Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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Next week is our much anticipated Primary show. We have a great team and had a very productive Sunday rehearsal last weekend with 43 students attending, along with teachers, secondary students, staff and parents. A lot of work, creativity, talent, and effort from so many people is helping us ‘get it together’.

Next week we are having a technical rehearsal on Monday, a full dress rehearsal on Thursday (make sure your costume is ready and at school) and some of our cast, dancers, singers and musicians will perform a little ‘taster’ of our show for the visiting Grandparents and preschool students on Friday morning.

Tickets for the shows on Friday 23 October at 6:30pm and Saturday 24 October at 2:00pm are on sale at the front office and selling fast. Seats are limited so if you haven’t purchased tickets yet, call the office on 48422249.

We can’t wait to see what’s inside those chocolate factory gates when they finally open. More pictures overleaf.

Debating Day

On Thursday Braidwood Central hosted two Year 7/8 debating teams from the selective stream of Karabar High School. A total of six debates were held from 9.00am to 4.00pm, an intense day indeed. Our two teams performed wonderfully, with Braidwood B (Amelia Bigg, Tashani Davidson-Fuller, Tash Tisdell and Tegan Lewis) winning one debate and coming very close in their other two, and Braidwood A (Lucy Baumann-Lionet, Sophie Cargill, Ruby Gurling and Myrtle Wild) winning two debates and being unlucky to miss out in their other one. Braidwood A will now travel to Karabar to compete in their A team places in the Regional Finals. All our students are to be very much congratulated on their hard work and greatly improving skills.

Thanks also to all the students who acted as ambassadors for our school by being chairpersons and time keepers throughout the year. And we certainly have to thank our canteen for doing a wonderful job providing delicious food for six debating days this year across all our age groups in primary and secondary. Our visitors have commented on its high quality.

Parenting ideas by Michael Grose


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1. “Is this worth posting?” The relatively impersonal nature of social media means that we can post information and pictures with relative impunity. Also its immediacy means that we can do so without much thought. This means that kids need to be very critical about what they see online. “Is this accurate?” and “Is this worth posting?” are two valid questions children can ask when they read posts placed by others.

2. “Have you taken a big breath?” A child who blurs out everything that comes into his mind without thinking is sure to put plenty of people offside. “Think before you speak” is the type of message that every child should have in mind. The same applies to social media. Just because they think something doesn’t mean they post it. “Take a big breath” may just about be the most important message to give your kids about social media.

3. “Do you want the principal to see this?” An invitation to a teenage birthday party posted on social media is one way to get more attendees than you bargained for! The viral nature of social media means that kids should only post messages and photos that they want to be spread and read by a large audience.

4. “How does this post make you feel?” We need to teach kids that not every post needs to be commented upon and not every thought needs to be shared, particularly when they are not yet ready teaching them to walk away and then to step back in when they’ve calmed down is perhaps the most important communication lesson of all. It is very relevant to social media as emotions are often the last thing on many people’s minds when they haphazardly post a message.

5. “How will you fix this?” Social media just like any social space requires kids to behave ethically and with kindness. When kids overstep the mark and post hurtful things then it’s our job to fix their mistakes, and apologise. It’s reasonable that we teach our children to act with tolerance and with empathy online, and if mean things are posted then they should be expected to try to repair relationships through social media, just as they should offline.

Assistant Principals’ Award

One student is chosen from each primary class by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis. Students must consistently display our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm. These award cards count towards the students’ Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Congratulations to:

**Diggers:**
- Ryder Nimchong
- Jai Davys

**Squadron 34:**
- Cruz Campbell
- Dayton Peters

**Squadron 35:**
- Myrtle Wild
- Gurling

**Troops:**
- Jacob Hand
- Alex Davys

Uniform Awards

Each week a number of students’ names are drawn from a hat and those in full uniform win our uniform awards. Last week’s Primary winners are:

- Eliza Wlasik
- Giovanni Flores-Condezo
- Casey Butcher
- Luke White
- Jaiden Moritz
- Taylor Dixon
- Jacob Hand

Next meeting

The P&C will meet in the school library at 7pm on Wed 21 October. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Crazy Camel Calendars fundraiser

It is time for the BCS P&C annual calendar fundraiser! Students took part in their 4A art work and order deadline this week. The art work can then be printed on a one-of-a-kind calendar, notebook, greeting card (pack of 8), diary, phone case (from 4 to 6+) or - new for this year - a pillowcase or a family planner. You can also choose to have a photo printed onto any of these items - a family photo on a calendar or greeting cards is always a popular choice.

A picture and description of all the options are on the order form as well as price list. If you would like to order an item, the order form and money should be sent to the front office by 22 October 2015. For further information please contact Melissa Shoemark on 0434 235714.

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Did you know that 80% of accidents could have been avoided if the driver was more aware! In the hope of providing young drivers with the skills to remain safe on the roads, APEX Braidwood is coordinating a Defensive Driver Course for P-Platers who live in the Braidwood area. Apex with the support of the Braidwood Community Bank, Braidwood Lions, the Lodge of Truth and the Transport Industries Skills Centre based in Sutton, the 8 hour course will be run in Sutton on Saturday November 21 and will be free of charge. Please contact Nick Fry at the Braidwood Community Bank or Ged Galvin at St. Bede’s School. Registrations close late October for the November 21 course.