**Principal’s News**

**Education Week Celebrations**
I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the Education Week celebrations held at BCS over the past week. “Celebrate Central” was a great success. It was well attended and the stalls and activities well received. The formal assembly was also well attended and a celebration of all that makes BCS what it is.

**Subject Choices**
An information evening regarding Years 9-11 subject choices for 2015 will be held in the school library at 7:00 pm on Tuesday August 5th. Parents of students in Years 8, 9 & 10 are invited to attend to gain information on the subjects available and the choices that can be made for the students concerned.

**Silver PBS Certificate Holders Rewarded**
Mrs Vanessa Willetts and Ms Jo Parsons will accompany secondary students who have earned silver certificate PBS awards on a shopping excursion to Canberra on Wednesday August 6th. Students chose this reward for themselves. Parents and caregivers should be aware that large sums of money need not be required. Many students enjoy the day with minimal expenditure window shopping and enjoying the environment of a large shopping centre.

Rod McClure
Principal

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**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**
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.

Subject Information Night for Year 10 students entering Year 11 in 2015

I am writing to personally invite you to the upcoming Subject Information Night on Tuesday 5 August. The session for Year 10 students will be particularly important as it will assist students to make the best possible subject choices for their senior years at school. The evening begins at 7pm in the School Library.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The subject information session for Year 10 students provides you the opportunity to:
- Find out about the full array of subject choices available;
- Hear about some of the benefits of continuing into Year 11 and 12 at Braidwood Central School (see overleaf for more information);
- Find out how to make the best possible choices for each individual student;
- Talk to other parents;
- Talk to the Careers Adviser;
- Talk to the Year Adviser, who will remain the central point of contact for students as they transition into their senior years of school.

Staff will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have and we look forward to assisting all Year 10 students with their subject choices. If you would like any further information, please contact the Front Office on (02) 4842 2249.

Staying At Braidwood Central School For Year 11 And 12

Making decisions about what and where you study in Year 11 and 12 are really important so we’d like to ask you to consider the following:
- Braidwood Central School (BCS) students do very well after leaving school, whether it’s at University, TAFE or in employment;
- BCS has a wide curriculum offering;
- BCS also has a number of programs that help students in this busy time of their lives, including:
  - A study skills program;
  - Senior mentoring program;
  - Career education program;
  - A proven 4-day week program, with a Wednesday study day; and
  - School to work programs, with a Wednesday TAFE/ Work placement/ work experience day.
- Principals recommendations for University Early Entry (Schools Recommendation Scheme)/ Rural and Remote University Entry programs are available at BCS;
- We have small cohort class sizes, which allow for support tutoring;
- BCS offers a number of leadership opportunities to students;
- BCS has an extensive list of extra-curricular opportunities, including such things as Musicals, Debating, and representation on the Show team or any number of sports;
- Maintaining friendships and social groups offer the benefits of stability at this important time;
- Staying local means that up to 4 hours per day/ 20 hours per week/ 200 hours per term and 800 hours per year are available for homework.
assessments, out of school activities, extracurricular activities and student well-being and rest, rather than travel and transfers.

- There are no additional costs for senior education at BCS, whilst the opportunities outlined are considerable at this close-knit school where we really do follow our motto that ‘Caring is Central’.

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: Mason Scibilia
- Apples: Harry Williams
- Kidmans: Erin Kennedy
- Scarecrows: Jade Andreata
- Yabbies: Charlie Brown
- Clydesdales: Zoe Cargill
- Drovers: Callaum Doyle

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. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend our assemblies. 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 Friday 8th August where the Clydesdales will be presenting their item.

Uniforms

We are really pleased to see our students proudly wearing their full school uniforms every day. Congratulations to last week’s uniform award winners: Marlo Munnings, Ryley Hazelton, Paige Elliott and Aingeal Gray-Smith. Please remember to label all items of clothing with your child’s name. We have a large number of lost jumpers in each classroom which cannot be returned to their owners as they do not have names on them.

Jewellery at school

Please ensure that your Primary students do not wear jewellery to school. Stud or sleeper earrings, a watch and a religious necklace can be worn, but all other jewellery should be kept at home. This is a safety issue as jewellery can cause injury in the playground and it also ensures that valuable and sentimental pieces of jewellery are not lost, broken or stolen. Please remind your children about this policy to help us avoid these problems.

Secondary News

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. Mr McClymont will be pleased to assist as necessary.

Secondary Welfare Items

Girls Fashion Parade

This Friday, the 8th August, the Year 11 girls will be putting on a “Uniform Fashion Parade”. Taking on a leadership role in the school the girls will be demonstrating to students in Years 6 to 11 the various ways that the school uniform can be worn. They will also talk about fashion that is not appropriate for school. The girls have designed the parade themselves and will photograph the models to help create a lasting display of uniform. The parade starts after lunch in the gym. Parents and carers are welcome but the girls have requested this to be a “women only” function.

Boys Film Afternoon

While the girls are participating in the fashion parade, the boys will be viewing films designed to get them talking about issues that affect their decision making. These issues include the benefits of team work, racism, and the consequences of risk taking behaviour.

Notice in Advance

Grandparents Day

Friday 24th October

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

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Buddy Program

Year 12 school leaders have been developing a buddy program that will see them work with junior members in the school. They will team up with Year 11 students to mentor students from Years 6 to 9.

The aim of the program is to provide younger students with someone to talk to about all aspects of school life, from the academic to the social. We would like to congratulate Year 12 on having the initiative to start the program, especially at this point in their schooling careers. The program that they build is sure to leave a wonderful legacy for many years to come.

Vanessa Willetts

P&CN News

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

Looking for donations of clothing for a family who lost everything in a house fire yesterday in Queanbeyan.

Neeing mens size XL
Womens size 14-16
Womens size 8-10
Chidrens (girl) size 6-8

Please contact Kaylah Jullienne 0423392281 so she can arrange drop off to the family.

Or drop off at Braidwood Central School Front Office.

Thank you.