School News
Term 2, Week 3 2015

Dates to Remember

May 12, 2015 – NAPLAN Writing/Language
May 13, 2015 – NAPLAN Reading
May 14, 2015 – NAPLAN Numeracy
May 15, 2015 – NR Secondary Cross Country Lismore
May 18-22, 2015 – Years 7-11, 1/2 yearly exams
May 22, 2015 – Year 12 Report handout
May 29, 2015 – Years 7/11/12 vaccinations
June 22, 2015 – Secondary Assembly
June 23, 2015 – School Photos
June 24, 2015 – Parent/Teacher interviews
ANZAC Day

Once again the school held an ANZAC Day commemoration to mark the sacrifice and service of our past and present service men and women. Of course this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings and we worked hard to make sure that this was given special prominence in the ceremony.

One other focus I wanted to give the ceremony this year was to highlight the contribution of Aboriginal men and women who both served overseas and contributed through their efforts on the home front. It is sometimes overlooked that many Aboriginal people fought for their country and some gave their lives defending our values at a time when they weren’t even entitled to vote. Our AEO Rachel Moore, ably assisted by our DP Mrs Desiree Moore, put together a PowerPoint presentation which was delivered by two students at the ceremony: Tabitha Galvin and Isha Buchannan. Both of the girls were nervous but did a fantastic job of speaking about the sacrifice of our Aboriginal service personnel.

I need to thank Mr Matthew Martin for organising the ANZAC ceremony this year. This is the first time he’s been responsible for the organisation and he had some big shoes to fill in the absence of Mrs Tucker who has organised the ceremony in past years. I also need to thank the representatives of the local RSL for their attendance.

Finally I need to mention the attendance of our students at the town’s ANZAC ceremony on the Saturday morning of ANZAC day. We had a huge number of students attend and I was extremely proud of them all. They looked fantastic in their uniforms and marched proudly to the community hall. These students are a credit to our school and our town.

Disney On Ice

Last week I handed out a note canvassing interest in students and carers attending a performance of Disney On Ice in late June. The note was handed to most students in Years K-6. If you are a parent or carer who might be interested in attending with a child and you haven’t received a note please contact the school. We need a minimum number for the trip to go ahead and numbers are being collated at the time of writing. Secondary students are welcome to attend but at this stage I’m concentrating on determining Primary numbers.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Half Yearly Assessment

It’s hard to believe how quickly the school year flies and we are quickly approaching our half-yearly assessment week in the secondary school. Years 9-11 will be undertaking formal exams in the MPC and I remind all students in these years that they should already be revising their work in order to ensure that each student achieves their personal best. Years 7-8 will undertake class tests during this period as well. Parents are encouraged to ensure that students are revising their work and completing assignments. For students who are unsure about how to study, some useful study tips are available at:

http://www.csc.edu/learningcenter/study/studymethods.csc

and


Students are also encouraged to ask their teachers for study tips and information regarding test structures and organisation.

Celebrating Student Achievement

This year, Bonalbo Central School will be holding a secondary assembly on Monday the 22nd June to celebrate student achievement and parents are encouraged to attend. Half-Yearly reports will be issued to secondary students on this occasion and students in K-6 will also receive reports on this day. Further details will be included in the next newsletter and will be sent home with students closer to that date.

Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday, 24th June. As you may be aware, a number of staff are working part-time this year so this date has been selected so as to ensure maximum number of teachers will be available to speak to parents. Once again, further details will be sent home with students.

“The one thing that matters is the effort”
Antoine de Saint Exupery

Ms Desiree Moore
Deputy Principal (Relieving)
Welcome back to all our students and families, we trust you all had an enjoyable and safe holiday. We have had a busy start to Term 2. On the 24th April Bonalbo Central School held an ANZAC Ceremony in our school hall; some of our students also represented our school at the ANZAC Day march. Thank you to all students who represented our school and to the families who allowed their participation to be possible.

**K-12 Athletics Carnival**
The Athletics Carnival was held on the 28th April. Students competed enthusiastically and fun was had by all. Congratulations to the Clarence Crusaders who won with a grand total of 170 points. They were closely followed by the Bruxner Bandits with a total of 164 points. Some of our students have qualified to compete in the upcoming Zone Championships. This year’s Primary School Juvenile Girls’ Champion is Jacinta Bernhagen and Juvenile Boys’ Champion is Riley Torrens. We have three students who tied for Junior Girls’ Champion, Monnique Ellis, Kirah Johnston and Rhianna Smith. Junior Boys’ Champion is Brad Cousins. The 11 year old Champions are Maryanne Torrens and Thomas Hogan and Senior Champions are Harriet Chard and Ben Parker.

**K/1 Assembly**
Last Friday students in K/1 hosted the assembly. It was held in our newly refurbished room and it was lovely to see the students’ work displayed on the walls. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended. We hope you enjoyed the assembly and morning tea.

**Jumpers**
Just a reminder that it can be very cold at school in the mornings, some students are finding that they need a jumper but have not packed one. Please ensure that your child’s clothes are labelled clearly so that it can be easily identified and returned to the correct owners.

**Bonalbo Show**
Bonalbo Show was a great success again this year. It was lovely to see all of the art and craft work that our students entered in the show. Well done to everyone!

**Lions West of the Range Festival**
Sadly the West of the Range Festival which was meant to be held at the Bonalbo Showground on the 2nd May was cancelled due to the weather. A new date for the festival is yet to be announced.

**Cross Country Carnival**
This year Bonalbo Central School will host the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 8th May starting from the town oval. Parents and carers are welcomed to join us to watch and help cheer on the students competing in this event.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN testing has been organised to begin during Week 4 this term. Testing will be held on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. If any parents have concerns or questions about this testing please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

**Breakfast**
Why have breakfast?
Breakfast really is the most important meal of the day!
- Breakfast breaks your overnight fast.
- Breakfast refuels your glycogen (energy) stores.
- Breakfast kick starts the metabolism.
- Breakfast provides us with the energy to keep us going throughout the day.

Benefits of regular breakfast:
- Improves your energy levels.
- Improves metabolism.
- Provides many beneficial nutrients.
- Reduces you chance of over-consuming high kilojoule foods later in the day.
- Stabilises your blood sugar levels.
- Improves memory and concentration.

(Australian Nutrition Foundation)

Ms Sam Ludwig
Bonalbo’s Champion Steer!

Rocky, our Charbray steer, led by Layton and Jack won Champion Steer at the Bonalbo Show! Early in the morning before the Show, the Ag Team met at the School Farm. They led their steers to the showground and washed and groomed them prior to leading in the show ring. All students did a great job with our four steers. Well done to all students in the Ag Team.

While the Ag Team were looking after their steers at the Bonalbo Show, the Year 7 class were looking after a petting zoo. They had sheep, baby chickens, hens and guinea pigs (from the McAlpine family). It was very popular, with the animals getting lots of attention.

The day after Bonalbo Show, Taylah, Tamara and Layton travelled to the Woodenbong Show where the three of them prepared all four school steers. Once again they should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Robert and Brenda Green for transporting the steers to and from Woodenbong.

On 1st May, Taylah, Scott, Jack, Kyle, Layton and Tamara participated in the Beef Week Education Day at the Casino Showground. They learned about steer preparation, leading, marketing and husbandry. Our many thanks to John Wotton for transporting our steers to and from Casino. Everyone learned something and had the opportunity to mix with students from other schools.

We are now looking forward to Beef Week on Saturday 30th May. Our four steers will be paraded by the Ag Team starting at 9 am.

Mr Stephen Gray

7/8 Design and Technology - Textiles

Students are beginning to complete sewing their aprons and some Year 8 students have begun experimenting with dyeing in preparation for the decoration of their aprons. Completed aprons are due week 6.

8 Design and Technology—Bonalbo Show—Textiles

1st: Summer clothing (Apron) - Taylah Makejev
1st: Needlework article (Bag) - Taylah Makejev

9/10 Food Technology—Bonalbo Show—Cooking

Congratulations to the following students:

Lamingtons: 1st-Tayah Makejev; 2nd-Kirra Williams
Tea-cake: 1st-Melissa Cavanagh
Scones: Plain 1st-Tia Torrens
Date 2nd-Tia Torrens
Coconut Ice: 1st-Kaitlyn Churchill
Encouragement Award: Kirra Williams-$21 prize

Wollongbar TAFE Beginners Coffee Course

Wollongbar TAFE will run a ‘Beginners Coffee Course’ at school on 12th May. Could parents of students in Year 9/10 Food Technology and Year 11/12 Hospitality please sign the forms giving permission for their child to participate in this free course offered to our students. All students will receive a TAFE certificate for successfully completing this course which they can then include in their Resume.

Year 11/12 Hospitality

Students have just completed ‘Prepare and Serve Non-Alcoholic Drinks’ and this term will complete “Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee”.

Mrs Suzy Taikakara

Learning & Support – Term 2

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NCDD 2015 information for parents and carers

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Ms Rebekah Owens
Learning and Support Teacher

This month in the library
Our primary classes have been busy in the library so far this term, as well as listening to stories written by some renowned authors.
K/1 have been taking the opportunity during their library sessions to understand how computers work, and what people can do with them. Later on, it is hoped that this class might be introduced to interactive media (such as eBooks) to appreciate stories in different ways, along with traditional books which are just as important for our students.

Perhaps it is due to the influence of Ms. Davies and Ms. O’Meara, but there has been a resurgence in the popularity of Roald Dahl books recently. You may remember the classic *James and the Giant Peach* (currently being read to 1/2/3). Before we read this book, the class was asked what they would do with a peach “as big as our library”. The answers were as imaginative as they were varied! From ‘I would cut it up and feed it to hungry people’ to ‘I would cut it into halves and make two boats!’ Other Roald Dahl classics such as *The Twits* and *Fantastic Mr. Fox* may need to go onto a waiting list as many from 4/5/6 are also interested in reading these books!

4/5/6 are currently listening to *Toad Rage* by Morris Gleitzman, a very talented and engaging Australian author. This story has raised some very interesting discussions about cane toads and how they should be controlled. The story is written from the perspective of a young cane toad – Limpy – and how his life and extended family are affected by the treatment of humans (who obviously see them as noxious pests). A very thought-provoking, but also hilariously written story.

Mr Matthew Martin
Librarian (Relieving)

Year 10 debaters dominate!
Year 10 debaters, Hamish, Bella, Eliza, Taylah and Rosie have successfully begun the Premier’s Debating Challenge this week by defeating Casino High School. The team were debating that ‘single sex schools should be banned’, and they defended this as the affirmative team with cohesion and solidity. Each member developed and delivered their own arguments with confidence and poise and successfully convinced the adjudicator of their argument. This is a great outcome for the team, and they will continue to practice their debating skills for the upcoming debate against Kadina High School in a few weeks time. Well done, team.

Miss Sarah-Kate Powderly
English Teacher

2015 Athletics Carnival
The School Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 28th April and saw great participation from all students who attended on the day. The carnival atmosphere was positive throughout the day and this lead to the day running smoothly with many students enjoying a variety of events.
The following are the Secondary Aged Champions for the carnival:

**Girls**
- 12 Years: Haley Phillips
- 13 Years: Lakeisha Torrens
- 14 Years: Taylah Makejev
- 15 Years: Shelly Thornhill
- 16 Years: Kirra Williams
- 17+ Years: Catriona Bain

**Boys**
- 12 Years: Ryan Stubbings
- 13 Years: Leif Deenen
- 14 Years: Bailey Edwards
- 15 Years: Hamish Johnston
- 16 Years: Anthony Staveley
- 17+ Years: Jeremy Johnston

The house points were:
- Bruxner Bandits – 314
- Clarence Crusaders – 308

Well done to the Bruxner Bandits.

Mr Garth Bell
Sports Co-ordinator

Bonalbo Bowling & Recreation Club
Dinner/Dance

9th May at 7pm
at
Bonalbo Bowling Club

$20 per head includes buffet dinner
Theme 60’s – 70’s
Prizes for Best Dancers and Best Dressed
*Great Music of “Groovy Greg Dolan”*

Bookings Essential – Phone 6665 1208