**Coming Events**

- **Monday 26th May**
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

- **Tuesday 27th May**
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
  - Reconciliation Day Assembly

- **Wednesday 28th May**
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
  - Yr 9, 10, 11 Drama Excursion

- **Thursday 29th May**
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams

- **Friday 30th May**
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams
  - Area Cross Country
  - Fast and Fresh Theatre Festival

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**Principal’s News**

**Year 11 Exams Begin**

Year 11 half yearly exams begin on Monday May 26th and run for the rest of the week. I would like to wish all Year 11 good fortune in their first senior exams. I trust that study skills learned earlier in the year are being put to good use.

**Reconciliation Day**

Tuesday May 27th marks Reconciliation Day. This is an extremely important day that celebrates the new understanding that has developed and is continuing to develop between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Australia. The Braidwood AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) has worked with the school to organise a celebration of Reconciliation Day on the Tuesday morning. This will be a combined assembly and an opportunity for speakers to be heard and the work of reconciliation confirmed in the minds of all.

**BCS Travels to Illawarra and South East Region Drama Festival.**

Drama students in Years 9, 10 & 11 will travel to the Drama Festival held annually at Albion Park High, Wednesday 28th May. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet with other Drama students and experience the work that they are doing as compared to their own. I have no doubt that they will have a wonderful time.

**Area Cross Country**

Eligible students will compete in the area cross country carnival at Nowra on Friday May 30th. I wish all of those competing good luck in this event.

**Canberra Theatre**

Year 9 and 10 Drama students will travel to the Canberra Theatre Centre on Friday 30th May to participate in the Fast and Fresh Drama Festival. Fast and Fresh offers young writers, directors and producers the opportunity to develop new Australian short plays.

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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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**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 30th May.

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

regards

Amanda Flack
**Deputy News**

This Term is an important Term in regard to:
- Semester 1 exams and reports.
- 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

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**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: Oscar Stuart  
- Apples: Stella Riley  
- Kidmans: Anusha Bajracharya  
- Scarecrows: Amellia Malley  
- Yabbies: Hunter Gleeson  
- Clydesdales: Logan Kendall  
- Drovers: Taryll Hanchard

**National Walk Safely to School Day**

Approximately 84 Primary students received certificates for taking part in the Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23rd May. This is a wonderful effort as many of our families live a long way from the school meaning parents and carers had to change their routines to enable their children to walk. A number of families who live in town were also seen walking safely to school instead of driving, which was great to see. Thanks to everyone who helped their children take part and thank you to Miss Hart for organising this special activity. Don’t forget that walking is a much healthier choice so if at all possible encourage your children to walk all or part of the way to school every day.

**Breakfast Club**

We need to once again thank Liz Crisp, Deb Donaldson, Gabi Robinson and Cathie King for their tireless work ensuring our Breakfast Club can operate. Thanks also to

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Show Team Photos can be viewed and ordered at the Front Office.  
$14 per photo  
The cut off to order photos is 6th June.
Alison Campbell-Davys who has offered to help. We could still use another three helpers so if you or someone you know could help between 8.30 and 9am one morning a week, please see the front office.

Assembly
Our next assembly with a class performance will be on Thursday 5th June where Peaches will be presenting their item. 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.

Mr McGee and the Biting Flea
Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students are 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 includes the Life Education session, a student work book and a sticker.

Gymnastics Term Three
Next term we are running an eight week in-school School Gymnastics program for all Primary students. This program will take place every Thursday and all classes will rotate through structured, levelled activities with fully qualified Gymnastics coaches. All equipment is provided by School Gymnastics. There will be a cost of $5.00 per week per student for this program which is very good value as private Gymnastics lessons outside school are much more expensive.

To make things easier for parents all of these events can be paid for in advance or paid in weekly/fortnightly instalments at the front office. These activities are a part of the school curriculum so it is expected that all students will participate. Assistance is available for families experiencing financial difficulties so please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Canberra Theatre Excursion/Cross Country Carnival
Friday 16th May was an exciting one for BCS Primary. About 65 children from Years 3-6 visited Canberra Theatre and the Australian National Botanic Gardens, while another group of about 30 attended the district cross country carnival at Potato Point. Many thanks to Mrs Langdon, Mrs Davis and Mr Clarke for organising these excursions. Here are two recollections written by Year 6 students.

Mrs Sweeney

Cross Country Day
The day started when I woke up and got dressed. I was extremely excited about how the day would unfold. I ate some toast and jumped in the car with Dad, Matilda and Harry. The cross country was at Potato Point which is about one and a half hours. On the way down to Potato Point I was listing to some music on my iPod. We stopped at Moruya to have a stretch, and Dad went and got a newspaper from the servo station.
When we arrived at Potato Point we went straight to the spot that we always sit at. The only Braidwood people that got there before us were the Castles. The buses started to arrive after about five minutes of us being there.

We walked the track at a quarter past ten. The track was three kilometres long and very tough to run. It was tough because you had to run up a huge hill and two very large sections of sand, but the rest of the way was dirt. The rest of the day I spent watching the races before mine, and talking. Hattie Cram was the first Braidwood student to cross the line in her race, but Ryley Hazelton was close behind. Matilda (my sister) came forty-eighth in her race. I can’t remember what the rest of the Braidwood kids came, but in most races we did pretty well.

When it was my race I was extremely nervous about how I would go. We did some stretches before we raced and the starter said “On your marks, get set” then the starting gun went off. We ran the track fairly fast and running over the sand was the hardest bit of it. I crossed the finish line fourth and I made it to regional.

Logan Hunt was the first Braidwood student to cross the line in the 12-13yrs girls, but close behind was Lyndsey Mendham and Lyla Crosbie. After their race they called out the people that made it to regional and my name got called out, so I went up and got my permission note off the people to go to regional.

Then we got in the car and travelled home. I slept most of the way back to Braidwood so that I had enough energy to play footy that night.

by Ned Jeffery

Excursion to Canberra Theatre
Early on Friday 16th of May we all gathered on the basketball court in front of the school. After that the students went aboard the buses. The students had a good time talking to each other and getting along. It took about an hour but we eventually got there. When the bus stopped everyone was filled with excitement.

Before we were allowed inside the theatre, Mrs Sweeney and the other teachers had to make sure that all the students were lining up.

After all that we were finally allowed to go inside the theatre. We walked down a hall and walked through a door. As we walked through the door we saw lots and lots of children from different schools. We sat down on some really comfortable seats.

The performance was called ‘The 13-Storey Treehouse’. It was so funny. The actors were really good and I think everyone enjoyed it - even the teachers.

When we finished at the theatre we went to the Botanical Gardens to eat our lunch. It was so beautiful. There were lots of different types of plants and trees. The teachers even let us have some free time. Every one of the students played tag, or even charades. It was so much fun, but play time soon came to an end.

Before we went back to school we walked around for a while and saw the different types of plants while we walked along the path. When we finished we went back on the bus and drove back to school. When we arrived back at school we were allowed to go on the police paddock to play.

In my opinion the excursion was awesome, and I will always remember it.

by Tyra Masland

Primary Cooking
This week the Yabbies are cooking mini quiches on Wednesday afternoon. Students could bring; cream, eggs, cheese, bacon, tomatoes, parsley, zucchini or contribute $1.

Please make staff aware of any good allergies or intolerances.
Kelly Baumann

Secondary and Primary News

Annual Whole School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 4th June The Recreation Grounds.

Some Changes!!

This year ALL students from Kindergarten to Year 12 will be participating in our Athletics Carnival. (Students should attend school FIRST as normal, where Roll Marking and organisation will occur).

All students will be transported by Braidwood Buses TO and FROM the Recreation Grounds at a cost of $2 per person so we can maximise our Carnival time and 'keep them safe'. Please have the correct change to be collected at Roll Call on the day.

After the Carnival (about 2.30pm) students will travel back to school by bus and be assembled in Home Bus
Lines. **Home Buses will pick up their passengers and depart FROM the School at the NORMAL TIME.**

**And the Familiar!!**

Canteen and Sausage-Sizzle BBQ ($2) will be available for everyone to enjoy.

We encourage parents and friends to be there and be involved, whether by volunteering to help with the above, events or supporting our students in their efforts.

Wear House Colours (Red, Yellow or Green) for fun and friendly competitiveness.

Be prepared for the Weather! Layers of clothing, water bottles, brollies etc. Sunscreen provided! ....who knows? If we have to postpone, our back-up date is Friday 6th June.

Any Field or Track Events that are not finalised on the day will be held in school time to determine eligibility for Zone Representation.

And a reminder that the **Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival is on Friday 20th June at Cooma.**

SEE YOU THERE!

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**P&C News**

**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

**Community News**

Braidwood Central School (BCS) is seeking suitability qualified (or experienced) Tutors as part of the Norta Norta program. Norta Norta provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement. The focus is to provide learning assistance in the key areas of literacy and numeracy to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students. BCS currently has a whole school priority of improving numeracy.

Employment will be on a casual hourly rate.

Further information is available from Michael.Guilfoyle1@DET.NSW.EDU.AU

Applications close 20 June 2014

There is a big tub of school jumpers in the old building with no names on them.

If your child is missing a jumper please feel free to have a look through the tub.

Please put your child’s name on their school clothes so they can be returned to them.
MONSTER BOOK FAIR
June long weekend
Friday 6 – Sunday 8th June 2014
9am to 4pm daily
Monday 9th June
9am – 2pm
National Theatre
Wallace St, Braidwood
Time to clean out those bookshelves
All types of books in good condition
CDs, DVDs, good quality magazines
No encyclopaedias, academic theses, journals, textbooks, videos, records or cassettes.
Please bring all donations to the National Theatre from Thursday 5th
Interested in helping in any way?
Call Marjorie 4846 1243 or Kerry 0407 907 118
or email: braidwoodbookfair@gmail.com
Organised by the Anglican Parish of Braidwood
Braidwood Farmers’ Market

MARKET DATES FOR 2014
The 1st Saturday of the month
Apart from some exceptions as listed

7 JUNE now 31 MAY
5 JULY
2 AUGUST
6 SEPTEMBER

4 OCTOBER now 11 OCTOBER
1 NOVEMBER
6 DECEMBER
20 DECEMBER (PRE CHRISTMAS MARKET) tba

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An online parenting course is available, with Maggie Dent author, presenter, teacher: 9 Things in 9 weeks
A back-to-basics online course, commencing May 29th, in calm, common-sense, connected parenting with Maggie Dent
The course aims to equip you with information that will support your day-to-day decision making as a parent.
Go to www.commonsenseparenting.com.au for all the information.
And there are a limited number of cost subsidised places available to eligible parents.
Please contact Kathy Toirkens 48422128 or Peter Malone 48461343 for details.