Coming Events

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September
Immunisation Year 7&9 Boys

Wednesday 3rd September
Year 12 Slave Day
Year 7&8 Debating
P&C Meeting

Thursday 4th September
Primary Gymnastics

Friday 5th September
Primary Assembly 12.10pm
Yr11 Art Excursion – Canberra
Yr11 Drama Excursion - Sydney
Father’s Day Stall K-6

Principal’s News

Generosity from our Community
I would sincerely like to acknowledge the generosity from within our community over the last couple of weeks.

Denver and Melissa Shoemark have donated a gasless welder to support the Wednesday Metal Sculpture Program run by Suzie Bleach and Andy Townsend. This is a fantastic program run at the school. The additional welder means that we now have three welders allowing more students access to the welding bays. Thank you Denver and Melissa.

Sam and Sair Gordon recently donated a box of prawns as a prize during our hugely successful Celebrate Central open afternoon. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Recently the school put a call out to our community for support in purchasing some head set microphones to be used in our many performing arts endeavours. The school was donated around three thousand dollars which was used to purchase the headsets.

Thank you to Bidda Jones and Julian Davies, Cathy Owen and Warren Barr, Brad Horward from Braidwood Dentist Surgery, Braidwood Community Bank and Braidwood Lions Club.

Not only were the headsets used in the recently successful production of The Wizard of Oz but will support the many Performing Arts endeavour’s that Braidwood Central School is renowned for.

Thanks to Parents & Carers
I would like to thank the many parents and carers who attended our term three Parent Teacher Interviews last Thursday. It is important that the school works closely with our students and parents and your attendance and input contributes to strengthening this partnership.

Musical Success
If you didn’t get an opportunity to attend the schools production of The Wizard of Oz over the weekend you missed a fantastic feel good show. The students had a wonderful experience and really enjoyed themselves from the flawless vocals of Dorothy, to the wicked acting ability of the Witches, to the courage of the Lion, to the heart of the Tin Man, to the brains of the Scarecrow, to the power of the Wizard, as well as the fun and talent from the ensemble cast.

Many thanks to the staff including Elisa Bryant, Ross Waples, Trish Sargeson, Katherine Firman. Nick Munnings gave up an enormous amount of time to support the students with sound and lighting. Many thanks to the P&C and other parents who supported the show.

Rural Fire Cadet Training
Tomorrow students in Year 9 will have an opportunity to find out about and sign up to undertake Rural Fire Cadet training. Mrs Chris McGrath will introduce the students to the Cadet Program which has operated at the school very successfully over many years. The Cadet program will run for one week from the 24th to the 28th of November. Completed applications forms will need to be returned to the school no later than this Friday 5th September.
7/8 Debating
Braidwood Central School will play host to the 7/8 debating competition this Wednesday. We wish the debaters a very thought provoking and successful time.

Year 12 Fundraiser
Year 12 students will be auctioned off on Wednesday morning to the teachers as a part of their fundraising efforts before they depart from school. The funds raised will go towards a gift to the school as well as a donation to a charity.

P&C Meeting
I welcome and encourage all parents to attend our Parents and Citizen meetings. The next meeting will be at 8pm this Wednesday night in the School Library. Meetings are held twice a term week 3 and week 8. The P&C do more than fundraising and is an opportunity for you to work in partnership with the school. If you would like to attend to find out what the meetings are like without making a commitment you are more than welcome this Wednesday.

Father’s Day Stall
Year 6 is busy in preparation for the Father’s Day Stall this Friday. Buyers will have the choice between $5 or $10 gifts. Please send your child’s correct money to the office PRIOR to the day, clearly marked with your child’s name/class.

Year 11 Art & Drama Excursions
Year 11 Art students will travel to Canberra on Friday to visit the National Gallery of Australia and the War Memorial. At the end of the day Year 11 Drama students will travel to Sydney to view a one women play. This will be invaluable for the students who will commence their HCS Individual Projects next term.

HSC working Party
On Friday Mrs Willetts, Mr Wall and myself will travel to Queanbeyan as a part of a network working party exploring avenues for HSC improvement. This team of teachers will be able to bring strategies back to respective schools to assist in improving school structures and performance in the Higher School Certificate. In our absence Mr Michael Guilfoyle will relieve as Principal for the day. Mrs Wendy Davis and Mr Greg Clarke will fill in as Deputy Principal for Mrs Willetts.

On the Horizon
With three weeks to go before the end of term some things on the calendar to be aware of are Year 9 Work Experience starting next week followed by their camp to Sydney in week 10. Year 11 will commence their Preliminary Exit Exams next Thursday 11th September. Year 5/6 camp to Jindabyne week 10, 17th to 19th September. Year 12 last day and Graduation Assembly will be on Friday 19th September. This year the P&C will be organising and catering for the Year 12 Formal for Friday 14th November at Garanvale Wool Shed. More details to follow regarding this event.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if there is any aspect of your child’s schooling that you would like to discuss. Don’t forget that you can follow us on Facebook and that the newsletter is posted to our updated webpage each Monday afternoon.

Until next week- thank you for your ongoing support of this great school

Peter Neilsen
Relieving Principal

Deputy News

Attendance
The school is in the process of undertaking an evaluation of our attendance procedures. As part of this process we will be surveying parents, students and teachers.

Attached to the newsletter is a brief survey for you to complete. The survey is brief and should not take you more than a few minutes to complete. Data collected from the survey will allow the evaluation team to gain an insight into how attendance is viewed by parent and help them to make recommendations that will lead to better systems and processes. I would appreciate it if you could find the time to complete the survey and have your child return it to school. Surveys will remain anonymous.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that the school requires a reason for student absence, preferably in written form. For students in Years 10, 11 and 12 please ring the school if your child is absent on a day when assessable work is due. This will help us to communicate with you and your child how best to complete misadventure procedures and ensure that their assessment results are not affected by absences.

Signing Out From School
As part of the school’s commitment to healthy eating students are discouraged from signing out to go and buy their lunch in town. Our P&C run canteen complies with the Departments guidelines in relation to healthy eating and there are a range of food options available for students. Requests for students to leave the school grounds to purchase fast food are discouraged.

If your child needs to leave the school grounds to run an errand on your behalf they must hand in a note outlining their activities at the start of the school day to the Deputy Principal. Students will then be issued with a pass that lists that nature of their business and the time that they must return. Following these procedures ensures
that we know where students are at all times which is an important component of the school’s Work, Health and Safety guidelines.

**Getting Ready to Say Goodbye**

Year 12 are getting ready to finish secondary schooling. Many students are in the process of completing major works that will either be marked at the school or sent away for judging. We wish all of the students completing major works the best of luck with their projects.

I would also like to remind parents of Year 12 about the invitation sent out two weeks ago inviting you to a farewell BBQ on Wednesday 17th September. The evening will include a viewing of the documentary *Big All At Once*, which explores the transition from high school to the ‘real world’. Currently, we have had very little feedback in response to the evening and may have to cancel if we do not get sufficient numbers.

If you and your child would like to attend please return the reply slip or contact the school informing us of how many people will be attending so that we can organise catering requirements. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

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**Celebrate Attendance**

Hints and Tips No. 8. School Community

Everyone in the school community has a role to play in helping with school attendance.

- Having students attend school is extremely beneficial to the future of local communities. However, many students do not attend school regularly or fail to attend at all.
- Schools, parents and caregivers, local community members and businesses are all an essential part of providing and supporting education in our schools.
- The NSW Department of Education and Training employs Home School Liaison Officers across the state. These officers are teachers who support schools and the school community to ensure that all students attend school regularly.
- Parents having difficulty getting their child to school should not hesitate to contact either the school principal or the Home School Liaison Officer at your nearest Department of Education and Training office.
- Call toll free 131 536 for your nearest regional office.

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**Primary News**

**Student of the Week**

These students are nominated by the Assistant Principals for consistently displaying our PBS values of consideration, responsibility and enthusiasm in the playground and classroom. Congratulations to these students:

- **Peaches:** Lily Moore
- **Apples:** Sebastian Deo
- **Kidmans:** Zeske Wilson
- **Scarecrows:** Amelia Malley
- **Yabbies:** Maxyne Prothero
- **Clydesdales:** Jaiden Moritz
- **Drovers:** Aguirre Corowa-Swan
Assembly
Our next assembly will be on this Friday 5th September at 12.10 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Wizard of Oz
Thank you to all families who sent in gold coin donations for the dress rehearsal performance of our High School musical ‘The Wizard of Oz’ last Friday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the show and many were lucky enough to go to a second performance with their families on Friday evening or over the weekend.

We sincerely thank Miss Bryant, Ms Firman, Mr Waples, Ms Sargeson and the amazing cast and crew for giving us this opportunity which is not available in other Primary schools. All money raised will go towards production costs for this and future shows.

Parent/Teacher interviews
It was great to see so many Primary Parents and Carers take the opportunity to attend Parent/Teacher interviews last Thursday evening in the Gymnasium. If you were unable to attend and haven’t yet organised an alternative time please arrange one through the front office or your child’s classroom teacher.

Nude Food Day
The Primary School is celebrating Enviroweek this week. We are focussing on waste management in the school and the impact waste has on our local environment. We are having a NUDE FOOD DAY on Wednesday to publicise this and get students thinking about how they can make a positive impact on the school and wider environment.

Don’t blush! Don’t panic! This just means that lunch food comes unwrapped. Fruit and vegetables are perfect nude foods. Sandwiches and snacks like cheese and biscuits can be packed in small re-usable containers, or placed unwrapped in a lunchbox with other items. A drink bottle is the perfect nude food accessory – just fill and re-use.

To celebrate the day and see how waste from the school affects our local environment, we are going down to Monkittee Creek for a picnic lunch on Wednesday 3rd September. As there are no bins, we are taking any rubbish back with us. Please help us minimise this job by sending your child’s food nude!

As there is no cost for this excursion and as it is within our local area a separate permission note is not needed.

Wendy Davis
Relieving Assistant Principal

Father’s Day Stall Friday 5th September, 2014
On Friday 5th September, K-6 students will have the opportunity to buy a lovely gift for their dad/carer at our annual Fathers’ Day Stall.

Buyers will have the choice between $5 or $10 gifts. Please send your child’s correct money to the office PRIOR to the day, clearly marked with your child’s name/class. This will ensure the day runs smoothly. We can accommodate those students who need to buy multiple gifts.

We will gladly accept any gifts that you would like to donate. These can be sent to school and given to Mrs Sweeney, please.

The Fathers’ Day stall is a terrific fundraiser that helps cover costs associated with Year 6 graduation, including their gift to the school.

So please send payment to the front office, to buy a gift for a special dad.

Mrs Sweeney and the Drovers

Primary Cooking
Here are some pictures of Mr Clarke’s class enjoying the San Choy Bow they made last week.

We will be taking part in the official Nude Food Day in November so this will be a great opportunity for us to have a practice and see how we can improve for November.
**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.

**Food Tech Excursion**
This Thursday, the Food Tech 1 class are heading off to the IGA on an excursion. Students, accompanied by Ms Jarrett & Ms Baumann will complete a survey on prepared, ready to eat meals. Students need to be in full school uniform & have returned there in school hours excursion note.

Kelly Baumann

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**Library News**

**Magazines Wanted**
Do you have recent copies (2012-2014) of suitable magazines that you would be willing to donate to our reading program? Topics of particular interest are:

- Cars/motorbikes/4WD
- Hunting/fishing/boating
- Comics/ ‘Mad’ magazine/jokes
- Sports (basketball, soccer, tennis, rugby league etc)
- Computer games
- Music

Thank you for your help and thanks to those who have previously donated magazines. They are much appreciated.

Mary Langdon (Teacher Librarian) & Jill Clarke (Reading Program Coordinator)

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**P&C News**

**Your P&C meets this week**
The P&C will hold its second meeting of this term this week on Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the School Library. As always, we welcome and value the contributions of newcomers, old-comers, and anyone in between, so please do come along.

**Thank you Wizard bakers and helpers!**
Thank you to all those who produced all the delicious cakes, slices and savoury creations for our Wizard of Oz catering, and to the kind people who came along to help serve them. Special thanks to teachers Ms Steph Petchler, Mrs Wendy Davis, Mr Brian Oxley and Ms Kelly Baumann who also stepped in to help. We are so lucky to have such generous staff at our school. The show itself was a fantastic production and it was a pleasure for the P&C to be able to support it.

**Contact the P&C**
The P&C email address is bcsandpc@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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Competition played on Tuesday afternoon from 5pm.

Team Registrations due Friday 17th October

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Advertisements
Parent Survey
Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your assistance in completing the questions as completely and accurately as possible is appreciated. There are no right or wrong answers in completing this survey. Please respond to each of the questions by marking the box.

All responses will be treated confidentially and stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary. All questions must be answered.

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