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

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**Week 3 Term 3**
28th July 2014
While all the personnel at BCS have contributed heavily to the success of this event, I would particularly thank the organiser, Ms Kelly Baumann for her herculean efforts to make the event a success.

Regional Athletics at AIS
BCS Secondary students will attend the Regional Athletics Carnival on Friday August 1st. I wish all of those involved every success at this higher level of competition.

Starry, Starry Night...
Mrs Willetts will be taking a group of students to Mt Stromlo on the evening of Friday August 1st. The students are from the Year 11 English Studies group and the visit will allow them to listen to lectures regarding astronomy and use telescopes to look at the stars. The visit will tie together their English Studies of Science unit. I’m sure that they will have a great time.

Rod McClure
Principal

Deputy News

Education Week Assembly

Friday 1st August

11.30am in the School Gymnasium

Week 3 – Wednesday 30th July – Enrolment Information session for Kindergarten and Year 7 2015

Kindergarten 2015 - 4pm in the Kindergarten Room

Year 7 2015 - 6pm – 7pm in the School Library

preceding P&C Meeting

Week 4 – Tuesday 5th August – Years 9&11 Subject Information night for current Year 8, 9 and 10 for 2015 subject choices

7pm School Library

Mr Peter Neilsen
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. Students are nominated for consistently displaying our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm. Congratulations to these students:

Peaches: Madeline Uden
Apples: Faith Andreata
Kidmans: Sarah Hewitt
Scarecrows: Pyper Critchlow
Yabbies: Emily Shea
Clydesdales: Louise Story
Drovers: Harry Jeffery

Assembly

For this term only, while the Gymnastics program is running, Primary assemblies will be held on Fridays at 12 o’clock in the small hall. Everyone is welcome to attend these assemblies.

Gymnastics

Our Gymnastics program started last Thursday and it was wonderful to see the excited faces on the students as they attempted new skills and mastered the mini-tramp, beam and rings activities. Our coaches, Jason and Zoe, commented very positively about the level of skill and behaviour of our students and said they are looking forward to working with us each week this term. If you haven’t already paid for your child’s gymnastics lessons payments can be made weekly or in a lump sum at the front office.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Eurobodalla District Athletics Carnival

All students who travelled to Surfside Soccer Oval at Batemans Bay to compete in the annual 2014 Eurobodalla District PSSA Athletics Carnival last Friday need to be congratulated for their efforts. Many students from 8 to 12 years of age made the finals or came in the top four in the Field Events.

These 4 students will progress to the Regional Carnival for the Eurobodalla District at Bruce Stadium Complex on Friday 22 August.

- Ned Jeffrey 2nd Senior Boys 800m.
- Alyssa Bollard 2nd 11yrs Long Jump, 2nd 11yrs 200m, 3rd 11yrs 100m
- Lyndsey Mendham 2nd Senior Girls 800m.
- Cate Shea 1st 11yrs Girls Discus
  Also these students won ribbons for coming in the top 3 in their events.
- Louise Story for the Junior Girls Shot Put
- Alyssa Bollard runner-up 11yrs Girls Championship.

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who attended the day and supported our great school.

Greg Clarke
Assistant Principal
Year 5/6 Camp
This is a friendly reminder that full payment for the Year 5/6 Camp in Jindabyne is due by Tuesday 9th September 2014. Absolutely no money can be taken after this date (nor IOUs given), so we thank you for your prompt payment.

The medical consent forms are due now, please. We need these early so that any necessary plans can be made to accommodate your child’s individual needs (dietary, etc). If you have misplaced the medical consent form, your child can pick one up from Mrs Sweeney. If any parents wish to discuss financial assistance, please contact the school.

World of Maths Day
One hundred students from Years 3-8 participated in the World of Maths incursion on Monday, 21st July. This initiative was one of several measures that Braidwood Central School has introduced under the Improving Numeracy National Partnership project in 2014. This projects aims to give teachers new skills and ideas, make maths more engaging and fun, and ultimately improve numeracy skills for our children.

Following are recounts from two of our Year 6 students, plus some pictures.

World of Maths day by Lyndsey Mendham
On Monday the 21st of July Years 4-8 had an exciting visit from World of Maths.

There were lots of activities that were sometimes hard, sometimes easy, and usually fun.

In my group I had Monty, Aguirre, Jack, Louie and Georgia. We originally only had Monty, Jack, Aguirre and me, but we picked up the others on the way around. My favourite activity was the Towers of Hanoi, because we had to figure out how many moves it would take to finish. To play Towers of Hanoi there are 4 blocks from biggest to smallest. The rules are that you have to try and move all of the blocks onto sticks, but you cannot put a big block on a small block. So you have to move all of the blocks onto the 3 sticks until you finish in order, with the biggest block on the bottom and the smallest on the top.

So, in conclusion, I think everyone enjoyed it, and everyone had fun. Including me!!

World of Maths recount by Crystal Siranovic and Tashani Davidson-Fuller
When we came in, the man who ran the program (Peter) greeted us and gave us a sheet with questions and the name of each game. We did a whole lot of activities, such as: Balance Beam, Towers of Hanoi, Good Training, Chook Pen, Drop Zone, To the Point, Farmers Fence, Problem Pipes, and Music from Maths.

All together it improved our maths, as well as being fun. It made us much better at working in a team.

Secondary News
Success In Secondary Public Speaking And Debating
The last week of last term and the start of the new term were very busy and successful in public speaking and debating for our students.

In the NAIDOC debating competition, the Year 9 team of Sullivan Kovacs, Bradley Smyth, Elizabeth Vella and Chloe Stephenson travelled to Goulburn and after winning both their zone debates will go on to represent BCS at the regional level. This is a particularly wonderful achievement for a team that is relatively inexperienced.
The two Year 9/10 Premiers Debating Challenge teams travelled to Queanbeyan to compete against strong teams from Jindabyne and Karabar schools. The junior team of Lily Munnings, Jacob Stubbs, Rita Marshall and Savas Papasokratis, lost its debates but improved markedly through the experience. The senior team of Isobel Merriman, Jay Davies, Isabella Hart and Sebastian Dyson won all three of its debates and, with other results knocking out the other four teams, are the zone winner. They will compete in the Regional Finals during Debating Camp at Batemans Bay in August.

In the first week of this term, Lily Munnings and Haddie Davies travelled to Moss Vale to compete against students from both private and public schools. Lily was given enthusiastic praise by the adjudicator for her speech on protecting the Great Barrier Reef from dredging, and Haddie won the competition and will now go to Parliament House in Sydney to speak in the State Semi-Finals in September. In her prepared speech she spoke on the dire consequences of falling immunisation rates, and in her impromptu speech she addressed the humanitarian plight of asylum seekers.

The achievement of all these students in tackling difficult skills and concepts with intelligence, enthusiasm and a sense of fun has been of great credit to them. Next year, parents and carers, please encourage your children to try these valuable skills.

Julian Davies

Primary and Secondary News

PBS – Merits and Rewards
Positive Behaviour for Success is a behaviour program designed to encourage students to make positive choices about their behaviour. PBS has been running at Braidwood Central School for the past 5 years. Although the central values of the program – Enthusiasm, Consideration and Responsibility have not changed our reward structure has undergone fine tuning over the years. This is our current reward system:

Free and Frequent “Blueys”
Students earn “blueys” for following the basic PBS rules. Teachers can give out as many blueys as they want in a lesson – this is why they are known as free and frequent. Some of the ways that students can earn blueys include:

- Getting to class on time
- Listening in class
- Having all necessary equipment
- Participating in activities

Primary

Many students in primary receive Class Dojo points via the interactive whiteboards in the classroom, rather than receiving the paper blueys. This term primary students will be placed into a draw to win prizes when they have earned the required number of blueys.

Secondary
Students in high school receive paper blue tickets. When they have enough 25 tickets they can enter the draw to win prizes. Prizes are drawn at the end of each term – though this may change to a more regular draw in the future.

White Merits
White merits are given for sustained demonstration of one of the keys PBS values: Enthusiasm, Consideration or Responsibility. The awards are not given for academic or sporting achievement – teachers acknowledge these achievements in other ways. White merits are not given as often as blueys as teachers are looking at student behaviour over a period of time. Some of the ways that students can earn white merits include:

Primary
Bronze: 5 white merits (Certificate folder)
Silver: 15 white merits (Bakery excursion in term 2)
Gold: 25 white merits (Excursion – destination to be announce in term 4)

Secondary
Bronze: 5 white merits (Certificate)
Silver: 15 white merits (Excursion to Civic)
Gold: 25 white merits (Excursion – destination to be announced in term 4)

Students achieving a bronze, silver or gold award will all receive a certificate. However, to be eligible for the excursion rewards students must have reached the required level by the cut off dates.

Merits do not carry over year from year. We have also chosen this system as it encourages all students to work to their personal best from the beginning of every year. As I am sure you will appreciate administrating a school wide reward system is a large task. We try our best to maintain consistency across classes and between primary and secondary.

If you are concerned about your child’s progress through the merit system please contact the school. Likewise, if you would like to know more about PBS and how you can use it at home please ring and ask to speak to a member of the PBS team.

Vanessa Willetts
PBS Chairperson
**Education Week Assembly**

As part of our celebration of Education Week we would like to invite parents and carers to our formal assembly on Friday, 1st August, starting at 11.30am. The assembly is designed to celebrate the many achievements of all of our students. Primary students will receive their silver certificates and secondary school students will receive their bronze and silver certificates. In addition, special awards for academic competitions and extra-curricular events will also be presented. Talented performers from across the school will also add to this special event. We hope that you will be able to join us.

**Braidwood’s Got Talent!**

Talented performers from Years 3-12 will be performing this Thursday evening in our School Hall. 6.30pm start finished by 8.30pm


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**Library News**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms will be handed out in class on Tuesday 22nd July. Orders are due back on Tuesday 29th July. The order forms and money should be in a sealed envelope and need to be brought to the school library not the Front Office.

*PLEASE NOTE* that all cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic not to Braidwood Central School. Please ensure that all orders are returned by the due date as no late orders can be taken.

Any enquiries should be directed to the library.

Linda Bunn
SAO Library

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**P&C News**

**Totem Pole in place for Text Book Fund**

You may have seen the newly erected Totem Pole at Braidwood Central School near the outside stage area on the way to the hall or canteen, if not have a look.

It was made to show us how much money has been raised toward the Text Book Fund. Every ring painted on the pole indicates $2000 raised toward the $30,000 goal. To date over $5000 has been raised and two well behaved students will soon be given the honour of painting on the first two rings for all to see!

If you are interested in helping the P&C please contact the committee via email bcsandc@gmail.com or the president Bidda Jones on 0422542175.

We love to see new faces and can always use extra help.

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**P&C Meeting this Wednesday**

The P&C meets this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the school library, following on from the 2015 Kindergarten and Y7 Information Night. So if you are coming to school for the evening, feel free to stay on and join us for our meeting. We will also have a joint stall with the Community Engagement Working Group at the *Braidwood Celebrates* event on Thursday.

**Volunteers, cakes and slices URGENTLY needed!**

The P&C has been asked to cater for *Braidwood’s Got Talent* which is part of the *Braidwood Celebrates* event. We need volunteers to help with the stall and with the catering. We will also need donations of cakes and slices which can be delivered to the canteen on the day. If you are able to help out, please let us know.

**Contact the P&C**

The P&C email address is bcsandc@gmail.com or you can always contact the President, Bidda Jones, directly on 4842 7189 or 0422 542175 or bidda@sharewater.net

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Enrolling now for 2015

Parent Information Sessions
Wednesday, 30 July 2014:

1) Kindergarten
   4.00pm, Kindergarten room
   Child care & afternoon tea provided

2) Year Seven
   6.00pm, Library
   Light supper provided

Braidwood Central School offers:
- Personal development and leadership
- Peer Support and student integration programs
- The latest in learning technology
- Specialist teachers and learning support staff
- Agricultural learning opportunities
- Programs from community leaders and experts

Extra curricular opportunities, including
- Musicals
- Sport
- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Outward Bound
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Show Team
- Metal sculpture and workshops

This is an important time in your child’s life. It is also an important time for your family. Please attend our parent information session in order to make the best decision about your child’s educational future.

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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 ultimately responsible for the regular attendance of their child, as a part of their duty of care, monitors part of school attendance. 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 an explanation for an unjustified absence which does not result in a student recording that absence as unjustified.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when absences are explained as being due to illness or injury. Regular attendance is frequently 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 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. Parents and carers are asked to provide their child’s hair regularly for head lice and undertake treatment when necessary.

Schools can support parents to manage and treat head lice. Information can be accessed from the student health website provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. Parents of students with head lice, who have not been able to attend school due to head lice, need to provide a written excuse from a doctor to state that the child cannot attend school due to head lice.

Head lice is not a justified reason for absences from school.

Absences for reasons such as 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 their child is deemed to be unjuvenile or unauthorised.

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 ensure an absence parents and carers:

- 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 an absence. Absences are recorded as justified or unjustified.

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 may be reviewed.

Holidays

Parents and carers are encouraged to not withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Occasionally it may be necessary for students to accompany a parent or other carer to a medical appointment. In these cases, the parent or other carer should discuss their absence with the principal.

Parents should discuss absences with the principal and may be requested to apply for a certificate of exemption from attendance at school. This certificate is not permanently recorded as unjustified.

When considering applications for a certificate of exemption from attendance at school, principals may consider a variety of factors such as the nature and purpose of the travel, family reunions, the educational merit of the holiday and the agreement for the school to complete assignments while on holiday. In some cases, an application for a certificate of exemption may be appropriate rather 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 that take place at the school and the class
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Late entry 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 physical education are normal school activities and students must attend.
Advertisements

Milo In2Cricket
A coordinator for the 2014/15 season here in Braidwood is required. Please contact Gerard Galvin on 48422413 for more information and support.

Braidwood Junior Soccer Club
August 2nd is now a BYE for local club games however Palerang United Team games will continue as per the competition draw. Local soccer matches will recommence on Saturday August 9th and play until the Grand Final matches on September 13. A reminder that the canteen duty for August 9th is the following volunteers:

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Daffodil Fair
The annual Daffodil Fair will be held on 30th August in Ryrie Park, Wallace St, Braidwood. 9.30am to 3pm.
All the fun of a country fair with competitions for daffodils and flowers, best sponge cake, lots of stalls including plants, home produce, cakes, craft, white elephant. Lots of fun things for the kids. Jumping castle & merry-go-round, face painting, Drawing and vegetable people competitions.
Music, May-Pole Dancing & demonstrations Programmes can be found in most of the local shops.
BBQ, Soup, Morning Tea/Coffee.
Come along for a great old fashioned fun day.
Organised by St Andrew’s Anglican Parish of Braidwood

Braidwood Farmers Market
Fresh, local produce from the Braidwood region. Monthly farmers market held at the National Theatre at the main stage of Braidwood.

Have you been to Braidwood Farmers Market?
It’s a great place to:  
- Stock up on fresh produce  
- Chat with your farmers about how your food is produced  
- Support the local farming community  
- Catch up with friends

You’ll be amazed what is produced and sold locally! Stalls include:
- A range of fruit and vegetables;  
- A huge variety of meat products including beef, chicken, duck, pork, lamb and goat;  
- Wines, ciders and non-alcoholic drinks;  
- Local preserves and jams; and  
- Bread, garlic, honey and more...

Upcoming dates for Braidwood Farmers Market in the National Theatre 8am to 12.30pm:
- Sat 2 August  
- Sat 6 September  
- Sat 11 October  
- Sat 1 November  
- Sat 6 December  
- Sat 20 December TBA

If you are a local producer and want to get involved email us at braidwoodfarmersmarket@gmail.com
Everyone is invited into Braidwood Vet Surgery this Wednesday afternoon (30 July) from 1.15 pm to see one of our horses have their teeth checked and rasped. Greg Gilbert, our trusted vet, will show us how we can care for our horse’s teeth, ensuring a healthier and longer life for our horses.

You’ll have a chance to look & feel inside the horse’s mouth and to ask loads of questions, and you’ll be part of the feature in our local newspaper – The Braidwood Times!

If you have any questions at all, please email me at helen@saddlecamp.com.au or call 0417 456 093. The day is absolutely free of charge, and we’d love to have you there!

TABLELANDS RUGBY

Coming to Braidwood this Saturday 2nd August at the Braidwood Rec Ground

Under 14s – Tablelands v Broulee @ 10.30
Under 15s – Tablelands v Daramalan @ 11.30

All welcome!