely fought and although Jay's team missed the semis, one of the senior adjudicators commented that he felt they were among the best few teams. He made a similar comment about our 7/8 team who won two of their four debates and were judged to have come fifth of the ten finalists. When you consider that most of the teams they debated are from selective schools, with up to two hundred students in each year, that conduct exhaustive processes for selecting their debaters, the extent of our team's achievement becomes clear (coming fifth from the almost 400 teams who entered the competition).

The real measure of these events was the good spirit, friendly manner and perceptive thinking shown throughout the debates. Our own students have learnt a great deal and will bring back advanced skills to pass on and share, particularly with their younger schoolmates, in coming years.

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 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.

Primary and Secondary News
New SRC Model Proves To Be A Success
Many of you would have read in previous newsletters about the new Student Representative Council (SRC) model that has been implemented this year. This significant initiative means that all students, both Primary and Secondary, are invited to be on the SRC, but they have to work hard to earn their spot. Students (not teachers) submit ideas they'd like the SRC to get involved in, then put those ideas on the SRC meeting agenda.

At twice weekly meetings, the group, together with the SRC Coordinator – Miss Katherine Firman - discuss ideas on the agenda before some are selected for further consideration. Volunteers form a subgroup to 'flesh out' the ideas and present their findings and a 'plan of action' back to the whole group. If the group agrees, the subgroup goes on to implement the idea.

With the help of the 2014 School Captains and Vice Captains, the new system has been a real success and has meant the SRC has achieved a lot this year, including fundraising for the Children's Hospital at Westmead and 40-hour Famine; the organisation of school events such as the upcoming school dance on 10 December; and writing to Palerang Council and the BCS P&C about implementing a range of ideas.

Primary SRC members received their well-earned badges on 27 November and Secondary members will receive their badges at the Presentation Day this week.

Thanks goes to the Primary and Secondary school captains of 2014, who were instrumental in seeing the new model get off the ground this year.

Simone Horn
Community Liaison Officer

Library News
The recent Book Club orders were delayed by a technical error at the Scholastic Warehouse. However, they should arrive early this week (maybe even today).

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their library books and textbooks. All items are due back this week. (Unless otherwise negotiated). Please do let us know if items have been misplaced, lost or damaged.

Thank you all for your support and have a wonderful holiday.
Mary Langdon (Teacher Librarian) and Linda Bunn (Library SAO)

P&C News

BAKING AND HELP WANTED for Carols by Candlelight
Carols by Candlelight is this coming Saturday (13 December) and the P&C needs your help. If you are coming along on the night, please pop into the canteen and help us serve for a while. If you can bake a slice or a cake, please drop it off at the canteen (or front office) on Friday, or when you arrive on Saturday. Preparations in the canteen will start at 5pm and we will be serving hot dogs, veggie burgers, soft drinks and cakes all evening. It makes planning a lot easier if you can let us know if you are able to help - via the contact details below.

DONATIONS NEEDED for the P&C Monster Raffle
Please don’t forget to donate your items for the P&C monster Christmas raffle – donations need to be in the baskets by the middle of the week so we can display them at the Presentation Evening on Thursday. The draw will be at the end of Carols by Candlelight. Contact your child's class teacher or year adviser for the theme for their basket or check the Primary section of the newsletter.

The P&C met last week
Last Wednesday P&C members had the opportunity to meet our new Principal, Ms Nerida Mosely, who was visiting the school prior to taking up her position next year. It was lovely to learn about Nerida’s experience and background and her infectious enthusiasm for education. The P&C gave her a warm welcome and we are very much looking forward to working with her next year.

The P&C also took the opportunity to thank Mr Peter Neilsen for the outstanding effort he has put into keeping our school on track as Relieving Principal for the best part of 2014. We are very grateful for all you have done, Peter, and we appreciate the efforts of all the other members of staff who stepped up to support you.

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
The P&C would like to wish all our volunteers, the staff and the students of BCS a very happy Christmas and a relaxing break.

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), 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

The uniform shop will not be open today but will be open tomorrow (Tuesday) 1pm-3pm.
Year 10 work experience is a huge success

Over the last two weeks, our year 10 students have been out in the work place having a look at life in the world of work. They have been planning their placements over the past three months and completed their preparation with an intense careers/work experience day on Thursday 20th November.

According to the students this day was a huge success; students participated in activities related to identifying their personality types and skill strengths, mapping out a career pathways and learning about their rights and responsibilities for work experience. We were lucky enough to have some wonderful guest speakers who talked about their own career journeys and study paths.

Many thanks to Darran Lennon (History teacher BCS), Sarah Sweeney (Primary school teacher BCS), Kristy Moyle (Strategic planner Local Land Services) Rhyll Tozer (accountant), Sam Gordon (Aqua farming) and a special thanks goes out to Sair Gordon who planned and co-facilitated the day as part of her university placement with me in the careers department at BCS.

Taking a student into the work place can mean a great deal more work and we appreciate the support of the wonderful businesses and services who took part.

Host Employers
Afloat Concepts
GB Auto Electrics
Capital Country Construction
Sonza Veterinary Clinic
Saltwater Dream
Braidwood Fabrication
Australian National Botanic Gardens
Stephen Orford
Braidwood Hospital
Braidwood Vet Surgery
The IT Education Company Australia PTY LTD
Bungendore Chainsaws
Langes Auto Centre
Palerang Council
Landmark
Bradley Surveying and Design
JSTEP
Live Stock Health Services
Garry Rogers Motorsport
McBrides Tyre Service
Megalos Print Studio and Gallery
Silver Hills Farm
Braidwood Beauty Studio
Richard Clarke
Franklin Custom Joinery
Lyle Crisp Cabinetmaking
Braidwood K9 Coiffure
Questacon
Ray White Bungendore
Australian National Botanic Gardens
Shoalhaven Signs
Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council
Lyle Crisp Cabinetmaking
William D Verdon
Institute of Applied Ecology, University of Canberra
Tim Hatch Constructions
Wynlen House Market Garden
James Lefebrve
KH Performance Horses
Capital Country Construction
Your Beauty Spot
Bungendore Kids Zone
The Wires Pastrol Company
J and C Hindmarsh
Queanbeyan Hospital
Highgate IT Services

Harts Rural Services
CSIRO
Elleebanna Total Beauty Centre
Braidwood K9 Coiffure
Chris and Lynne Patmore Builders
Quantum Electrical Services
Ogilvie Auto Repairs
Mulloon Creek Natural Farms
TS and TL Smith Auto Electrics
Pie Place
Dee Licious
Goulburn Smash Repair Centre
MAMM International
Wisbeys Orchards
PJ and MA Brown Builders
Friendly Carpentry Services
JTEP Electrical
Vinnies
Vertigo Scaffold and Safety Systems
OFM Direct
Upper Shoalhaven Landcare Council
Canteen News

THER WILL BE NO HOT FOOD AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN AT RECESS WEEK 11

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for helping out this year. A Christmas Party was thrown at Braidwood Servicemen’s Club to thank the volunteers. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend. If you missed out this year we will definitely have something similar next year!

If you would like to help out at the canteen next year, 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, we hope you all have a happy and safe summer holidays.

From the Canteen Staff

P&C Canteen Roster Term 4 - 2014

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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.

Year 8 Family Christmas dinner

This has been a very busy and exciting year and it is time to celebrate your child’s achievements with a good old family BBQ.

Tuesday 9th December 5.30 pm

Braidwood Serviceman’s Club BBQ and play area

$10 pp.

All family members welcome please RSVP to the school office as soon as possible 4842 2249.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.
Advertisements

**Vocal Tuition**

Nicole Taunton
Over 20 years experience
Lessons starting first term 2015 at Braidwood Central School
Please call 48459197/0410627919

**How many books can you read during the holidays?**
Join in the fun at Braidwood Library during the holidays. Fill out your reading log and win prizes as your list grows.
Starting December 16th 2014 and finishing on 25th January 2015 the Holiday Reading Challenge will be running during the summer school holidays.
Come into the library to collect your reading log.
For each book you read you will receive a ticket for the end of holidays draw where you could win a fabulous book prize
Thanks
Kerry Malone
Braidwood Library

**Apex Australia**

XMAS IN THE PARK
Friday 12/12/2014, Start 18:00

1ST PRIZE A FREEZER FROM EDDIE NAMCHONG WITH 3 LAMBS BUTCHERED BY BRAIDWOOD BUTCHERY AND DONATED BY LOCAL FARMERS & WITH GIFTS DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESS

2ND PRIZE 1ST PICK FROM POT EXCLUDING FREEZER & LAMBS

3RD PRIZE 2ND PICK FROM POT EXCLUDING FREEZER & LAMBS

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
BRAIDWOOD BUTCHERS
THE BOILED LOLLY

Apex... it’s another word for Aussie made volunteers!

_Braidwood Golf Club_**Junior MyGolf School Holiday Program**

Braidwood Golf Club in conjunction with Jack Newton Junior Golf are running a school holiday MyGolf program for children aged 7-12 years. The program is designed to provide an introduction to golf for children by promoting skills development and the social and fun aspects of the sport. Children will be involved in skill development, playing on the course, a final day BBQ and presentation.

Parents are invited to attend the BBQ and presentation. No prior golf experience necessary.

Date: Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th January 2015

Time: 8.45am - 12.00pm

Where: Meet each day behind the squash courts at Braidwood Servicemen’s Club, Coronation Avenue, Braidwood.

Cost: $35.00

Includes BBQ and miffed drink. Each child will take home their own golf club kit.

**How to Register:**
Go to mygolf.org.au and enter the postcode 2622. You can then register for participation and source further program detail.

What to bring and wear:
- Gloves (if you have them)
- Some warm clothing is also useful (it’s cold on January 16th)
- Drinking water
- Also bring along sunscreen and a hat

For further details regarding the program please contact:
Sue Harrison 0431550857 - Jack Newton Junior Golf Rod Cuddy: 0410402203 - Braidwood Golf Club