Coming Events

Monday 9th February

Tuesday 10th February
AECG Meeting 5.30pm
Library

Wednesday 11th February
Meet the parents BBQ at the Pool 4.30pm-7pm
P&C Meeting 7pm Library

Thursday 12th February
School Photos

Friday 13th February
Year 10 Film Festival/Sleepover

Principal’s News

Swimming carnival
At the swimming carnival last Thursday it was great to see the relaxed and smiling faces of all the students who participated. It was also wonderful to see the support of all the parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends who came along to offer their encouragement and support. What a positive beginning to a new year. A particular mention must be made of all the staff who assisted on the day to make it a success, especially to Mr Sam Wilson who coordinated the day.

Braidwood & District Education Foundation
What a privilege to have been invited to attend the tenth annual scholarship award evening last Friday night at the club. The success of the young people who received those scholarships was obvious to all who attended. To experience the work and success of such town generosity and community support of its young people as they pursue further education was indeed an honour. I look forward to our current Year 12 students pursuing those same ideals. Indeed each Year 12 student has an interview with me this week to work on just that.

Year 7
Last week I attempted to talk with each parent of our Year 7 students to gain an insight into the change from primary school to high school. It was wonderful to hear so many success stories. There were some parents who, regrettably, I could not contact. A reminder to all parents to please let us know when your circumstances change – moving homes, changing phone numbers or work details.

Uniform
Thank you to all the students and parents who support the school in its endeavours to maintain a high standard in the wearing of our school uniform. The wearing of uniform creates a sense of pride in self and community and establishes the concept and expectation of dressing for success. More information will follow on this topic in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Staffing and timetabling changes
Please check out the staff directory attached to this week’s newsletter. Each K-6 student has now been placed in classes for the year. Each of the 7-12 year groups went to meetings last week where they were orientated to the changes for 2015. Students will be kept advised of any future changes that affect them and are expected to communicate with teachers when an issue appears. Staffing and timetabling are being finalised and the extraordinary work of Mr Wall deserves special mention.

Help your child succeed at school
One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

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

Front Office Phone
4842 2249

Canteen Phone
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School Photos
this Thursday 12th February
full school uniform required
There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class. Ideally turn up on Wednesday at the pool from 4.30-7.00pm to introduce yourself to the teacher of your child in K-6. If your child is in Year 7 or 8 then turn up to the club on Coronation Ave on Wednesday 19 February to introduce yourself there. We will have other events in the upcoming weeks for parents of children in other years.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate fully in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.

**New beginnings**

There were many new beginnings in 2014 and this will continue to be the case in 2015. Learning, in the end, is all about change; change for the better, change for the future and in that sense about hope and optimism. I encourage all of our students to always strive to give their best and never forget that they are capable of achieving all things if they apply themselves to the best of their ability. As Braidwood women and men they should always ‘Stand tall and walk proud!’

In our school we strive to support an environment in which all students, staff and parents can feel safe, happy and successful. We encourage all students to adhere to the school values, to care for each other and always do...
their personal best. There are activities in our school that are at times specific to either our Primary school or our Secondary school but we strive at all times to be one school and maximise the opportunities to be one school community.

Our expectation of students, staff and parents is simple. No matter how successful you have been today, we expect you to perform even better tomorrow. This simple rule applies to everyone no matter what position you hold in the school. Our school is at its best when each of us accepts and acts upon that responsibility; when we are positive, when we delight in the learning process, share in it with each other and never stop striving to improve, both individually and as a community, because to not do so is to actually get worse.

The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it. But that it is too low and we reach it.

Michelangelo

Nerida Mosely
Principal

Deputy News
Thursday is Photo Day
- All students were issued with photo envelopes Week 1.
- Students are to bring envelopes in on the day of photo’s (Thursday) with correct money or with a cheque made out to “The School Photographer” or credit card details. Spare envelopes are available from the front office.
- Family photos will take place at lunchtime. Envelopes for family photos are available from the front office.
- School photos will be taken of all children regardless if the photos are being purchased or not.
- All students should be in full summer uniform – no jumpers. Primary students are to wear school uniform, not sports uniform.

Primary Uniform
Girls – Tunic or navy bottoms and sky blue shirt
Boys – Grey shorts/pants and sky blue shirt
Black shoes

Secondary 7-10
Girls – Tartan skirt, white shirt or navy bottoms, white shirt
Boys – Grey shorts/pants and white shirt
Black shoes

Secondary 11-12
Girls – Navy skirt/bottoms and white shirt
Boys – Navy pants/shorts and white shirt
Black shoes

Schedule for photo’s
Group photos – Quad (outside) unless wet weather
Individual photos – Gym
Family photos – Gym

Classes will be called for when it is their turn. A rough indication of schedule below. (May vary slightly on the day).
8.50 – Year 12
9.15 – School Captains and Principal
9.20 – Kindergarten- Diggers
9.30 – K/1 – Poppies
9.45 – 1/2 – Gallipoli
10.00 – 2/3 – Lighthorse
10.15 – 3/4 – Squadron 34
10.30 – 4/5 – Cove
10.45– 5/6 – Troops
Recess – staff photos – Gym
11.10 – Year 7
11.25 – Year 8
11.40 – Year 9
12.00 – Year 10
12.15 – Year 11
Lunch – Family photos/staff photo – Gym
1.30 – Year 12 muck up photo

Peter Neilsen
Deputy Principal

Primary News
Primary Class names
As this year marks the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli Primary classes have been named to honour those who fought and died there. Class names and teachers are as follows:

Kindergarten – Diggers
K/1 – Poppies
1/2 – Gallipoli
2/3 – Lighthorse
3/4 – Squadron 34
4/5 – Coves
5/6 – Troops

PBL Awards
Teachers present white PBL awards each week to students who consistently display the school’s PBS values of consideration, responsibility, enthusiasm and achievement. These awards count towards students’ receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and are presented at our fortnightly or morning assemblies. Kindergarten and new students will receive a folder to keep these awards. When your child has received 5 (bronze), 10 (silver) or 20 (gold) awards please return the folder to school so that their award can be presented at the next assembly.
Blue awards (blueys) or Dojo points (one point equals one bluey) are given free and frequently to students throughout the day in the playground and in classrooms for displaying the school’s PBL values of consideration, responsibility, enthusiasm and achievement. These can be given for things such as picking up rubbish without being asked, helping someone, or packing up on time. Blueys are placed into a class box and each week 5 names are drawn for a small prize. Dojo points are recorded by the teachers online so do not need to be kept by the students. This system is currently under review by the PBL committee and further details will be included in a later newsletter.

Food Allergies
As indicated in last week’s newsletter we have a number of students with severe allergic reactions to various foods, particularly peanuts and peanut products. We are endeavouring to make the school as safe as possible for these students so ask that you do not pack peanuts or peanut based products, including peanut butter sandwiches in your child’s lunchbox.

Labels
We cannot stress enough the importance of labelling your child’s clothing and other belongings clearly. We encourage the students to be responsible for their own belongings by returning items to their school bags but unfortunately they often leave them in the playground. Unless the items are labelled clearly they cannot be returned to the rightful owner. Please also check that your child hasn’t accidentally brought home somebody else’s hat as we already have a number of hats missing.

Student of the Week
Our Students of the Week (one from each class) are chosen by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis. They nominate students who 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 these students:

Diggers: Tiahna Malley
Poppies: Cheyanne Murray
Gallipoli: Riley Cooper
Lighthorse: Charlie Jonas
Squadron 34: Jacob McKendry
Coves: Ryan Clarke
Troops: Gus Munnings

Assembly
Our first assembly for 2015 will be held this Thursday 12th February at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome at our assemblies and the children love to have someone in the audience, especially when their class is performing.

Wendy Davis
Assistant Principal

Secondary News

International Women’s Day Dinner
The 8th March marks International Women’s Day, a time where women celebrate their achievements and look for ways to increase equality for all women. This year’s theme is “make it happen” and we hope to make something very exciting happen here at Braidwood Central School.

All girls in secondary are invited to a casual dinner on Tuesday 10 March, starting at 6pm. We ask everyone to bring two things:

1. A female guest who has been inspiration to you. This might be your mum, grandmother, aunty, neighbour, coach or a friend. We hope you will share with other people at the dinner how this woman has helped inspire you.
2. A plate of food to share with others. This could be some bread rolls, a salad, savoury muffins, or a sweet slice. We will provide some food and drinks but we would love to see you create something delicious to celebrate the day.

If you want to be part of this exciting event please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Willetts by Tuesday 3 March.

Your name: ____________________________
Year group: ____________________________
Name of your special guest: ____________________________
How has this women inspired or helped you? ____________________________________________
What will you bring to eat? ____________________________________________
Library News

All Primary classes will have a scheduled weekly library lesson. K-2 students need a library bag in order to borrow books from the library. Kindergarten students and new Year one and two students will receive a BCS library bag when they visit the library for their first lesson.

Library bags help keep our books clean and help students identify and care for the books they have borrowed. Books are loaned for two weeks, but can be brought back earlier, or the loan can be extended if more time is needed to finish a book.

Library Days

Tuesdays: Gallopili, Lighthorse, Troops and Poppies
Wednesdays: Diggers
Fridays: Cove and Squadron 34
Mary Langdon (Teacher Librarian)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Order forms will be handed out in class on Tuesday 10 February. Orders are due back on Tuesday 17 February. The order forms and money should be in a sealed envelope and need to be brought to the school library not to the Front Office.

*PLEASE NOTE* that all cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic not to Braidwood Central School. Please ensure that all orders are returned by the due date as no late orders can be taken.

Any enquiries should be directed to the library.

Linda Bunn
SAO Library

Community News

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with serving food on Saturday 25th April – Anzac Day
At the Servicemans Club

Between 12noon – 2pm
Phone Michelle 48422108

We are in need of egg cartons, if you have any spare please drop them in to the front office. Thank you

Advertisements

Rugby Union Trials and 7’s Redbacks Under 14’s Side

Interested players should attend Saturday 22nd March
8.30am at the rec for a friendly 7’s comp followed by a BBQ at the club and later in the evening watching the Waratahs v Brumbies match
Contact Mick Wall 0418968229

P&C News

Contact the P&C

The P&C email address is bcspondc@gmail.com or you can contact the current President, Bidda Jones, directly on 4842 7189 or 0422 542175 or bidda@sharewater.net
School Based Apprenticeship opportunities at Braidwood Central School

Benjamin Howard of year 11 has signed a school based apprenticeship with Tom Clarke of Braidwood Fabrication and will begin a Cert III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade this week. Ben will be on the work site one day per week and attend CIT on another with the remaining three days at school. This qualification will contribute to Benjamin receiving a Higher School Certificate (HSC) qualification and a head start on his trade apprenticeship.

Similarly Joseph Di Marco of year 10 has accepted a school based apprenticeship with Brian Kain and will begin his Cert III in Plumbing. Joseph has elected to hold off on the CIT studies for the moment to concentrate on his studies at school this year to complete his ROSA which has replaced the old school certificate.

We would like to wish both boys success in their chosen pathways, it is wonderful to see how flexible education has become at BCS to meet the needs of individual students.

Many thanks to both employers for offering our students this amazing start for the future.

Braidwood Central recognises the need to cater for all students in this education pathway. More information will follow on other successful candidates for this education program.

Jo Parsons, Careers Adviser.

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Thank you to all of our Volunteers for giving up your precious time. If for some reason you can't do your canteen rostered day can you please call Heather at home on 48421793 or the canteen (Mon-Fri, 9.30am-2pm) on 48422281. If you would like to help out at the canteen this term please give Heather a call at the canteen or pop in for a look around and a chat.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the P&C Canteen,

Heather Stuart
Canteen Manager
### B.C.S.P & Canteen Menu Term 1: 2015

**Over the Counter: For Recess and Lunch**

- Ham & Cheese: 35c
- Cheese Roll: 50c
- Apple & Blackcurrant and Tropical Juice: 90c
- Small: 25c, Large: 35c
- Small: 75c, Large: 95c

**Friday Only**

- Ham & Cheese Wrap: 45c

### Lunch Orders Available Every Day

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**Lunch Orders**

- Minicups 25c
- Tomato sauce portion 30c
- Prego sauce portion 30c
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**Cheeses**

- Cheese: 15c
- Tomato sauce: 15c
- Prego sauce: 15c

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**Week 3 Term 1**

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9th February 2015