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Principal’s Report

2015-17 School Plan
The Department of Schools and Communities has recently instituted a huge reform agenda to bring schools into the 21st Century. The way all schools are led and managed is undergoing a major overhaul with finance, staffing and curriculum undergoing a series of reforms. For quite a few years schools in NSW have been required to write a plan that sets out goals to be achieved for the upcoming years. The format for these plans was familiar and well understood by principals and schools but they left something to be desired in terms of transparency and community consultation.

To address the concerns about the plans schools are required to produce, the DEC has changed the way these are to be developed and written with consultation with students, parents and staff forming the centre of the plan’s directions and goals. Over the next couple of weeks the school will be undertaking a range of measures to consult staff, students and parents about what they feel should be in this plan and what goals the school should be aiming to achieve in the coming years. Students will be asked to discuss these issues in small groups and class and parents may receive a phone call asking them to participate in a survey.

Thank-you to the P&C and the Breakfast Club
Schools carry out a range of functions in a community and offer a wide range of services to our young people. In spite of this there are some things schools can’t do without a lot of help and input from the community. Volunteers are the lifeblood of a community and our P&C and Breakfast Club are two examples of support provided to our students by volunteers. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who come into our school and support our students: the kids certainly appreciate their efforts.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Report

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Welcome especially to our new Kindergarten students and other new students and parents/carers.

As a newcomer to Bonalbo Central School, I’d like to briefly introduce myself. As Relieving Deputy Principal, I will be replacing Ms Miller who is currently on leave. I will be at Bonalbo Central School for at least the first two terms of 2015 with the possibility of remaining until the end of the year. For the last 6 years, I have been the Head Teacher, HSIE/LOTE at Tweed River High School where I have relieved as Deputy Principal for several extended periods. Prior to this, I was the Head Teacher, HSIE/Visual Arts at Byron High School and a Quality Teaching consultant at Murwillumbah District Office. I also have extensive experience as a classroom teacher in various schools in Sydney and on the North Coast of NSW.

Thank you to the staff, students and community of Bonalbo Central School who have been so welcoming and friendly and I look forward to meeting more parents/carers over the coming months.

Desirée Moore – Deputy Principal (Rel.)

Primary News

Primary Staff would like to welcome everyone back for a productive and engaging 2015! We have been fortunate in keeping three classrooms alive with Mrs Armfield/Mrs Collis on K/1, Ms Davies/Ms Ludwig on 1/2/3 and Ms O’Meara on 4/5/6. Ms Ludwig will continue to support learning as our Learning and Support Teacher (LaST), and we are lucky to have Mr Rob Charteris, Mrs Hellian Whitney and Mrs Amanda Close-Bowman as our Student Learning Support Officers (SLSOs).

Anyone who has visited the primary recently has seen new fencing that has gone in around the classrooms and play equipment. This fencing adds a safety element to our playground. Staff have been happy with the change as it helps to
define out-of-bounds areas for wandering students and ease of supervision, and it keeps upper primary students and their ball games from interfering with younger students.

Primary have sport on Friday afternoons, and it is lovely to see students dressed in their Gold and Navy Sports shirt. Since we have been back at school we have noticed nearly all students looking proud in their school uniforms.

Our School Captains remind students daily to “Remember to wear hats, drink plenty of water and put your jumpers in your bags.” The P&C present students with a free school hat on enrolment, however if that hat is lost, the P&C sell these sun safe hats for $5.00.

A great way to keep track of jumpers and other uniform pieces is to write your child’s name inside. We often have lost property accumulating because there are no names printed on uniforms. We also ask parents to ensure their child has a water bottle at school.

Parents and caregivers would have received a note asking for student information. These notes are important to fill out and return so we are able to plan for the year. It is critical that parents inform the school of any variation to routine for their child/ren so that staff know how they are getting home. Please ring the office or write a note if you plan to change your child’s regular routine.

Swimming Carnival
Students had a fantastic day on Tuesday, February 3 at the local pool. Students walked down cheering for their teams- Bruxner Bandits or Clarence Crusaders, and although a small group, may have deafened those they passed. It rained on and off, but that did not stop some keen swimmers who gave every race their best shot. Under 7s came down for a dip and to support their peers. Congratulations to those students who made it on to Woodenbong UCPSSA (postponed to this Friday 13th Feb.) and to the Clarence Crusaders who won by a whisker of a margin.

Good Luck to students attending UCPSSA:

Charlie, Lilly, Harriet, Thomas, Maryanne, Brad, Ben, Caroline and Claire.

Primary Staff

The Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club.

Due to the small number of volunteers and work commitments this month we are only running Breakfast Club Monday and Thursday.

Thanks to some lovely mothers willing to give of their valuable time, from the first week in March we will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We could still do with some more volunteers so if you think Breakfast Club is worthwhile for your children to have a good start to the day for learning, as we do, please help us to keep running. Any day from 7.30am to 9.30am would be appreciated. Please ring me on 02 6665 5113 or see me on Monday at Breakfast Club.

Monnie Petty
(Coordinator RCGSBC)
1/2/3 Food Technology
Students are preparing healthy meals and snacks. Tuna and Avocado Sushi Sandwiches and a popcorn and dried fruit Survival Pack have been enjoyed. Practical lessons are each Thursday so students need to bring an apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth and wear covered shoes to participate. Hair needs to be tied up.

Healthy Lunchboxes
Nutrition Australia reports that when children eat well both behaviour and concentration improve. Involving children in packing their own lunches encourages them to eat healthy lunches. You can take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox.

7/8 Design and Technology (Textiles)
Students are designing and cutting out their apron patterns this week. A display folder and USB are required.

9/10 Food Technology
This term students are preparing for ‘Eat Well, Live Well’. Students have prepared Tandoori Chicken Wrap and made their own ice-cream by hand and an easy Apple Pie. Practical lessons are each Friday so students need to bring an apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth and wear covered shoes to participate. A display folder and USB stick are also required.

CWA Land Cooking Competition.
Congratulation to the following students and staff who won first and second places at the Bonalbo Branch completion and will go on to Bangalow for a place in the Far North Coast CWA Land Cooking Competition on the 26th February this month.
Sultanacake-1st-MrsTaikakara
Marble Cake-1st-Tamykah, 3rd-Samantha .
Whole Orange Cake-1st-Teal
Pear and Ginger Cake-1st Mrs Amos
Zebra Cake-1st-Tabatha
Gluten Free Caramel and Almond Slice-1st Jessica
Donna Latter Memorial Chocolate Cake-1st-Emily
Moroccan Tomato Relish-1st Sarah

11/12 Hospitality
Prepare and Serve Non-Alcoholic Beverages is the first unit this year, with students preparing spiders, milkshakes, frappes, coffee and tea this term. To participate each Tuesday in practical lessons students need their hospitality uniform, black leather shoes, two tea towels and a dishcloth. A display folder and USB stick are also required. Students signed forms are due at the front office: ‘Agreement for Hire of Hospitality Equipment and Uniform’ are due back once parents or carers have signed them. On Monday 23rd February Work Connect staff will meet with Year 11 and some Year 12 Hospitality students, finalising work placements that will take place in Term 2, Week 7 (1st-5th June).

Old Food and Textiles magazines
Please leave old fashion and food magazines at the front office to be used in Food Technology and Textile classes. Thank you.

S. Taikakara

CAREERS AND TAFE NEWS
It has been an extremely busy start to the year getting our Year 12 students sorted with their elective subjects to satisfy Preliminary and HSC requirements as well as the students’ own interests and abilities.

Two of our Year 11 students secured School Based Traineeships at the end of last year and have clocked up some valuable work hours over the holidays. Jeremy is now a trainee at the NAB bank in Casino where he will work one day a week, complete his TAFE course (Certificate II in Business Services) and study five other subjects at school. Tabitha has taken up a similar opportunity and is working at Bonalbo Pharmacy and studying a Cert. II in Retail (Community Pharmacy). Congratulations to both these young people – the feedback for and from both of them is very positive.

Two of our students are continuing with the long Wednesday trip to Wollongbar to complete TAFE courses – Richard is enrolled in an IT course and Catriona has just enrolled in Tourism. Unfortunately this year we have no funding for a bus so the students and their families are providing the transport to allow this to happen. Other student’s needs are being met with, in some cases, some very lateral thinking. Two students are studying TAFE courses online – Nicholas has been working on his IT course since enrolling late last year and Tamykah is doing the second year of her Cert. II in Animal Studies this way.

Casino TAFE has been very welcoming to our students
since our very successful partnership with them last year which saw eight of our students do a Cert II in Furniture Making. They have now put together a custom-built Vocational Pathways course for four of our boys in which Lachlan, Scott, Cypress and Jessie will get a taster of up to seven different trades during their Wednesday visits.

Finally, three of our students will also be going to Casino every Friday to do their Cert. II Automotive. For this to be possible we have had to form a partnership with St Mary’s High School and our students will join with their TAFE students for the day. Jessie Jenkins will complete his second year in Auto this way while Daniel and Cody will actually be able to complete both Year 11 and Year 12 this year.

As I said in my introduction – a very busy but very rewarding start to the year.

If any parents of Year 11 or 12 students have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Jan Maslen, H.T. Secondary Studies/Careers Adviser

CASINO RSM COBRAS FC - 2015 SIGN ONS

Online Registrations are now open. Go to www.myfootballclub.com.au Easy to register and pay through direct deposit online.
Or you can attend one of our Sign On Days February 7th, 14th and 21st - from 10am-2pm Cobras Clubhouse - Colley Park

Enquires - Senior and Junior Competitive (12yrs - Adult) Mary - 0411 459 785
Miniroos (5yrs -11yrs) Julie - 0428 671 170

ALL WELCOME