Science and Engineering Challenge
On Friday 31 July 24 BCS students travelled to Goulburn for the Science and Engineering Challenge that is run by the University of Newcastle and funded by our local Rotary clubs.

The day was a feast of hands-on challenge activities, which included such things as: constructing a bionic hand out of straws and string; building an earthquake proof tower with paper and straws; designing power supply networks for future cities; and building as strong a bridge as possible out of Balsa wood.

The students were split into small teams for the activity/activities allocated to them. The various constructions and designs produced were all tested under simulated conditions. For instance helter-skelter shelter towers were placed on a shaking platform and tested for their weight holding capacity. Mission to Mars vehicles and payload had to navigate the rough terrain of Mars. Hover Frenzy hover crafts had to be fast, manoeuvrable and recyclable, and withstand a wind tunnel, among other things.

Our students conducted themselves brilliantly, competed well in their activities and clearly enjoyed the experience.

Every minute counts

Student of the Week
One student of the week is chosen from each primary 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: Paige Murray
Poppies: Michael Wlasak
Gallipoli: Cruz Campbell Davys
Lighthorse: Anusha Bajracharya
Squadron 34: Imogen Dixon
Coves: Jallamara Gardner
Troops: Gus Munnings

Onesie Day
Thanks to everyone for getting behind our Onesie Day fundraiser this week for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. We are pleased to announce that over $600 was raised for this very worthwhile cause!

Parenting ideas by Michael Grose

Raising a critical generation
By Lakshmi Singh

American keynote speaker, author and educator Tim Elmore recently penned an article observing a trend amongst kids dishing out careless criticism of processes, ideas and institutions.

“Is there a generational change brewing, where more kids go about criticizing anything and everything, becoming self-absorbed in the process?”

Experts say that a critical spirit has and always will exist in all of us, it is just that the nature of today’s society and the easy accessibility of forums through which criticism can be provided that has given it more opportunity to be heard.

The age of entitlement
Parents have always wanted the best for kids, but taking the “you deserve the best, this/he/she is not good enough” mentality a bit too far can also be detrimental, says parenting and education expert Ronit Baras.

Similarly projecting a “my child is special and they need to know that” vision by over-supplying them with activities, commodities and even praise can lead to an unhealthy sense of entitlement, says Dr. Ash Nayate, clinical neuropsychologist.

“Narcissism (i.e. a feeling of entitlement) is a sign of unhealthy self-esteem. Narcissistic people don’t see themselves as equal to others, they see themselves as better than others - and the reason they hold this belief is to cover up their fear of ‘not being good enough’,” she says. Judging people helps alleviate that fear, she says. To help stop the cycle, she believes parents need to lead by example.

Readily accessible forums to dish out criticism

It is no secret that Millennials/Generation Y are more digitally literate than the rest of us. With most having access to their own mobile phone, laptop and social media accounts, the stage through which they can communicate with others is wide and always available.

“Social media encourages us to be more vocal about criticism. So instead of just judging people quietly, in our mind, we can do it aloud, behind the safety and anonymity of a computer screen,” says Dr. Nayate.

From teacher review sites to specialist groups and threads on social media forums, kids today can critique anything about their school, programs or individual people, making up their minds whether something makes the cut or not.
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### Upcoming Events

#### Book Character Parade – Get Ready

As part of our Children’s Book Week celebrations we are holding our annual Book Character Dress Up Parade for years K-6 in the school gym on Thursday 27 August commencing at 11.30am. So get your costumes ready! Use your imagination, have a rummage in your cupboards or visit an opportunity shop to help you come up with a low cost but effective costume. Small ‘surprise’ prizes will be awarded in a range of categories by some ‘secret judges’ who will be observing the parade. Audience members welcome.

We will also be holding a ‘Carnival’ Book Fair in the school library. Lots of great new children’s books will be for sale. Parents and community members might like to visit before or after the parade.

**Opening Times:**
- Thursday 27 August: 8.30-9.30am, 11.00-11.30am, 12.30-1.30pm, and 3.15-5.00pm
- Friday 28 August: 8.30am-9.30am. 1.00pm-3.30pm

#### Whooing Cough

Please be aware that some cases of Whooping Cough have been reported to the school. For more information go to the NSW government health website:


If you have any concerns please see your doctor. Infectious children must not attend school.

#### Soccer announcement

A reminder that all local soccer for the Braidwood Junior Soccer Club is being played in Araluen this weekend - 8 August 2015.

#### Concert at St Andrews

Another memorable musical experience in our series of classical and baroque concerts at St Andrews Anglican Church will be held on this Saturday, 8 August, from 3:00pm. A talented troupe of 8 young, professional and superb singers, all graduates of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, will be giving a series of operatic recitals on Saturday 8 August at St Andrews Anglican Church – 47 Elrington Street, Braidwood. Supported by the non-profit organisation, Voci Stupende - which aims to give young singers performance opportunities whilst enriching the range of arts available in country towns - It will be a great set of performances drawn from a diverse repertoire! They have recently played to packed houses in Armidale, Dungog and Walcha.

Tickets will be on sale from 1.30pm at the door prior to the concert: $35 full price; $25 full time students; Family (2 adults, 3 children) $100; Children 14-17: $15; Children under 14: free. Complimentary afternoon tea with freshly baked Biscuits will be served at interval. So come and be transported on the wings of music!

#### Notes that went out this week

1. **Yr 12 RSA and RCG Course**
2. **K-12 Parent Teacher invitation**

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

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