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The newsletter is also available to download each week from our school website.

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**Principal’s News**

**Years 7&9 Exam Week**
Years 7&9 will begin their examination week this week. Most exams will take place during individual lesson time but a few may involve year groups. This decision will depend on the policy of each KLA. Students should be alert as to what the requirements for each subject are. I am sure that all students will attempt to deliver their “personal best”.

**Girls’ Open Soccer Travel to Moruya**
The Open Girls’ soccer side will travel to Moruya High on Tuesday May 20th. Coach Ms Jo Parsons will travel with the students who will face a solid contest with the Moruya High girls. I wish them good fortune in their efforts.

**ICAS Computing Test**
The ICAS computing test will be held on Tuesday May 20th. Students involved already know who they are and should come prepared for this opportunity to measure their skills with students of the same age across the state and country.

**Primary Cross Country Effort**
A large group of BCS students competed in the zone cross country held at Potato Point. While unsure of individual placing at the time of printing, I was very pleased to hear that our students, while at the venue, showed terrific sportspersonship and stood out as encouraging their fellow BCS students in their efforts. Well done!!

**Debutante Ball**
I would like to congratulate the students that made their debut on Saturday night. I have heard that it was a wonderful success.

**Absentee Notes**
Most Braidwood parents and caregivers are very good when it comes to giving reasons for an absent student. In the rush that makes up our daily routine, however, it is also easy to forget to send an absentee note or inform the school by phone, fax, email or in person that a student will or has been absent.

This is particularly true of partial absences such as when a student arrives late or has to leave school early. The issue is not about gaining “permission”, it is about providing a reason. The State authorities monitor absenteeism very closely. Home School Liaison Officers visit the school two to three times per term looking for patterns of unexplained absences.

It is an enormous help to everyone if notes are provided promptly via whatever method to ensure absences are explained. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

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BCS P&C are selling raffle tickets in a load of wood (kindly donated by the Watson family). Tickets are $2.00 each. Please send an envelope to BCS by Friday 30th May 2014, with money and ticket buyers details on front of envelope. Raffle tickets will be written in the front office at BCS from envelope details.

Funds raised from this wood raffle will be going towards the text book fund. Raffle tickets will also be sold in front of the Newsagency on Friday 30 May.

If you need to contact me - 0417 422 650 or ma.flack@bigpond.com

regards
Amanda Flack

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Week 4 Term 2  19th May 2014
Deputy News

This Term is an important Term in regard to:

- Semester 1 exams and reports.
- Year 7 & 9 Assessment week: 19th – 23rd May (Week 4)
- Year 11 Half Yearly Exams: 26th – 30th May (Week 5)
- Year 12 Trial HSC: 19th – 25th June (Weeks 8 – 9)

Communication

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare or teaching and learning of your child at school, your first port of call is to contact me at the school. I will redirect you to the appropriate personnel if required. I can be contacted by phone 4842 2249 / 4842 2420 or email peter.neilsen@det.nsw.edu.au

Peter Neilsen
Deputy Principal

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.

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: Henry Beale
Apples: Olivia Baumann-Lionet
Kidmans: Katie Mendham
Scarecrows: Paige Elliott
Yabbies: Nelson Sargent
Clydesdales: Chloe Henness Flood Smith
Drovers: Toby Buoro

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to be very popular so to make the workload easier for our workers the students will now just have fruit on Mondays and Fridays. The normal menu will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If there are any parents or carers who would be able to help out with Breakfast Club between 8.30 and 9.00am please see Mrs Davis or leave your name and number at the front office.

Assembly

Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend our assemblies every Thursday at 11.30am. We have a full assembly with a class performance and presentation of awards every second week. In the alternating weeks we have a ‘mini’ assembly where we present awards without a class performance. Our next assembly with a class performance will be on Thursday 22nd May where Apples will be presenting their item.

Mr McGee and the Biting Flea

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students will be invited to attend a performance of Mr McGee and the Biting Flea on Friday 27th June 2014. A note will be sent home closer to the date.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school in Term 2 from Tuesday 24th June until Thursday 26th June. All classes will visit the van with their teachers to take part in stage appropriate modules presented by a trained educator. Topics covered will include things such as: healthy lifestyle, safety, cyber safety, decision making, peer pressure, emotions, problem solving and coping strategies. The cost per student will be $10.00 which

Show Team Photos can be viewed and ordered at the Front Office.

$14 per photo

The cut off to order photos is 6th June.
We include the Life Education session, a student work book and a sticker.

To make things easier for parents these events can be paid for in advance or paid in weekly/fortnightly instalments at the front office.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Sports Events Term 2

Diary Dates

Eurobodalla District Cross Country Carnival
Last Friday 15 students travelled to Potato Point near Bodalla to compete in the annual Eurobodalla District PSSA Carnival for students from 9 to 12 years of age. The day was a warm 24 degrees, which was much warmer than Braidwood weather. All students were well behaved and did their best in every event. Many thanks to all parents and relatives who made the trip to support our school.

Outstanding efforts were from the following students;
- Leroy Campbell-Davys 10th in the 8/9 yrs boys.
- Hattie Cram 7th in the 8/9 yrs girls.
- Ryley Hazleton 9th in the 8/9 yrs girls.
- Monty Crosbie 16th in the 12/13 yrs boys.
- Ned Jeffrey 4th in the 12/13 yrs boys.

Ned has qualified for the South Coast Regional Cross Country Carnival later this month at Nowra. Congratulations to Ned!

All these races had over 44 competitors from 9 different schools from Milton down to Narooma. So these students who are mentioned above did remarkably well.

BCS Annual Athletics Carnival
The organised date is WEDNESDAY 4th June, for all students Kinder to Year 12. This is in Week 6 of this term at Braidwood Rec Ground. More information will be sent home early next week.

Greg Clarke
Assistant Principal

Secondary News

Secondary Sport Report

Congratulations to all who competed but especially to Sophie Cargill and Chris Donkin-Lennon on their success at the Zone Cross Country Carnival in Wolumla. They will represent the School at South Coast Area X-Country on Friday 30th May at Willandra, Cambewarra. They should be proud of their achievement and we wish them all the best at Area level.

Good luck to our Open Girls Soccer team in Rd 2 of the CHS Errea Trophy against Moruya this Tuesday. Ably coached by Ms Jo Parsons, the girls should have a great match away.

CRL Small Schools Rugby League Carnival has been postponed from May 22nd to Wednesday 11th June at Cooma Showgrounds. Teams of Yr 7/8 and Yr 9/10 boys are being selected and training with Mr Mick Flakelar and Mr Damian Roberts has begun. Mouthguards MUST be worn in tackle practice.

We have also entered 2 similarly grouped teams in the Alan Tongue 9 a-side Rugby League Competition on Wednesday 18th June at Braddon, ACT. Permission notes and details for BOTH League fixtures will be given out as soon as the teams have been finalised.

Other events for your diary include

- School Athletics Carnival (K to 12) on Wednesday 4th June at the Recreation Grounds. All students expected and all parents, friends and supporters are most welcome to attend the day. Wearing house colours is encouraged. A BBQ lunch and Canteen will be available.

- Zone Athletics Carnival is on Friday 20th May at Cooma, with a reserve date of 27th May.

- South Coast Area Athletics Carnival is on Friday 1st August at AIS Stadium, ACT.

- Central Schools’ Touch Football State Finals in Dubbo on 19th and 20th August for our Junior and Senior Boys teams respectively. Any fundraising ideas to help reduce the considerable cost of the overnight trip will be most gratefully received.

Dimity Borr
Secondary Sport Coordinator

The $2 bus fare for Secondary Sport will no longer be required

**Library News**

On Wednesday the 21st May (at around 11am) the students from Years K-2 are meeting together to take part in the ‘National Simultaneous Storytime’ event. All around Australia children will be listening to this story in classrooms, public libraries and Pre Schools at the same time:

This year the chosen book is: ‘Too Many Elephants In This House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. If you would like to learn more about this book, the event and view and listen to this book being read check out the following web address: [http://www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

A reminder that overdue library books need to be returned. Check the due date at the back of your library book. We have lots of students eagerly waiting on the return of popular items such as the ‘Wimpy Kid’ books. If anyone wishes to purchase a BCS library bag, they are available from the School Library for $6.50. (Library bags are required for students in K-2).

Happy Reading,
Mary Langdon
(Teacher Librarian)

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**Community News**

Please Return Heritage Parade Props And Clothing

A number of items that were used as props or clothing for the Heritage Parade have not yet been returned. Anyone who still has some of these items, please return them to the office as soon as possible so they can be returned to their owners. Please note that you do not have to wash clothing before returning it. If there are any problems, please contact Simone Horn, Community Liaison Officer.

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesdays from 9.30am – 3.15pm.

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**Afternoon Tea**

Improving outcomes for Aboriginal students is an important priority at BCS so, in Mr Yule’s absence, the school Executive has asked me to take on oversight of relevant programs.

I have started calling Aboriginal families to introduce myself and hope you can join me for afternoon tea this Tuesday at 5.30pm in the BCS Library. Parents, students and other family members are all welcome.

If you can’t make the afternoon tea but would still like to catch up face-to-face, please contact me through the school so we can make other arrangements.

Thanks!
Michael Guilfoyle
Head Teacher Mathematics & Science

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**P&C News**

Contact the P&C

The P&C email address is bcsandc@gmail.com or you can always contact the current President, Bidda Jones, directly on 4842 7189 or 0422 542175 or bidda@sharewater.net
Regular School Attendance
Information for parents and carers

All children have a right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities, leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

Schools play a vital role in the social and emotional development of children. Regular attendance enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

If students miss out on the basic skills in the early years of school, they may experience learning problems in later years. Ultimately, unsatisfactory attendance at school may affect the awarding of the School Certificate.

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. Parents and school have specific responsibilities concerning children's attendance at school.

Responsibilities of the principal

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, principals are accountable for their decision to record a student’s absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged.

Responsibilities of parents

The Education Act 1990 requires that parents (including carers) ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered with the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling. The New South Wales Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include if the student:
- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious disease.
Head lice infestations can be a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. Parents should check their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. Information on how schools can support parents to manage and prevent the spread of head lice can be accessed from the student health section of the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student/support/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student/support/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php). Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Head lice, is not a justified reason for prolonged absences from school.

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may not be justified.

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings and other children
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Hair cuts.

It is important to realise that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children have recurring unjustified absences from school.

**Keeping the school informed**

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for the absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

Whenever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to provide an explanation for absences before the absences occur.

The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ requests for their child to be absent from school, or an explanation given for a child’s absence from school.

**Holidays**

Parents and carers are encouraged to not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Occasionally it may be necessary for students to accompany their parents on family holidays during school term. Parents should discuss these absences with the principal and may be requested to apply to the principal for a Certificate of Exemption from attendance at school to ensure these absences are not permanently recorded as unjustified.

When considering applications for Certificates of Exemption, principals may consider a variety of factors such as compassionate reasons. For example, family reunions, the educational merits of the holiday and agreement for the student to complete assignments while on holiday. In some cases application for Distance Education may be more appropriate than seeking an exemption from school attendance.

**Arrival on time**

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,

**Need help?**

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the school principal, the school counsellor or, in primary school the assistant principal and in secondary school, your child’s year adviser.

Home school liaison officers can offer support with attendance at school. Some school areas also have Aboriginal student liaison officers who support the attendance of Aboriginal students.

Telephone your local Department of Education and Training regional office and speak to the student welfare consultant if you would like further support. A list of regional office telephone numbers can be accessed at the web site address: [www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/contactus/index.htm) or by telephoning 131 536.

- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.
- Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

**Must my child attend all activities, including sport?**

**YES.** Sport and other physical activities help the healthy physical and mental development of children. Sports and sports carnivals are normal school activities and students must attend.
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