Secondary Zone Cross Country
On Friday 8 May, 14 students travelled to Eden to compete in the Zone Cross Country and all of them did incredibly well. Based on the day’s results, 4 students – Jack Brodrick, Sophie Gargill, Willough Corby and Daniel Doran – will now go on to represent BCS at Area Cross Country in Cambewarra on 29 May. Congratulations to you all and best of luck to those going to the next level of competition.

See more pictures of our students in action on the next page.

BCS at the World Championships
The Language Perfect World Championships begin on Monday – and 60 BCS students will be taking part! All students studying Japanese, from years 8 to 12, have entered the Championships and have the chance to win some great prizes, as well as earn certificates of merit.

The World Championships run from 18 to 28 May. Participants will compete online to answer questions on Japanese hiragana, katakana and kanji, as well as vocabulary and grammatical structures. Language Perfect offers students a great chance to improve their Japanese skills – and is suitable for all learners, from those who need to practise the basics right through to those who want to extend themselves.

みなさん、がんばって！
(That means “Good luck, everyone!”)

P&C News
Would you donate wood?
The P&C has booked a raffle spot for Saturday 23 May, but we need a trailer of wood to raffle! If you are overflowing with fire-size pieces of tree trunk that have found their way into a serviceable trailer and you would like to donate a load to the P&C, please let us know via bcspandc@gmail.com or call Bidda on 0422 542175. We WOOD be very grateful!

What did you miss at the P&C meeting?
The P&C met last week and learned all about; how we had secured $1000 funding from Bendigo Bank for the Breakfast Club; how secondary teachers attended a regional development day to learn how to improve HSC results; how K-6 classes now have their own twice-term newsletter; and how they are mixing it up in the front office so that staff can take on specific roles. Why not come along to the next meeting where you can hear about what’s happening at school for yourself?

Community Engagement Working Group news
The CEWG meeting on 11 May discussed the valuable role the group plays and the possibility of extending this role beyond its previous remit. This important change would mean pausing the current work on the “Strengthening family and community engagement” that began with the Community Engagement Forum in August 2013 and developing Terms of Reference to clearly articulate the group’s new scope of work. If you’d like to come along and find out more, the CEWG meets on Mondays in Week 4 and Week 9 of each term, from 3:30pm.

Aboriginal Education Consultative Group news
We are really pleased to see the Student Representative Council now have a junior AEGC up and running and we look forward to hearing from the student body at our meetings.

A Senior Norta Norta tutor has been appointed. Ms Lesley Waterhouse will be starting with Yr 11 students soon. An “Expression of Interest” will soon be advertised to fill the Junior Norta Norta tutor position.

Student of the Week
One Student of the Week is chosen from each 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: Ella Andreata
- Poppies: Logan Buchanan
- Gallipoli: Stella Riley
- Lighthorse: Bradley Sweeney
- Squadron 34: James Flack
- Coves: Bonnie Park
- Troops: Jaiden Mortiz

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

- Bradley Sweeney
- Harry Williams
- Jasmine Knowles
- Hartlee Riley-Tyler
- Lail Whelan
- Tess Gurling

Welcome to Mr James Gunderson
Mr James Gunderson has just joined the BCS staff, teaching Yr 9 and 10 Food Technology, Yr 7 Design and Technology, Yr 8 Japanese, Yr 9 HSC and Yr 11 Ancient History. Please say hello and make him feel welcome.

BCS Winter Uniform
With the cold weather having well and truly set in, now is a good time to remember how easy it is to be in BCS uniform. More pictures on the next page.

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

Don't yell, move closer
As a busy parent it's easy to give your voice a work out when you don't get the cooperation you want from your children. You know how it goes. You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don't respond. Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling. Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside. Then your request for cooperation is ignored. So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that's still ignored you RAISE the volume. “I'll yell at them. That should work!” Hmm, I'm not so sure.

Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids. If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you’ve developed to get cooperation then here’s a great strategy to use instead. Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move close to them and quietly repeat your request once. No aggression, just expectation. It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That’s why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage. So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection. Use your body effectively to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the Mood Meter teaches you) and move into your child’s proximity. Don’t stare him down. Just be close to him or her. Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you’ve got to do it. In future don’t yell, move closer.

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Two Fires Festival
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May.
A special feature of this year’s Festival is the Unveiling Ceremony for the Dhurga Rock, which acknowledges the Aboriginal people who lived in this area before the town of Braidwood was established.
The Unveiling will be from 10-11.30am on Saturday 16 May.
BCS students have been involved in the Dhurga Rock project, participating in workshops about indigenous culture, art and dance with Noel Butler and Trish Roberts.
We invite students and their parents to come to the unveiling ceremony, and join in the dancing led by Noel and Trish. We will have special red headbands for all children joining the dancing.
Please see www.twofiresfestival.org.au for the full program, and we hope to see many families in Ryrie Park on Saturday morning!
There will be other interesting activities in the Park (all free) as well as a program of presentations in nearby St Bede’s Hall and the National Theatre.
For more information, call Julia 0402 605 945.

Celebrate Central
Celebrate Central will again be held during Education Week in Week 3, Term 3. In addition to celebrating the success of our school, our students and their work, this year will also include information sessions regarding:
Transition to Kindergarten 2016
Find out about what Central offers for your Kindergarten Child.
Transition to Year 7 2016
Find out what the Secondary section of the school offers for Year 7 students.
Transition to Year 9 2016
Find out about course selections.
Transition to Year 11 2016
Find out about the Higher School Certificate, courses offered and how Central offers authentic learning pathways for all students.

Notes that went out this week
1. Yr 4 Public Speaking Training
2. Yr 6 and 7 Canberra Theatre excursion
3. Area Cross Country
4. Yr 6 Puberty Program
5. Yr 9 Dinner invitation
6. Australian Early Development Census
7. Allergy Week (Primary and Yr 12)
8. BCS Athletics Carnival (K-12)
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.