Heather

Hope to see you all next year!!!!

December on 48421793.

Please let Heather know if you can attend by Wednesday 16

The P&C Canteen Volunteer Christmas Party is on Sunday 20

P&C news

went well with all children enjoying the science themed day.

Children participated in many fun activities in the science lab.

Primary Recognition Assembly

Last Thursday our school recognised every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 as they received an individual PBL Award for achieving personal best this year. Also every student received the NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Award for participation in this year’s program.

Swimming Champions Perpetual Trophies and medallions were awarded to our swimming and athletics champions for 2105.

Junior Girls  Layne Saunders/Hattie Cram.

Junior Boys  Ben Castle.

11yrs Boys Pasquale Deo.

Senior Girls  Annabel Flack.

Senior Boys  Ryan Castle.

Athletes Champions

Junior Girls  Molly McMinn/Hattie Cram.

Junior Boys  Leroy Campbell-Davys.

11yrs Girls  Louise Story.

11yrs Boys  Robbie Watson.

Senior Girls  Cate Shea.

Senior Boys  Ryan Castle/Kieran Davis.

It was great to see a large gathering of parents and relatives at our hall and thank you to Lisa Madden and her students from Year 11 Hospitality for supplying morning tea.

Musical instrument tuition

As per notice last week’s newsletter, we are currently canvassing student interest in learning to play a brass or woodwind instrument and being part of a school concert band. Tuition and instrument loan will be available through the school at a fee to be determined. If your child is interested in being part of this exciting new program, please write a note expressing your child’s interest and hand it in to the front office as soon as possible.

Amanda Wray/Mary Appleby

Secondary Uniform reminder

Wearing school uniform cuts down on costs and helps build a sense of shared identity amongst our school community so we are asking all parents/carers and students to ensure that students wear the correct uniform to school each day.

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Assistant Principals’ Award

One student is chosen from each primary class by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Miss Smith. 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: Paige Murray

Poppies: Thomas Davys

Gallopil: Stella Riley

Lighthorse: Isabelle Elliott

Squadron 34: Pop Cram

Coves: Louise Story

Troops: Annabel Flack

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: Alex Young, Harry Williams, Andison Reid-Bruce, Maibelle Riley-Tyler, Lily-Anne Miles, Gus Munnings.

Fire Cadets

Many of our Year 9 students spent week 8 at Braidwood Rural Fire Service (RFS) headquarters doing their Cadet training. The students really enjoyed their week and the opportunity to learn some of the key basic skills of rural fire-fighting. Thanks to the generosity of RFS members from around the Braiddwood district the students were able to learn directly from the experts. During Thursday’s high winds we were even treated to a first-hand experience of the various brigades responding to a fire outbreak at the tip! Throughout the week I was thoroughly impressed with how engaged and willing to learn the students were. This was clearly evident in their fine efforts during their graduation presentations on the school oval on Friday in front of their fellow students and luminaries such as Mr Stuart Midgley, the Assistant Commissioner of the RFS in New South Wales.

Our thanks go to Chris and Graeme McGrath of the Bombay brigade for organising the week and ensuring that every resource was made available to the students to help them develop their skills and knowledge. A big thanks also goes to the following people and organisations whose contributions to the success of the week were greatly appreciated:

-RFS: Len Balmer (Earringdon); Richard Elliott (Major’s Creek); Garry Grant (Bomboy); Wayne Cramp (Kwarawee); Ken Thomas (OSG); Frank Judge (Mongarlowe); Dave Hubbard (Wambion)

-Peter Povey: First Aid and Home Safety

-NSW Fire and Rescue; Ambulance; SES; and Police for other Emergency Services

-RFS senior staff: Tim Carroll (Zone Manager) and Chris Quinn (Mitigation Officer)

-Brian Oxley Year 9 Advisor (acting)

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 Fona Jackson.

Mrs Davis has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Barooga Public school on the Murray River, just 6 kms from Barooga. 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 lunch. 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 party. All class parties conclude at 3pm.

Kinder2016

On Tuesday 8 December we will be hosting our last Transition Day. The children will be doing some fun craft activities from 10am-12pm.

Just a reminder to parents, if you have not returned your enrolment forms please do so ASAP so we can start the enrolment process. Appointments for Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten 2016 students can be made by ringing the front office on 48421309. Last week’s Kindergarten Transition Day went well with all children enjoying the science themed day.

P&C news

The P&C Canteen Volunteer Christmas Party is on Sunday 20 December at 11.30am at Braidwood Servicemen’s Club. There will be a BBQ lunch with some lucky door prizes.

Please let Heather know if you can attend by Wednesday 16 December on 48421793.

Thank you to everyone that has helped in the canteen in 2015.

Hope to see you all next year!!!

Thank you Heather
Week 10

**Monday**

Japanese excursion to Sydney
Yr 12 RSA and RCG
Scripture class Christmas service — St Andrew’s

**Tuesday**

Christmas Craft
Kindergarten morning tea
Secondary Recognition Assembly 10pm
Yr 12 RSA and RCG
Yr 10 Wellbeing Day
Yr 8 Girls Links to Learning

**Wednesday**

9 December
FRY 5-12 Leadership excursion

**Thursday**

10 December
Presentation Evening
6:30pm

**Friday**

11 December
Primary End of Year Concert

Week 11

**Monday**

16 December
Yr 6-11 3-day event

**Tuesday**

15 December
Yr 6-11 3-day event

**Wednesday**

16 December
School Development Day

**Thursday**

17 December

**Friday**

18 December
School Development Day

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Do you have a school blazer at home?

Students who represent our school borrow blazers from time to time. These should not remain at home, but should be returned to school immediately after the event for which they are being used. If you have a school blazer at home, please return them to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Wanted URGENTLY

All library books and textbooks returned. Library items borrowed this year are now due back. (Apart from books required by 2016 Year 12 students over the summer break).

We are also happy to receive donations of board games and card games and suitable magazines in very good condition for our reading and lunchtime programs. Motorbikes, fishing, cars and horses are the most popular topics for the magazines.

Don’t forget you can still borrow from the Public Library over summer, so you can keep on reading.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Mary Langdon Teacher Librarian

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Upcoming Events

1. Monday 7 December, Japanese excursion to Sydney, Scripture Christmas Service at St Andrew’s, RSA/RCG for Year 12 students
2. Tuesday 8 December, Secondary Recognition Assembly, Kinder Transition Day, Yr10 Affirmation Day
3. Wednesday 9 December, Leadership excursion to Goulburn, Primary Gold Excursion
4. Thursday 10 December, Presentation Evening
5. Friday 11 December, Primary End Of Year Concert, Wendy's piano:

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Back To School

Dates for students to return to school in 2016

Wednesday 27 January - STAFF only
Thursday 28 January - Years 2, 6, 7, 11, 12
Kindergarten PLAN (by appointment only)
Friday 29 January - Years 8, 9, 10
Kindergarten PLAN (by appointment only)
Monday 1 February - Kindergarten & Year 1

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Notes that went out this week

1. Primary Scripture
2. Carols by Candlelight

If you have not received a copy of a note that is relevant to your child, please see the website:
http://www.braidwood-c-schools.nsw.edu.au/notes or contact the office to obtain another copy.

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Host Family needed

BCS has been given the opportunity to have another Japanese Teaching Assistant in our classes next year. This will be another great experience for all our students as, like our current assistant Yuya, the new assistant will help out in Secondary Japanese classes and visit Primary classes. We need a family to agree to host our Japanese Assistant for 3 weeks from 20 February 2016, in a “home stay” setting. A host family will need to provide our Assistant with a bed (preferably in their own room) and 3 meals each day. In return, he will pay a small amount of “board”. The Assistant will come to school each day, but on weekends he would stay with the host family. He would probably appreciate a trip to Batemans Bay and/or Canberra, but will also enjoy experiencing life in regional NSW - whether you live in town or on a property - as it will probably be quite different to his home in Japan.

If you are interested in hosting our Assistant, or would like to know more, please contact Mrs Alisa Stephens as soon as possible by phoning or emailing the school.