**Books Light Up BCS**

What a fantastic Book Character Parade we had in the school gym last Thursday. Students from K-6, teachers, staff members and our special Pre-school visitors all dressed up in an amazing array of colourful and imaginative outfits. Our guest judges - Jenny Tozer, Natalie Densley and local children’s author Robyn Goodwin - announced winners of a swag of costume awards at the end of the parade.

The Reddest Characters: Lusia S, Jasmine R and Christopher

The Swiftest: Jarrad D, Paige E, Isabelle E

The Most Understated: Robbie W, Jemima M

The Most Inventive: Logan B, Isabelle E, Mario M

The Most Interesting Headgear: Oscar S as Hiccup the Viking

Most Sophisticated: Annabel F, Holly B and Jade B

Recycled Costume Award: Neron C

Most Authentic: Sam W as Red Kelly

The Fantastical Award: Reegan S

The Friendliest Character: Imogen O as Snow White

The Best Concept: Skye C, Patrick S and Ruby M

The Most Impressive Tail: Lily P

The JK Rowling Award: Zoe C, Maia B and Reegan S

The Magical Award: Mark M as Aladdin and Ryder N as Peter Pan

The Mythical Award: Layne S, Zae H

The Prince/Princess Award: Paige M, Taylor D, Chelsea P

The most handsome character really acting the part: Jacob M as Willy Wonka

The Most Creative: Gus M

The Brightest: Pip C

Hairdressing Award: Maxyne P

The Historical Award: Sarah W

The Smartest: Mr Clarke as a Mexican

The Most Amazing: Thayra M

The Cutest Animal: Andison R

Most Ferocious: Amellia M

The Most Entertaining: Lachlan D

Well done judges!

Our School Library also hosted a very successful Carnival Book Fair and lots of parents, students and community members enjoyed perusing and purchasing new children’s books. We sold over $1400 worth of books in two days and earned $500 in new books for our library. Thank you to the people who generously donated new books to the library and to my sales assistants who worked hard.

Our next competition which was the ‘Guess the teacher’s favourite children’s book’ was won by Leah Mann. More entries and lots of suggestions were received.

**NADDCO celebrations**

On Tuesday on a brilliant day we had a K-12 Assembly at the front flagpole area. Aunty Janette from Canberra addressed the assembly. Shania Morgan read out the Acknowledgement to Country. Keith Morgan also gave a brief welcome as well. After recess the whole school was entertained by Johnny Huckle and Dale for over 40 minutes in the gym. Keith, Shania, Jaiden, Chloe, Jallarama and Emma planted 2 trees in the school grounds. Ms. Baumann and Mr. Gunderson prepared kangaroo rissoles and damper for all students to enjoy. Each week was a great celebration!!

**School Administration Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week**

Braidwood Central School spent this week acknowledging the work and commitment of our support staff, who include:

- **Richard Allen**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - Science Assistant, Reports coordinator

- **Linda Bunn**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - Library administration and attendance

- **Lisa Crisp**
  - Learning support officer
  - Casual administration staff

- **Deb Donaldson**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - Learning support officer

- **Vicki Green**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - Excurisions and variations of routine coordinator

- **Simone Horn**
  - Temporary 2 days/week
  - Newsletter publication

- **Corinne Howard**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - All Yr 7-12 issues

- **Robert Jackson**
  - Permanent 4 days/week
  - General Assistant

- **David Jones**
  - Temporary 16 hrs/week
  - Youth worker

- **Kirshly Julienne**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - K-6 issues

- **Cathie King**
  - Learning support officer
  - Casual administration staff

- **Stuart Mollart**
  - Temporary 1/2 day, 5 days/week
  - Technical support officer

- **Emma Richardson**
  - Casual administration staff

- **Dave Sargent**
  - Permanent 2 days/week
  - Farm Assistant

- **Claire Shear**
  - Learning support officer

- **Leoni Watson**
  - Learning support officer

- **Donna Wood**
  - Permanent 5 days/week
  - Finance officer

**Yr 12 Graduation**

BCS Year 12 of 2015 had their student muck-up and Graduation Assembly yesterday. Students gave a great powerpoint presentation of the last 13 years of their school lives (which was a real trip down memory lane and great to see) before they presented teachers with some fun and thoughtful gifts.

The formal Graduation Assembly was held in the afternoon, with speeches from Year Advisors Mr Roberts and Mr Salbie. Ms Mosely then gave a farewell speech and student representatives replied before all the students received their Graduation Certificates.

Students, parents and teachers then gathered to share an afternoon tea.

We wish all the best for the exams and for the future.

**Father’s Day stall**

On 2 September, BCS held a Father’s Day stall for primary students. The Yr 6 Troops got a lot of presents and class by class, all the presents disappeared. Students bought in $5, $10 or $15 to buy presents for their Dad and/or grandfathers and we all had a great time.

By Sarah Williams

**Uniform Awards**

Each week a number of students’ names are drawn from a hat and those in full uniform win our uniform awards. Last week’s Primary winners are: Hattie Cram, Ryan Clarke, Pyper Critchlow, Chelsea Pharaoh, Angus Stuart, Leoni Watson.

**FAIR**

**News**

Our next meeting is next Wednesday 8 September at 4.00 pm in the common room.

Students are welcome to come along as well.

**Assistant Principals’ Award**

One student is chosen from each primary class by the Assistant Principals, Mr Clarke and Mrs Davis. Students must consistently display our PBIS values of consideration, achievement, responsibility and enthusiasm.

These award cards count towards the students’ Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Congratulations to:

**Diggers**
- Tihanna Malley

**Pepboys**
- Jarrad Osborne-Russell

**Squalls**
- Mattey Coen

**Lighthorses**
- Reegan Saunders

**Squadron 34**
- Sam Watson

**Coves**
- Hattie Cram

**Troops**
- Gus Munroes

**Thank you to Tina Corowa Swan for donating the kangaroo meat for our NADDCO feast.**
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