Braidwood Central School
NEWSLETTER

Week 9 Term 4

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### Principal’s News

Congratulations to the 16 students from year 9 who graduated from the Rural Fire Cadets program with a pass out parade in front of the school community, parents and special guests from the Rural Fire Service on Friday.

![Pass Out Parade](image)


### Primary Gold Awards

Congratulations to the Primary students who achieved Gold Level in our Positive Behaviour for success program. The students were rewarded on Friday Afternoon with lunch and fun at the swimming pool. Secondary Gold students will be rewarded with a day at Jamberoo Wednesday 3rd December.

![Primary Gold Awards](image)


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*DID YOU KNOW? Even though you may be following us on Facebook, you may not see all our posts in your newsfeed? To combat this, we suggest you not only “Like” your school’s page, but click on the button again and select the “Get notifications” option from the drop down menu. Once you have done so, you will receive every update from the school.*

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1st December 2014
Good Luck to 7/8 Debating Team
Good luck to our Year 7/8 Debating Team of Ruby Gurling, Jessie Kay, Darcy Gordon and Haddie Davies who will travel to Sydney on Tuesday afternoon to represent the Illawarra South East Region in the state debating finals held at Sydney University. The team will be accompanied by Mr Julian Davies their coach and Mentor and some parents. The school is very proud of your achievements and wish you well for the finals.

Busy end to the Year
With the end of the school year getting closer I would like to remind our community of some very important dates in the last 3 weeks of school.

This Week (week 9)
Primary Learn to Swim Scheme all week PM

Tues 2/12 - Year 7 Orientation Day. All students to be at school by 8:40
2015 Primary Captain Interviews
AECG Meeting Library 4.30pm

Wed 3/12 - Debating Team at State finals in Sydney
P&C Meeting 7pm School Library

Thur 4/12 - Kinder Transition 10am-12noon

Fri 5/12 - Primary Xmas Concert commencing at 11:30 in the small hall.

Next Week (Week 10)
Primary learn to Swim Scheme all week 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 11.30am
School Disco K-2, 4pm-5pm
Yrs3-6, 5pm-7pm Yrs7-11, 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

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 student
HSC Results available

Thur 18/12 - Staff Development Day

Fri 19/12 - Staff Development Day

2015
Week 1
Wed 28/1 - Staff Development Day- pupil free day

Thur 29/1 - Kinder Best Start (by appointment)
Years 1-6 Resume
Year 7, 11&12 Resume

Fri 30/1 - Kinder Best Start (By appointment)
All Students Year 1-12 at school

Week 2
Mon 2/2 - Kinder first day at school

Week 3
Thur 12/2 - School Photos

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal
Deputy News

Recognition Assemblies and Presentation Evening

Congratulations to all of the award winners who received certificates and prizes at last week’s recognition assembly. Thank you to all the parents and guests who were able to come along and help us to celebrate the achievements that students have made this year.

Students in the secondary school will be awarded with their efforts on Tuesday 9th December. The assembly will start at 11.20 and will be held in the gym.

On Thursday the 11th December our presentation evening will acknowledge those students who have earned significant awards. The evening will commence at 6.30pm and will be held in the gymnasium. Students receiving these awards have been notified by mail and will be required to wear full school uniform. All members of the school community are invited to attend this special evening. I would also like to thank the many kind businesses and individuals who have provided prizes for this event.

Year 7 Orientation Day

On Tuesday 2nd December students entering year 7 in 2015 have been invited to the school’s orientation day. This is a great opportunity for from the different feeder schools to meet up and get to know high school a little better. The year adviser for year 7 in 2015 will be Ms Elisa Bryant and she will be assisted by Mr Sam Wilson. They have planned an exciting program of events for their students and I am sure that they will all have a wonderful day.

If you know of families who are wishing to enrol at Braidwood Central School, either for year 7 or any other year please encourage them to contact the school.

Uniform

As the year draws to a close you may be evaluating your child’s uniform needs. If you have uniforms that no longer fit but are in a reasonable condition please consider donating them to the school. Donated uniforms either go to the uniform shop where they can be purchased at a minimal price or they are kept to give to students in case of a uniform emergency. All donations are appreciated and always put to good use.

If you are purchasing a new uniform for your child please keep in mind the following:

- Students must have enclosed leather shoes to participate in practical subjects
- Running shorts or ‘short’ shorts are not an accepted part of the uniform
- Sloppy joes or hoodies with writing or print are not an accepted part of the uniform
- Jeans are only acceptable for those students participating in the welding program on days when welding is taking place
- Grey is the only acceptable colour for boys’ shorts in the secondary school

Braidwood Central School is a uniform school and I thank all parents who support us in helping to promote the school through the wearing of uniform.

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: Michael Wlasak
- Apples: Hayden Davis
- Kidmans: Sophie Bell
- Scarecrows: Imogen Dixon
- Yabbies: Leroy Campbell-Davys
- Clydesdales: Arna Dixon
- Drovers: Dominic Wattam

Primary Gold Excursion

Last Friday 24 very excited Primary students headed to the Braidwood pool for an afternoon of swimming fun. This was a reward for their commitment to the school's values of enthusiasm, responsibility and consideration, enabling them to achieve a Gold award.

The students were all tested for their water safety skills and issued with a wrist band so that competent swimmers could easily be identified by the lifeguard. Less competent swimmers had a yellow band and remained in the shallow end. Everyone had a wonderful time swimming, eating hot chips and gravy for lunch and an
ice-cream treat on the way back to school. Julieanne commented on the exemplary behaviour of all students and invited them to come back anytime. Thank you to Ms Borra for coming along and helping out with the skill testing and wrist bands.

There will be a reward afternoon at school in week 10 to recognise the students who have achieved Silver and Bronze and any new Gold awardees.

Primary Christmas Concert
This exciting event is on in Week 9 this 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.

P&C Monster Christmas Raffle
The P&C is 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. We only have a couple of weeks to fill our baskets, so please send your donations in as soon as you can. For every item donated the students receive a free raffle ticket.

Families have received a book of tickets with this newsletter. Please sell them and return the tickets and money to the front office. More tickets are available from the front office. Secondary class themes have been arranged by Year Advisers so if you have children in High School please check what their Year level theme is. 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
- Drovers – Kitchen

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.

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.

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

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

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
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.
Advertisements

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

NSW Government
Department of Primary Industries
Recreational Fishing Trusts

Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries. The day runs from 10 am–2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and DATES

Batemans Bay

Wednesday 7th January 2015

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW, Ph 02 4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Workshop details are on the web: