**Braidwood Central School**

**NEWSLETTER**

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### Principal’s News

**Public Speaking Competition**

On Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> six Primary students will travel to Bungendore to participate in a public speaking competition at Palerang Council Chambers Bungendore. BCS will be competing against Bungendore and Tarago students. I am sure that they will give their personal best effort.

**Harmony Day**

I would like to congratulate all students, teachers and members of the community that took part in Harmony Day celebrations. The highlight was the showing of the film/documentary “Mary Meets Mohammed”. This was attended by a significant number of students and members of the community. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Pauline Coady for organising this viewing at short notice.

The secondary students ran a series of stalls that served food from various cultures that are now part of the fabric of Australian life. In Primary there were a series of work stations that looked at the meaning of Harmony Day and provided activities for the students to take part in.

**Girls’ Sleepover**

On Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> Year six to eight girls have been invited to sleepover at the school under the supervision of female teachers. The purpose is to help our female students to better bond with each other and gain a greater sense of their worth as individuals both within the school and the community. There will be a number of activities during the evening and I am sure that everyone will have a great time.

**Primary Rugby Clinic**

A rugby league clinic will be held on Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> for Primary students. The Brumbies will be visiting the school to run the clinic, leading to a Gala Day later in the term.

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Please note: the deadline for newsletter submissions is 3.10pm Friday. Submissions received during the school week will go in the following week’s newsletter. All submissions should be submitted electronically to the email address below.

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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**Front Office Phone**

4842 2249

**Canteen Phone**

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Deputy News

Braidwood Central School is a Uniformed School

Some of the reasons why we are encouraging students to wear school uniform:

- Improves safety of students
- Less peer pressure
- Develops school spirit
- More cost effective
- Enhances focus and thus improves academic performance
- Meets OHS requirements for practical classes

If you require assistance to access a school uniform please contact me at the school.

The school uniform shop is open before and after school each Wednesday. Orders are also taken via the front office.

Peter Nielsen
Deputy Principal

Primary News

Student of the Week

Our Students of the Week (one from each class) are chosen by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis. These award cards also count towards the students’ Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. They nominate students who consistently display our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm. Congratulations to these students:

- Peaches: Layla Stuart
- Apples: Reegan Saunders
- Kidmans: Millie Potter
- Scarecrows: Angus Stuart
- Yabbies: Luke White
- Clydesdales: Gus Munnings
- Drovers: Todd Hazelton

Assembly

Our next assembly for 2014 will be held on Thursday 3rd April at 11.30am. Many weekly and special awards are presented at our assemblies. Everyone is welcome and the children love to have someone in the audience, especially when their class is performing.

Harmony Day

Our Harmony Day celebrations included a mufti day which was very popular with the students. It was great to see so many wearing orange which is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. After lunch the Primary students participated in a range of activities, working together in K-6 groups to create paper doll chains and learn and play games from around the world. By participating in these activities they gained a greater understanding of how all students from diverse backgrounds equally belong to the school and can work together to make it a better place.

Ivy, Maxyne, Anthony, Hattie, Bonnie and Mia dressed in orange to celebrate Harmony Day.
Week 9 Term 1

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9.30am for the Infants Classes, followed by the Primary Classes. We will commence school training during sport soon after the course has been decided and cleaned of debris, sticks and thistles and hopefully all snakes have gone underground. All classes visited the Ag Plot last Thursday but the cattle and sheep were in the middle paddock so we did not venture in, maybe next Thursday. After the rain the paddocks are lush and green and look very safe to run in.

Greg Clarke
Assistant Principal

Primary Performance
For the second year Braidwood Central school’s Primary students are taking centre stage. Many of us fondly remember their fabulous production of “Prince Cinders”. This year’s crop of future Oscar winners have been working hard to produce another show stopper, “Peter Pan and Wendy”, as directed by Elisa Bryant, adapted by Mary Appleby, with music direction by Ross Waples.

As a school we are hugely thankful to all the parents for all the assistance we have received. Special mention goes to Alison Campbell-Davys who has attended every rehearsal and assisted with costume design, as well as Louise Williamson who was responsible for the terrific mermaid costumes.

Zoe, Michael, Fletcher, Izzy and Reegan playing the game “Snake” from the Republic of Ghana.

Easter Raffle
Please help support this P&C fundraiser by sending in an Easter item and purchasing the tickets which will be sent home on a separate note. There will be a prize for the family which sells the most tickets. More tickets can be collected at the front office.

Uniform awards
It is wonderful to see almost all Primary students wearing correct school uniform every day, including their sun-safe hats. Congratulations to last week’s uniform prize winners: Alyssa Bollard, Annabel Flack, LJ De Vera and Zac Henness Flood Smith.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

2013 Wooworths Earn & Learn
Last week the materials we were eligible to receive from last year’s program arrived from collecting all the sticker tokens. We received;

- individual student whiteboards with coloured textas and rubbers for all students in Kinder Peaches, Year 1 Apples, Year 2 Kidmans, Year 2/3 Scarecrows.
- soft footballs and league balls 20 each for Kinders, Years 1 & 2.
- a variety of rubber and catching balls for catching and throwing skills. A huge thankyou to all families who supported this program last year as these items have arrived free of charge

Sports Events Term 1

- ACT BRUMBIES CLINIC, Friday 28th March at school. This day will comprise of class clinics held in class time.
- Various Eurobodalla District PSSA Trials Notes were sent home last week for Snr Boys Football and Rugby League.
- BCS Annual Cross Country Carnival for K to 6 only at the school’s Ag Plot is on the last day of this term, FRIDAY 11th APRIL, commencing at

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It takes a lot of time and commitment to produce a full scale production and we could not have achieved this without the support of the staff; especially Laurel Clark, Greg Clarke, Richard Allen, Robert Jackson and Mary Langdon who have contributed their talents to further the success of this production.

The production features only Primary students and is full of fun, vivacious energy and youth. We can promise a show that will make you laugh, cheer and boo for the characters. Eli Mann brings a sense of cheekiness and fun to Peter Pan, Anabelle Flack sings beautifully and holds her own with the lost boys as Wendy and Pasquale Deo makes a swashbuckling Hook; aided and abetted by a cast of playful Mermaids, adventure seeking Lost Boys, cut-throat Pirates and ruthless Tribesman.

Braidwood Central School is incredibly grateful for the community’s support of the performing arts and we hope to see you at this year’s production of Peter Pan, for what is a show without an audience?

Performances:

Thursday 3rd April, 6.30pm (BCS Small Hall) &
Saturday 5th April, 2.30pm (BCS Small Hall)

Tickets:

Adults: $10
Concession/Children: $5
Family (4): $25

Keep an eye out for future BCS productions:
Euripides, “Medea”, performed in June.
The Wizard of Oz, performed in August.
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, performed in November.

And, remember to contact Miss Elisa Bryant or Ms Mary Appleby if you are interested in performing at the 2014 Braidwood Carols by Candlelight on 13th December, BCS Police Paddock.

Secondary News

Central Schools’ Touch Football Knock-Out will be held in Boorowa on THURSDAY 1ST MAY (Term 2, Wk 1) involving four teams (Juniors Yr 7 to 10; Seniors Yr 11 and 12; boys and girls). Selections will be held in the coming weeks and permission notes sent home as soon as possible thereafter. Team members are encouraged to commit to improving fitness and skills at training and at home.

The Raiders’ Girls’ Tackle ‘Try It’ Day, for girls in Yr 7 to 10 who’d like learn the skills of Rugby League in a safe and supportive environment, will be held at Northbourne Oval, Braddon on Monday 7th April.
Permission notes and $10 bus fare are due into the Front Office by Wednesday 2nd April.


School Sport: If your child has chosen Tennis or Golf as a Wednesday sport, could you please pay $5 and $6 respectively to the Front Office for Club Membership Fees at your earliest convenience. It’s a small price to pay for access to such fine and convenient facilities!

Dimity Borra
Sec Sport Cordinator
Fresh new approach to numeracy teaching at BCS

Braidwood Central School is being funded during 2013 and 2014 under the ‘Improving Numeracy National Partnership’, which is a joint initiative of the Australian and NSW governments. The program supports teachers to revitalize the way they teach numeracy.

This article is to inform parents and carers about some of the positive changes you will see in your child’s numeracy education at BCS.

How is the grant money being spent?
Sarah Sweeney, Stage 3 teacher was appointed to manage the program. Sarah is released from class one day per week to facilitate this. Consultants Robyn Rennie and Jenny Dearden (both very experienced teachers) have been employed to deliver training programs to BCS staff. Funds are also being used to pay for casual teachers to cover classes when teachers are required to do project work.

What changes will I see in my child’s classroom?
The changes are specific to your child’s age and developmental level.

During 2014, teachers of Years K-2 will be trained in the highly successful Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) program. The TEN program focuses on short, focused and frequent learning opportunities to increase numeracy skills, especially for struggling students. The TEN program will be established in K-2 classrooms in 2014.

Teachers in Years 3-6, secondary Maths teachers, plus learning support staff will be trained in the Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) framework. This will then be implemented for Years 3-8 in 2014. This program focuses on the child’s understanding of whole numbers, place value, multiplication and division, and problem solving. Research shows these are the most important ‘foundation skills’, meaning that they must be understood for further learning in Maths to occur.

What's happening right now?
All students K-8 are being assessed individually, by their teacher, using special assessments. These give teachers clear information and data about which fundamental Mathematical concepts your child has mastered, and which they are struggling with. All this data is recorded in an online system, and will be updated regularly. The information will be passed on to your child’s new teacher each year, as they progress through school.

While ‘pencil and paper’ work still has an important place in BCS classrooms, Maths lessons have already switched to a much more ‘activity based’ approach. This means if you walk into the classrooms, you will see the children doing more games, investigations, and giving verbal...
responses (like counting out loud, or saying their times tables). There is also less focus on textbooks, particularly in the early years. This allows teachers to be more flexible in targeting the individual needs of your child.

Why the new approach?
A wide variety of research shows us that:

- Children need to understand the basic concepts of whole numbers, place value and multiplication and division before they can learn harder Maths concepts (like fractions, decimals etc.). These skills are also essential for later life.
- While bookwork and tests will always have an important place in Maths lessons, children need to do more talking/thinking about Maths. Most of the Maths you do as an adult is ‘mental computation’, i.e. in your head. Therefore, children need mental flexibility in the way they approach Maths.
- Children learn best through play and hands-on activities where they get to touch and feel their learning tools. Social interaction, i.e. talking to each other about Maths, is important for their learning.

BCS teachers are now moving towards meeting these principles.

Lots of brand new resources
As part of the project, BCS has just invested $5,000 on new equipment for the K-6 classrooms. Your child will have lots of new, exciting equipment to support their learning, such as large dice, playing cards, calculators, games, and bright counters.

How can I help?
As you can imagine, a project of this size takes a lot of work. We’d appreciate any help you could offer. You might consider:

- Helping in a classroom during Maths lessons. Please contact your child’s teacher.
- Closely assisting with your child’s Maths homework. For support, the BCS homework centre is on Mondays and Wednesdays in the library from 4-5pm. David McClymont (secondary Maths teacher) is there each session to assist.
- Allowing your child to practice Maths in any way, because opportunities are becoming less frequent in our technological world. This might include playing cards, working out whether the shopping will come under budget, or adding up pocket money earned for doing chores (without using a calculator or phone!).
- Volunteering to talk to a high school year group about your career, and how understanding Maths is essential in your workplace.
- Asking your child what they learned in Maths class today.

Any questions
If you have any questions about this exciting project, please email Sarah Sweeney on sarah.levett2@det.nsw.edu.au or phone Mr Peter Neilsen or Mrs Sarah Sweeney via the office on 4842 2249.

Mrs Sarah Sweeney, INNP Project Coordinator
Mr Peter Neilsen, Deputy Principal
Community News
A big thank you to the Carey family for their kind donation of three art books, 'The Art of George Stubbs', 'Renior' and "How to draw Anything" are available to all students in the library.

Heritage Day Parade - Expression of Interest
The school is planning to be an active participant in the Heritage Day Parade on Saturday 3rd May and we would like to ask any parents/carers and community members who might be able to assist in preparations for the day to contact Simone Horn, Community Liaison Officer, at the school. The parade is especially important this year, as it celebrates Braidwood's 175th birthday, so if you can help out in any way we'd really love to hear from you - whether it be contributing some of your creative ideas, sewing some costumes, preparing a float or helping organise students on the day.

Simone Horn
Community Liaison Officer
Tuesday and Friday
Braidwood Central School
ph: 4842 2249

P&C News
Welcome to our new committee
Thank you to everyone who came along to the P&C Annual General Meeting last week – it was great to see such a good turnout from both parents and staff. The good news is that we have a new committee with a full quota of office bearers. Well, some of us are not-so-new but hopefully we still have a bit of energy left for another year of activities!

The 2014 Executive is:

President – Bidda Jones
Vice Presidents – Amanda Flack and Veronica McClure
Secretary – Hannie Bott
Treasurer – Denise Rutter
Uniform Shop Coordinator – Linda Lewis
Canteen Coordinator – Eryn Wood
Show catering coordinator – Sue Chinnery

A contact list for all committee members will be available from the Front Office soon.

Catering for Peter Pan
The P&C will be catering for both performances of the Primary musical Peter Pan, on Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm and Saturday 5th April at 2.30pm. Donations of cakes, slices (and savoury items for the evening performance) will be needed and can be dropped off at the canteen on Thursday or Friday that week. We also need 3-4 volunteers to help prepare and serve at each performance. If you can help out, please get in touch at the contact details below.

Do you work for Telstra?
If someone in your immediate family works for Telstra, then you may be able to help the P&C access Telstra funding as there are grants available for schools associated with Telstra employees. So, if you work for Telstra, or live with someone who does, and are willing to provide your details to assist in a grant application, please let us know.

Contact the P&C
The P&C email address is bcspandc@gmail.com or you can always contact the current President, Bidda Jones, directly on 4842 7189 or 0422 542175 or bidda@sharewater.net
Australian College of Nursing Expo 2014

When: Saturday 10th May 2014
Where: Sydney Town Hall
483 George Street
Sydney (Enter Lower Town Hall via Druitt Street)
Time: 9am-1pm
Entry is free

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Open Day Saturday 12th April 2014

Open Day - the opportunity to come in and find out the answers to all the questions you might have about studying film at our Redfern/Waterloo premises.
Advertisements

Entry Form and information sheets are available at the BCS Front Office

We are looking forward to a great soccer season in 2014.

Soccer is great opportunity for anyone striving to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh award. We still need coaches to help out with regular training seasons on a Wednesday as well as canteen volunteers.

Registration sessions were held recently on the grounds, however, if you missed out its not too late to join. Registration forms are available from the Bendigo Bank in town, or email the registrar on bidda@sharewater.net.

The Bullants are going to field several teams in the 2014 Kanga Cup. If your child would like to sign up for a week of exhausting but tremendous fun in the July holidays, we are looking for Under 12 Girls, Under 15 Girls and Under 14 Boys to form teams. Please contact the registrar on bidda@sharewater.net as soon as possible.

More on the start of season date will come soon, but in the meantime, if you have unreturned soccer jerseys from last year (or in fact any year) we are holding a round up!!! Murray Smith will welcome home any prodigal jerseys.

Warm Regards
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24th March 2014

Hi everyone and welcome to our fundraising page to improve the lives of those living with Type 1 Diabetes. Please support Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by donating to our fundraising web page link above and below.

Angus, who has lived with Type 1 Diabetes since 2005, will skydive alongside his dad, Michael, who took part last year’s Jump to Cure Diabetes challenge.

By helping us raise funds, you are helping the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation support vital research to cure, treat and prevent Type 1 Diabetes.

Thank you and we hope you can follow our journey to the Canberra Jump to Cure Diabetes skydive on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

Thanks, Michael and Angus.
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