Celebrate Central.
Wow—what an evening. We hoped you all enjoyed Celebrate Central 2015 as much as we did. This year saw our school community turn up in force to support our showcase event. Some of the highlights of the evening were: the impromptu dance performances in the gym; the cow naming competition; the sheep and fusing display; the variety of amazing work on display from our students; the event planning/wedding display; the fabulous food from our food technology and hospitality students and the music and drama performances in the school hall.
If you weren’t able to make it to our information sessions for 2016, please contact the school to obtain an information package. Some pictures are below and overhead. More will follow next week.

Year 7 Sleep over
The Yr 7 sleepover was a great hit with 23 students attending. Students participated in workshop activities and discussions about friendship, conflict resolution, positive self-image and sharing our positivity with others. Students were insightful and respectful, creating an inviting atmosphere in which everyone could participate. It was also very exciting to have our school captains, Inga and Forbes, run a focus group discussion, allowing the students to express their feelings about high school and life as a teenager. We were highly impressed by the students’ commitment and engagement and discussions continued to offer other opportunities for students to collaborate and support one another as a year group.

Legacy Public Speaking
On Monday BCS students Ruby Gurling and Jessie Kay competed against representatives from 5 other schools, showing both skill and audacity, in the Legacy Public Speaking Award at Moss Vale.
Ruby’s topic was child abuse and Jessie spoke about the rights of child refugees for the prepared section. They then had just 5 minutes to prepare a two minute impromptu speech on the topic of an ‘ugly battle’. Ruby addressed the challenges of marriage equality in Australia and Jessie examined aspects of euthanasia. The adjudicator then gave all involved some awesome feedback on their “method, matter & manner”. Well done Jessie and Ruby!

Parenting ideas by Michael Grove
Do you let your kids amaze you?
“I’m amazed at what children CAN do when given the opportunity and encouragement”. I love the pride, confidence and sense of purpose that comes from making children feel capable. These are the building blocks of the development of independence. These are the tools that empower children to become independent adults who can take on the world. The first step is to open the gates of independence.

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Primary Gymnastics

The gymnastics program got underway last Friday. There were lots of excited students and plenty of fun gymnastics activities. Thank you to those who have returned their notes and have sent in money for the program. As of this week gymnastics will be No pay, no play.

Jeans for Genes Day—Friday 7 August
Secondary SRC are running a fundraiser for childhood medical research. Secondary students may wear jeans (with their uniform top and shoes) and make a gold coin donation for this fantastic charity, if they wish to participate. All other students must wear their full uniform.

Junior Golf
As a follow up to the two sessions of MyGolf offered earlier in the year, Braidwood Golf Club is offering supervised golf practice and play on Sunday afternoons at 1pm during the Third School Term. These sessions will last for approximately one and a half hours. They are aimed at upper primary and lower secondary students. Parents are welcome to attend. Interested parents should contact Rod Coady on 48422829 or email rodcoady@skymesh.com.au.

Have you lost an iPhone?
An Apple iPhone was found on Webbs Road, Mongarlowe with a locked screen photo of a small pony. Please direct any enquiries to the Braidwood Police on 4842 2101.

Upcoming Events
1. Yr 11 VET placement—week 4
2. AECG meeting—Tuesday 4 August
3. Primary Japanese Day—Wednesday 5 August
4. Primary Onesie fundraising day and BBQ—Thursday 6 August
5. Secondary jeans for Genes fundraising day—Friday 7 August

Notes that went out this week
1. Staff changes in Secondary HSE
2. Primary Central Palmyra fundraiser and BBQ
3. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory participant information
4. Debating Camp—Yr-7-10

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/index or contact the office to obtain another copy.

Menzies Property Services
Position Vacant
School Cleaners. Experience preferred but not essential as training will be given. Working with Children certificate is required. Morning and afternoon shifts.
For more information contact Mark Green on 0418 999 368.

Kids First Aid
FREE Kids 1st Aid services for parents/carers of young children in Braidwood, Bungendore and surrounding NSW regions.

Tuesday 4th August 2015
St Bede’s Catholic School, Braidwood School Library
9:00-8:00pm
Light supper provided
RSVP ESSENTIAL—Alison 6124 3000
No childcare provided, and strictly breastfed babies only allowed at the course.

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