Year 7 Orientation Day
On Thursday 19 December, prospective Yr 7 students for 2016 enjoyed a day of high school life. Students experienced the art of pottery making, enjoyed a walk and tour of the agriculture plot, an English lesson, some group bonding exercises and thinking strategies. Students enjoyed a BBQ lunch before finishing the day at the Braidwood pool. The students are excited for their next step in life and we at Braidwood Central would like to welcome them to secondary school.

Primary Captains elections
The 2016 Primary Captains were announced on Tuesday 24 November.
Congratulations to Captains Jessica Mendham and Pasquale Deo and to Vice Captains Maxyne Prothero and Wyatt Marven.

Well done to all candidates in the elections. You all did a great job and should be proud of yourselves.

Primary news
Mrs Wendy Davis, Assistant Principal and class teacher of 5/6 Troops, will be leaving Braidwood Central School at the conclusion of the 2015 school year. Mrs Davis is on leave for the remainder of the school year and being replaced by Mrs Fiona Jackson.
Mrs Davis has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Barooga Public School on the Murray River, just 6 kms for Cobram. This places her very close to her family and Victoria – her state of origin. Barooga’s gain is our loss! We wish Wendy every success at her new school!
Mrs Davis will return to Braidwood on Friday 11 December for the Primary end of year concert and to bid us all farewell. The concert begins at 12pm and at the concerts’ conclusion around 1pm – IT’S PICNIC TIME – for students, teachers, parents and visitors!
So bring along picnic food, blankets or just your usual fare. You can sit anywhere in the shade on the police paddock or the area behind the old building. Mrs Davis will be roaming, saying farewell to students and their families.
At 2pm parents and visitors depart and class parties begin. Mrs Davis will join Troops for their class. All class parties conclude at 3pm.

School Council meeting
The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 30 November from 3:30pm in the library. The agenda will include the BCS Homework Policy.
If you would like to be involved in providing advice to the Principal please come along and join us — particularly if you participated in the School Community Planning Day in October and enjoyed providing input to the school’s leadership team on the day — we’d love to see you.

P&C news
Call for Carols Catering—can you help?
Any donations of baked goods (e.g. cakes or scones) for the Carols event on 4 December would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off to the canteen or the front office on the day.
P&C major raffle
The P&C major raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight. All K-11 students are asked to bring in an item to contribute to a class basket of prizes based on the following themes:
Year 7 with Kinder Diggers - festive season
Year 8 with K/1 Poppies – toys
Year 9 with 1/2 Gallipoli - breakfast
Year 10 with 3/4 Lighthouse - kitchen
Year 11 with 3/4 Squadrone - panper
Year 4/5 Coves with Year 5/6 Troops - garden

Musical instrument tuition
Earlier this year, a notice was included in the school newsletter canvassing student interest in musical instrument tuition. Since then the school has been one of only nine schools selected to receive a state government grant to initiate a school concert band program. The program will include use of the selected instrument with a bond of $150 payable on receipt thereof.
Students will participate in group tuition provided by teachers from the Goulburn Conservatorium of Music, with the potential for the availability of individual tuition as the program progresses. Tuition will be available in woodwind instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone) and brass (trombone, trumpet, euphonium, tuba, French horn). Cost of tuition will depend on the number of students in each group and will be advised at a later date.
The program will initially be open to students from Yr 5 to Yr 8 and to all music elective students.
If your child is interested in taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument and be part of a concert band, please provide a written expression of interest to the school front office as soon as possible to enable us to get the program up and running in Term 1 next year (example below). Once we have received expressions of interest, a meeting will be organised with parents and students to discuss the program in further detail.
Amanda Wray and Mary Appleby
Please return a note to the front office as soon as possible with the following information:
My child_________ in year_________ is interested in participating in a school concert band program and instrument tuition.
Signed/Parent/Guardian

Assistant Principals’ Award
One student is chosen from each primary class by the Assistant Principals, Mr Garke and Mrs Davis. Students must consistently display our PBS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm. These values of our students’ Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Congratulations to:
Jiggers: Mark McGurley
Poppies: Lachlan Davys
Gallipoli: Mollie Dixon
Lighthouse: Bradley Sweeney
Squadron 34: Ryley Hazelton
Coves: Bonnie Park
Troops: Cola Shoe

‘Uniform awards
Each week a number of students’ names are drawn from a hat and those in full uniform win our uniform awards. This week’s winners are: Lula Maher, Thomas Shoemark, Thomas Davys, Cheyann Murray, Jasmine Gilroy-Brown.

White Ribbon Day
Sixteen student representatives from Yr 5 to Yr 11 attended a White Ribbon Day Seminar on Wednesday 25 November. This event was organised by NSW Police’s Monaro Local Area Command, and schools across the Monaro region participated.
White Ribbon Day is a campaign that works to prevent violence against women, and to promote respectful relationships in our communities.
“During the day we heard from a number of speakers about issues surrounding domestic violence, and were shocked to learn the statistics about domestic violence against women: 1 in 3 women between the ages of 15-45 will experience some form of domestic violence. This is a terrible statistic that our society should not tolerate. People should not have to fear violence in their homes and relationships. At the Seminar, we played a Paper, Scissors, Rock challenge with Bombala High School to demonstrate the ripple effect.
Overall, it was a very worthwhile day for us, and we learned a lot. We, the SRC, plan to help to support the White Ribbon Day Foundation in their efforts to stop domestic violence. To begin this, we will be holding a cupcake and biscuit stall next Wednesday, 2 December”. By BCS SRC.
Some pictures from the day are overleaf.

Debating Day at Wollongong University and Sydney State Finals
Tuesday nine of our secondary students – Lucy-Baumann-Lionet, Sophie Cargill, Ruby Gurling, Jessie Kay, Alex Foreman, Jay Davies, Isabel Merriman, Isabella Hart and Sebastian Dyon – will be travelling to Wollongong University for a special inter-school one day debating tournament. On Monday Haddie Davies will be going to Sydney University to represent our region in the three day Junior Secondary Debating Championships. Good luck to all these committed, enthusiastic students.

Parenting ideas by Michael Grose
http://www.parentingideas.com.au

Parents using kids as bargaining chips
It’s been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn’t take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents’ disputes. In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one parent that can be played out even when parents are together.
It happens when one parent criticises the other parent’s child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally; a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.
Kids crave consistency from their parents. They love to be able to predict how their parents will raise them as this puts them in control, which is vital for their healthy development. When they grow up in a predictable, caring environment they are more likely to take the learning risks necessary to grow and develop.
If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exists between partners no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They’re generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.
It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don’t confuse it with the business of partnering. If a parent isn’t getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the parenting from the partnering when it comes to childrearing. This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how to manage sibling rivalry.
To learn more about this topic, I refer you to http://www.parentingideas.com.au/.
Kindergarten transition day

Tuesday’s Kindergarten transition day was another fun and interesting day for the children who attended. Included in the day’s activities were some time in the science lab, conducting experiments with an Incy Wincy Spider theme. The 3 experiments allowed the children to: find food for Incy (plastic insects that were hiding in Goop); send Incy to the moon on a balloon rocket; experiments with an Incy Wincy Spider theme. The 5 experiments were hiding in Goop); send Incy to the water spout most effectively. Pictures above left.

Do you have a school blazer at home?

Students who represent our school borrow blazers from time to time. Do you have a school blazer at home? If you have a school blazer at home, please return them to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Summer Holiday Activities for Kids!

For the first time Braidwood Regional Arts Group (BRAG) is offering a range of activities for kids during the summer holidays. Sessions will run from 12-21 January on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week and there will be something different for both primary and secondary aged children, including: Drawing, Yoga, Singing and Photography. Details will appear soon on both primary and secondary aged children, including:  Drawing, Yoga, Singing and Photography. Details will appear soon on

Yr 10 Work experience all week

Week 10

7 December
Japanese excursion to Sydney
Yr 12 RSA and RCG
8 December
Kindergarten 2016 craft and morning tea
9 December
Secondary Recognition Assembly 12pm
Yr: 12 RSA and RCG
Yr: 10 Wellbeing Day
YH Girls Links to Learning
14 December
Yr 6-11 day event
15 December
Yr 6-11 day event
16 December
School Development Day
10 December
Presentation Evening 6:30 pm
11 December
Primary End of Year Concert

Week 11

Yr 6-11 day event
14 December
15 December
16 December
17 December
18 December
School Development Day

Calendar

Term 4

MONTDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

30 November
School Council meeting from 3:30pm in the library
1 December
Debating Yr/7/8 and 11
2 December
White ribbon morning tea
3 December
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4 December

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Canteen Roster

Term 4

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Week 9

Sam Murray
Kathy Politit
Rodney Tolley
Linda Lewis
Helen Dowsys
Karen Gray
10 November
1 December
2 December
3 December
4 December

Week 10

Maxeen Fawell
Kathy Politit
Rodney Tolley
Linda Lewis
Helen Dowsys
12 December
8 December
9 December
10 December
11 December

Week 11

Kathy Politit
Rodney Tolley
Linda Lewis
Helen Dowsys
Karen Gray
14 December
15 December
16 December
17 December
18 December

Return to school dates for 2016:

Wednesday 27 January — STAFF only
Thursday 28 January — Years 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12
Friday 29 January — Years 8, 9 and 10
Monday 1 February — Kindergarten and Year 1

Upcoming Events:

1. School Council meeting — 30 November
2. White ribbon day morning tea — 2 December
3. Yr 6 Graduation and morning tea — 3 December
4. Carols by Candlelight — 4 December

SRC White Ribbon Fundraiser

On Wednesday 2 December, the SRC will be holding a cupcake and biscuit stall to raise money for the White Ribbon Foundation. Cupcakes will be for sale at lunchtime for $2, and decorated biscuits for 50c.

School Disco

As we mentioned last week, a great time was had by all at the School Disco on Wednesday 18 November. Once again the fabulous Temple family supplied the tunes, videos and mysterious (to me!) black lights — better to show off the amazing “Neon” outfits that our secondary students wore.

Primary kicked off the evening with both the K-2 and Years 3-6 sessions featuring some fantastic dancing and lots of colourful takes on the “purple, black and blue” costume theme. Miss Smith served as M.C. while Ms Robbins and Yuya (our Japanese teaching assistant) went absolutely crazy on the dance floor! As the sun dipped behind the hills the secondary students sweated and screamed as “Nutbush City Limits” and other favourites pumped out at full volume. It was a lot of fun.

Once again, a big thank you to the SRC and the staff for your efforts in making the disco another great success. The monies raised on the night will go towards funding some student-initiated projects within the school, such as the purchase of more board games for the library to support the SRC’s lunchtime activities for students.

Brian Oxley, SRC Co-ordinator

Call for Expressions of Interest for Japan Trip 2016

We are planning a study trip to Japan for next year, and would like to know if you are interested in having your child attend.

Important information:

Saturday 24 September - Tuesday 5 October 2016 (school holidays)

• Flying Qantas in and out of Canberra; travel in Japan will be by local bus and train, shinkansen (bullet train) and ferry
• Accommodation will be a mix of hotel, youth hostel and ryokan (traditional Japanese inn)
• The tour will visit Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Osaka, Nara, the island of Miyajima and Hakone village
• Activities will include a range of traditional and modern cultural experiences, and students will be encouraged to use their Japanese language skills
• Priority will be given to students studying Japanese as an elective subject in 2015 and 2016
• Current quote is for $3000 per student. (In addition, students will need spending money to purchase lunch and dinner each day, as well as local travel and incidentals.)

If you are interested in having your child attend, please contact Mrs Stephens (alisa.williams@det.nsw.edu.au) so that she can make tentative bookings before the end of the school year.

An information session will be held early in 2016. We will be looking to confirm participants and take deposits after that.

Applications for YMCA NSW Youth Parliament 2016 NOW OPEN

The Youth Parliament program engages a diverse array of young people from across NSW in youth advocacy, active community leadership, parliamentary education and personal development. Participants will have the opportunity to create solutions to the problems facing NSW and debate those ideas in NSW Parliament House in front of real members of parliament! Applicants must be:

• in Yr 10-12 in 2016;
• motivated to expand their leadership and advocacy skills;
• able to fully commit to the 7-month program, including both residential camps (April and July school holidays, in Sydney); and
• passionate about representing the youth voice in their electorate.

Cost for participation is $700 - scholarships and sponsorship support is available. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to find out more, head to the YMCA Youth Parliament Website http://www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/youth-government/ymca-nsw-youth-parliament

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