## Coming Events

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Friday 22nd August | Primary Debating Camp  
Batemans Bay  
Primary Author Visit  
Primary Regional Athletics |

## Principal’s News

### Farewell to Mr McClure

Last Friday the school said farewell to Mr Rod McClure the Principal of Braidwood Central School for the past sixteen years. The staff provided a morning tea followed by a full school assembly in the gym. Students and teachers made farewell speeches to Mr McClure. Students also did a choir and group singing performance. Students presented Mr McClure with a card and a farewell gift before posing for a group photo among the assembled students. A retirement function will be held for Mr McClure later in the year. Mr McClure will be on long service leave until he officially retires at the end of November. Mr McClure will be returning to school from time to time in order to assist with some transitional tasks before his retirement.

We wish Mr McClure all the best for his long service leave before his long and healthy retirement.

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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](mailto:braidwood-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Kindergarten - Year 11**

Thursday 28th August

Time: 4pm - 7pm

School Gymnasium

Please contact the Front Office in person or by phone with the names of your child’s teachers.
**Staff Changes**
Mrs Vanessa Willetts was successful at gaining the position of relieving Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year while I relieve as Principal. We are in the process of asking for expressions of interest for the relieving Head Teacher English. This should be decided early this week. We welcome Mrs Anna Jarrat who has joined the English staff to teach many of Mrs Willetts classes whilst she is the Deputy Principal.

**Book Week**
Braidwood Central School is celebrating Book Week this week. Please join us on Wednesday at 11.30am in the school Gymnasium for the book week parade. Always one of the feature events of the primary school calendar. To conclude book week will then be an author visit for students from Years 2 to 7 on Friday.

**Central School’s Touch football finals Dubbo**
Good luck to our boy’s touch football team who travel to Dubbo today to compete in the state finals. The team consists of Joshua Story, Harry Shoemark, Will Shoemark, Angus Weaver, James Carey, Bill Hayes, Connor Walsh, Casey Woodbridge, David McMinn, Ben Howard, Joel Clarke, Robbie Bell, Brad Stephenson, Kobin Rasker, Adam Kopec, Dave Bell, Lochlan Crannis, Travis Pasfield, Daniel Hart, Billy Warner and Harry West. The teams will be escorted by Mr Wall and Mr Roberts. Thanks also to Mr Wilson and Charlie for training the boys.

**Debating Camps**
A record number of students will be attending the Debating camps held this week at Bateman’s Bay. The Secondary debating camp will run on Tuesday and Wednesday and consists of Jay Davies, Haddie Davies, Ruby Gurling, Georgia Garcia, Sebastian Dyson, Amelia Bigg, Myrtle Wild, Jessie Kay, Isobel Merriman, Darcy Gordon, Isabella Hart, Lily Munnings, Alex Foreman and Bradley Smyth. The Primary Camp runs on Thursday and Friday and consists of Jacob Kiff, Eli Mann, Cate Shea, Annabel Flack, Tess Gurling and Jayden Moritz. Thank you to Mr Julian Davies for his support and organisation of Debating at BCS.

**Primary Regional athletics**
On Friday 22nd August, Cate Shea, Alyssa Bollard, Ned Jeffery, Lyndsey Mendham and Louise Story will attend the PSSA Regional State Athletics Carnival with Mr Clarke at the Bruce Stadium in Canberra. We wish them all the best.

**Parent teacher Interviews**
Please make your bookings through the front office for the parent teacher interviews to be held on Thursday 28th August from 4pm until 7pm. This time we will be trialling the interviews in the school gymnasium for both Secondary and Primary teachers. This event is for Kindergarten to year 11.

**Wizard of Oz**
The school musical is fast approaching please do not miss out and purchase your tickets at the school office. Opening night is Friday 29th August with shows running through until Sunday 31st August.

**Keeping up to date**
Like us on Facebook or check out our update webpage as well as listening to Braidwood Radio from 11am each Wednesday to keep up to date with all the great things happening at your local school. The calendar on the website is updated on a regular basis. The newsletter is handed out Monday to the youngest sibling of each family. The newsletter is posted on the website. Rural Education at its best.

**Staying at Braidwood Central School for Years 11 and 12**
Please take the time to refer to the following information as to the benefits of staying at BCS to complete you senior years of schooling. If you have any questions I am happy to see you.

**Contacting the school**
I am always available at the school if you need to discuss anything big or small to do with your child’s education. Please phone the school. Email the school at braidwood-c.schools.nsw.edu.au and we will direct your concern to the appropriate personnel.

Until next week

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal
Deputy News

Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 1: Responsibilities

Parent(s) or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

1. It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days.
2. It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences.
3. It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations.
4. It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.

If you have any difficulties in providing a written explanation for your child’s absence, please contact your school principal.

Celebrate Attendance
Hints and Tips No. 2: Teaching good habits

It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it’s also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.

Braidwood Central School Presents

WIZARD

Performance in BCS School Hall! August 29th 6.30pm
August 30th 3.30pm/7.30pm & August 31st 2.30pm

Tickets Adults $15 Concession $10 Family (4) $40
Bookings Essential! Only 100 seats per performance Phone: 02 4542 2240

18th August 2014
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: Layla Stuart
Apples: Cruz Campbell Davys
Kidmans: Dakota Bunn
Scarecrows: Ryley Hazelton
Yabbies: Jessica Mendham
Clydesdales: Jacob Kiff
Drovers: Lyla Crosbie

PBS awards

Teachers present white PBS awards each week to students who consistently display the school’s PBS values of consideration, responsibility and enthusiasm. The Assistant Principals present Student of the Week awards each week to one student from every class. These awards all count towards students’ receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and are presented at our fortnightly or morning assemblies. All students should now have a folder for keeping their school awards in.

Please see your child’s classroom teacher if your child did not receive a folder last year or for new students, this year. Unfortunately we cannot replace lost folders. When your child has received 5, 10 or 20 white awards please return the folder to school so that their Bronze, Silver or Gold award can be presented at the next assembly. Some classroom teachers are keeping the folders at school so please see your child’s teacher if you are unsure if this is the case for your child.

Blue awards (blueys) or Dojo points (one point equals one bluey) are given to students throughout the day in the playground and in classrooms for appropriate behaviour and for displaying the school’s PBS values of consideration, responsibility, enthusiasm and achievement. This term the students will receive one raffle ticket for every 25 blueys or dojo points that they have received. These tickets will then go into a weekly draw for some great prizes. Students are encouraged to keep their blueys in a safe place until they are exchanged for raffle tickets. Dojo points are recorded by the teachers online and will be converted by the classroom teachers.

PBS white award cards and blueys are also awarded in Secondary School but with slightly different requirements to meet the needs of the older students. Please see Mrs Wendy Davis if you have any questions or concerns about the Primary awards or Mrs Vanessa Willets for Secondary.

Assembly

For this term only, while the Gymnastics program is running, Primary assemblies will be held on Fridays at 12pm 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. Last week’s assembly had to be postponed due to the K-12 assembly in the gym to farewell Mr McClure. Our next assembly will be this Friday 22nd August.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Our school’s Premier’s Spelling Bee final was held in the Library last Wednesday. It was a tough and at times tense competition with many difficult words and all of our contestants are to be congratulated for their efforts. Sarah Williams and Leah Mann could not be separated, sharing first place in the Junior section. Tess Gurling was the senior winner and Jacob Kiff was the runner-up. These four students will now represent our school at the Regional Finals at Sunshine Bay Public School next month. We wish these four students the best of luck. Thank you to Mr McClure and Ms Langdon for officiating at the Spelling Bee and to Mr Julian Davies who will be coaching our four finalists. Thank you also to the parents and other guests who came along to support our contestants.

The Wizard of Oz

All Primary students will be given the opportunity to attend the dress rehearsal performance of the secondary school musical ‘The Wizard of Oz’ on Friday 29th August at 11.30am. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which can be brought in on the day of the performance.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal
**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.

**Library News**

**Children’s Book Week: ‘Connect To Reading’**
This week is Children’s Book Week! Our Book Character Parade for students K-6 and special pre-schooler guests will take place this Wednesday at 11.30am in the gym. Looking forward to seeing all the characters in their costumes.

We will not be awarding prizes for 1st, 2nd 3rd etc. this year. However there will be some fun ‘surprise prizes’ awarded throughout the parade from our *Random Acts of Prizeness* Judges. Our main goal is to encourage participation, enthusiasm, creativity and fun and to connect our students to books and reading.

Following the parade, our **Carnival Book Fair** will be open in the library (until 1.30pm) so parents/carers or guests are welcome to come along with their children. Some coffee/tea & light refreshments will be available in the library for our visitors. You will be able to see the shortlisted and winning books in the Children’s Book Awards 2014, which are on display.

The Book Fair will also be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8.30-10.00am and Thursday afternoon 3.15 until 5.00pm. *If we manage to sell $700 worth of books (or more) we will receive some free books as commission for our school library.*

On Friday Susan Berran (Author of ‘The Freaky Series’) will be working with students from Years 2 to 7. Make sure you’ve brought along your note and $2.

**STOP PRESS:** The winner of our $20 Book Fair voucher is Charlie Brown from Year 3 who correctly predicted that ‘The Rules Of Summer’ by Shaun Tan would win ‘Picture Book of The Year’. Charlie’s entry was the first (correct) entry drawn from the box. Congratulations Charlie and thanks to everyone who entered the competition.

Happy Children’s Book Week!
Thank You

Mary Langdon
(Teacher Librarian)

**P&C News**

**Wizard sponsors found!**
As a result of the generosity of the Braidwood community, especially our local dentist Bradley Horwood, our former P&C President, Cathy Owen, and the P&C itself, the Wizard of Oz production will be able to benefit from the purchase of three new microphone headsets and a water vapour ‘hazer’. It just goes to show what a fantastically supportive community we live in. Thank you, Braidwood, for coming up trumps!

**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

A big thank you to Mr Sam Gordon for sharing his aquacultural expertise with Year 12 Food Tech today
P&C Canteen News

It’s on again The Sydney Markets “FRESH FOR KIDS, Eat fresh and win” Competition. When a student from Kinder to Year 6 buy anything healthy from the canteen they receive a sticker sheet containing a token sticker and a larger sticker, they also receive an entry form. Once the student collects 2 token stickers and fills the entry form, they bring it back to the canteen and receive a small prize (this year the prizes are rings) and they also go into the draw for some major prizes. We will be running the promotion out of the canteen ONLY due to the terms and conditions of the promotion. This competition will run until the end of term. It’s a fun way for children to learn about healthy options from the canteen. There will be posters around school advising of the promotion. If you would like to know more, or play some online games and find some great recipes, please visit www.freshforkids.com.au

Peter’s Ice creams no longer sell Billabongs. We are in the process of changing back to Streets. A new menu with a list of school approved frozen treats that will be available from the canteen and price list will come out in the week 6 newsletter. Prices will not change until everyone has enough notice.

Thank you to all of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers. The canteen relies on volunteers giving of their time. If you would like to help out with a shift (10am-1.30pm) the day is enjoyable. The children love seeing a familiar face on the other side of the counter. We will even feed you and give you as much tea and coffee that you like! If you would like to help out please call Heather on 0248421793.

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We are now taking booking for term 4 and have limited spots for morning and
after school lessons. The term dates are Tuesday, 7th October to Friday, 12th
December.

We also have limited spots for Rainbow Club. (Swimming club for children with
disabilities). If your child has a disability don’t let them miss out on a skill for
life.

Many people look upon swimming lessons as a summer activity. The skills
taught in swimming lessons need consistent reinforcement throughout the
year. The risks of drowning doesn’t go away during the cooler months, so
neither should swimming lessons. Our pool is maintained at a constant
temperature throughout the year. Provided children are kept warm, dried off
and are dressed appropriately before leaving the pool, swimming will be a
comfortable and beneficial year-round experience.

There will be a school holiday program during the first week of the September
School holidays 22nd to 26th. The cost will be $50 per child for the week in
group lessons. Please contact us for more details and bookings.

For more information or to book in now Please call us on 48212553.