Books Light Up BCS
What a fabulous Book Character Parade we had in the school gym last Thursday. Students from K-6, teachers, staff members and our special Preschool 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.


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 from Yr 6 and the school captains who hosted the parade. Special thanks to Kerrie Smith and her class Squadron 34 for their invaluable assistance with the Book Parade and the "Guess the teacher's favourite children's book" competition which was won by Leash Marn: More fantastic photos overleaf.

Yr 12 Graduation
Yr 12 Graduation 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 Mosely then giving a farewell speech and student representatives presented teachers with some fun and thoughtful gifts.

After recess the whole school was entertained by Johnny Huckle and Dale for over 40 minutes in the gym. Keith, Shanina, Jaiden, Chloe, Jallamara and Emma planted 2 trees in the school grounds. Ms. Baumann and Mr. Gunderson prepared kangaroo rissoles and damper for all students to eat 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
- Lisa Crisp: Library administration and attendance
- Deb Donaldson: Permanent 5 days/week Learning support officer
- Vicki Greening: Permanent 5 days/week Casual administration staff
- Robert Jackson: Permanent 4 days/week
- Claire Shea: Temporary 1/2 day, 5 days/week Farm Assistant
- Leon Watson: Permanent 6 days/week
- Donna Wood: Permanent 5 days/week

Financial officer

Well done judges!

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

NAIDOC 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. Shanina Morgan read out the Acknowledgement to Country. Keith Morgan also gave a brief welcome as well.

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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
Menzies Property Services
Position Vacant
School Cleaners. Experience preferred but not essential as training will be given. Morning and afternoon shifts.
Working with Children certificate is required.
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Parenting ideas by Michael Grose

How to manage teen behaviour and maintain a strong relationship
One of the biggest challenges parents of teenagers face is how to maintain a good relationship with a young person while managing also their sometimes tricky and anti-social behaviour. The balance between good boy and bad boy is precarious indeed. There are two simple strategies, when used in tandem can really help parents straddle this great divide. They are - following through and following up.

Following through to teach responsibility
'Following through' means doing what you say you'll do. If you say "You're grounded" you then let a young person off the hook when they came home from an outing later than agreed, you have merely issued a meaningless threat. Most young people know a meaningless threat when they hear one.

Following through is about following parent action and the most appropriate action is the use of behavioural consequences. When young people behaviour poorly, irresponsibly, transgress family rules or someone's individual rights, then the experience of a negative consequence teaches the child that there is a link between their behaviour and outcomes. It's important that the consequence issued matches the misdemeanour. When we go too far - "you're grounded for the term" - then we generally get resentment. Not strong enough "you should apologise" and they become ineffective. It also helps when consequences are related to the misdemeanour.

Following up to reconnect
It's easy to lock a young person out emotionally following a behaviour meltdown or disagreement, particularly when they've been said or done hurtful things. Once the dust has settled after discipline or a dispute then it's time to follow-up with a kind word, an enjoyable activity or even just sincere smile. It generally takes the adult in the relationship - parents or teachers - to make the first move to put the relationship back on an even keel. Following through and following up are a dynamic discipline duo when they are used together as they help parents straddle the good guy, bad guy line that seems to appear on almost a daily basis. Use them in tandem and you're more than likely hit the right parenting mark.

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Close Year 9/10 Debating Final
Last week twelve students from Braidwood Central, in Years 7 to 11, attended the special two-day camp for high school debating at Batemans Bay. As well as everyone taking part in workshops, our team of Jessie Kay, Haddie Davies, Ruby Gurling and Uly Munnings competed in the Year 9 and 30 Finals of the Premiers Debating Challenge and reached the Regional Final, taking on Smiths Hill, a selective school from Wollongong. This is becoming something of a tradition, with our Year 11 students also having reached the Senior Regional Final earlier in the year, against Smiths Hill, and losing a close debate, and last year three of the members of this 9/10 team beat Smiths Hill and went on to the State Finals. These debates are judged by a panel of three adjudicators and, in a split decision, this year Braidwood lost the debate and so came second of the 27 teams who began the competition. At the conclusion of the camp, Haddie Davies was chosen as one of eight students, each from different schools from around the region, for the combined schools representative squad that will compete at Sydney University later in the year.

Notes that went out this week
1. Primary Boorowa netball and touch football carnival 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.

Soccer club presentation
Many parents/carers have been engaging about the Braidwood Junior Soccer Club presentation. It is 12 September. On this day, players will go about their day as they would a normal day of Saturday soccer, but sometime throughout the morning all players will be having a team photo for The Braidwood Times. The actual presentation is being held at the Braidwood Servicemen’s Club in the hall, starting at 11.30am sharp. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch provided by the BSJC in the outdoor area at the back of the club for all to join. Many Thanks, BSJC Committee

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