**Yerrowa**

Students in Yerrowa have been studying the role of National Parks in the Environmental Movement in Australia. To illustrate the enormous diversity of Australia’s national parks, each student is researching an Australian national park and creating a power point presentation that displays the flora, fauna and landform unique to each park.

Another project underway is the refurbishment of the school garden plot in the Police Paddock with the assistance of the Eco Grant received earlier in the year and Mr Robert Jackson. To date we have a new fence, expertly built by Mr Jackson and local builder Mr Hans Kuhn, and a brand new tank. The existing greenhouse has been stripped by Mr Jackson and we have removed rubbish from the area in preparation to repainting the frame, which will hopefully be undertaken this week. Once the greenhouse is rebuilt and new compost bins installed, we will be instigating a whole school waste recycling program so that each student at BCS can make a positive contribution to our environment.

**Kindergarten**

Term 2 has seen our Kindergarten class feeling even more settled and happy at school and their work is really progressing. Each morning the children enjoy working in small groups to focus on literacy activities then maths. Of course, social activities and play time remain a favourite with the children.

**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:** Hartlee Riley-Tyler
- **Poppies:** Eli Hyland
- **Gallipoli:** Sienna Billman
- **Lighthorse:** Sebastian Deo
- **Squadron 34:** Ryley Hazleton
- **Coves:** Wyatt Marven
- **Troops:** Maxx Bigg

**Unleash Prize Winners**

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

- Thomas Moore
- Mark McCurley
- Sophie Moritz

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**P&C Canteen News**

The P&C canteen committee has created a great new menu, which will be available from Monday 22 May. Hard copies of the new menu will be available at the Front Office and the canteen. It will also be available on the school’s website or you can request a copy via email to bcspandccanteen@gmail.com

**District Primary Cross Country**

Twenty-three primary students travelled to Potato Point last Friday (15 May) to represent BCS at the District Cross Country Carnival. The students displayed exceptional behaviour and a special congratulations to Hattie Cram who placed 4th in the 10 year old girls. Hattie has qualified to represent BCS at regional cross country held at Cambewarra on Friday 29 May 2015. See over for pictures.

**Employment Opportunities**

BCS is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) for suitably qualified Teachers to add to the casual employment list – for day-to-day and temporary contract employment.

Potential employment exists in both Primary (K-6) and Secondary (7-12, for all subject areas). EOIs should include a Curriculum Vitae, providing:

- Relevant qualifications and employment history;
- Relevant skills, experience and interests;
- Current NSW DEP teaching approval number; and
- Copies of mandatory training including Anaphylaxis, e-emergency care and disability standards.

**Other positions**

BCS invites suitably qualified people to submit a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for short term temporary and casual employment for vacancies that may arise in future in the areas of Administration, General Assistant and Farm Assistant. The CV should include: employment history, relevant qualifications; drivers licence; Working with Children Check documentation (enquire at the school for more information); and 2 character references. All CV’s and enquiries should be directed to Mr Peter Neilsen, Deputy Principal.

**Extension English**

Year 11 Extension English has been working on a research task for a nineteenth century novel that interests them. Isobel Merriman presented a wonderful exploration of Oscar Wilde’s novel ‘The Picture of Dorian Gray’, which created a lively discussion for the best part of two hours. Sebastian Dyonion’s presentation on Charles Dickens’ 'Great Expectations’ was highly informative and an interesting examination of that social period. We await with bated breath Jay Davies’ research discussion on ‘Wuthering Heights’ and the Bronte sisters.

This class has been very busy with much to discuss and write upon each term, reading Jane Austen’s ‘Northanger Abbey’ followed by Val McDermid’s ‘Chick Lit’ appropriation in Term 1. We much preferred the witty satirical tone of Austen and the students’ analytical and critical writing has been of a high order.

This is a very special group of students who are honing their skills in literary criticism for more in-depth study in their HSC year in 2016.

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**2015 Term 2, Week 5**

Friday 22 May

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CALENDAR

Term 2

Week 6

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

7, 9, 11 Exam week

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Week 7

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4

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Yr 7, 9, 11 exams

Yr 6 Puberty Program

Puberty Program session for Parents 5-6pm

Primary Assembly 12pm in the Hall

Area Cross Country

Week 8

6

7

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Queen's Birthday

Public Holiday

Infants, Primary and Secondary Disco

Yr 6-7 Excursion to Canberra Theatre

CANTEEN ROSTER

Term 2

Week 6

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Maureen Faviell

Penni Shoemark

Linda Lewis

Lyn Rainforest

Rodney Tetley

Kathy Pollitt

Laura Malley

Anne Hopkins

HELP NEEDED

Noemi Holman

Karen Gray

Linda Lewis

Sharon Lee

Rodney Tetley

Kathy Pollitt

Laura Malley

Cailin Piper

Rodney Tetley

Queen's Birthday

Public Holiday

Kathy Pollitt

Laura Malley

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HELP NEEDED

NOTES

Upcoming Events

- Yr 7, 9 and 11 Exams – Week 6
- Yr 6 Puberty Program 26 and 27 May, Parent session 27 May
- Area Cross Country at Cambewarra 29 May

$500 TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Last month a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated Nepal, including the capital, Kathmandu. 8500 lives were taken and thousands of homes were destroyed. Among the affected are 1.1 million children - children just like us at Braidwood Central School. In fact, members of our school and community, like the Bajracharya family, are Nepalese and have relatives currently in Nepal. BCS recognises the urgency of the situation, especially after a second earthquake hit this week, and we wish to contribute to humanitarian efforts immediately. Therefore we are donating $500 of our existing SRC funds to UNICEF (the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund) to help those who are currently without adequate food supplies, sleeping in tents and suffering from the immense emotional and psychological trauma from two consecutive earthquakes, and the loss of home and family members. We will like to recoup this money (in order to fund other causes) at the upcoming Disco, so buy a ticket knowing that you are contributing to the effort. If you would like to find out more about what the UNICEF is providing, please go to their website, and we encourage members of the community to also do what they can to help the cause.

SRC External Fundraising Committee

Library News

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library operates Scholastic Book Club for students K-6. Orders forms will be handed out in class on Monday 25 May. Orders are due back on Wednesday 3 June. The order forms and money should be in a sealed envelope and need to be brought to the school library or to the Front Office.

*PLEASE NOTE* that all cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic book Club 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

SAC Library

Notes that went out this week

1. Yr 9, 10, 11 Performance Night Music and Drama
2. School Athletics Carnival New Date notification
3. Performance: Frankenstein (Yr 11)
4. Zone Athletics Carnival Moruya
5. Yr 9 Camp Sydney Experience
6. Rugby League Regional Finals Boorowa
7. Yr 7 Sleepover

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/notices or contact the office to obtain another copy.

INFANTS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DISCO

On Wednesday 10 June, the BCS Student Representative Council (SRC) will be holding its first disco of 2015. The Infants (K – 2) disco will run from 4 – 5pm, Primary (3 – 6) will run from 5:30 – 7pm and Secondary’s disco will run from 7:30 – 9:30pm. K – 2’s theme is ‘Pyjamas and Onesies’ and 3 – 6’s theme is ‘Hip Hop’. There will be no theme for Secondary’s disco. Tickets will be $5 each and will come with a free sausage sandwich. Proceeds from the disco will be donated to support Nepal and the Central Australia trip. Tickets will be available at the Front Office soon. Please note: There will NOT be a bus to or from Bungendore.

Bush Baroque

(Richard Milner, Joan Milner, Owen Bingham and Rachel Walker, viola)

with Jo Johnstone (soprano) and Nick Pollock (lute)

present “TIME STANDS STILL”

A concert of songs and instrumental dances from Renaissance times composed by John Dowland and Anthony Holborne for soprano, lute and a consort of 4 viols.

2.30 pm Sunday May 31, 2015.
St Andrews Uniting Church, 66 Monkittee Street, Braidwood.
Tickets at the door $15 and $10 (concs.), refreshments afterwards
All proceeds to Hartley Lifecare for helping people with physical and complex disabilities.
Enquiries to Anne Sanders - 4842 2024 or Richard Milner – 02 6236 9212

Year 6 Puberty Program – Week 6

Please note that last week’s calendar incorrectly showed this program - including the Parent information session – would be running in Week 7, however, it will actually run in Week 6, on Tuesday 26 May and Wednesday 27 May. The Parent session runs from 5pm to 6pm on Wednesday.