School News
Term 2, Week 9 2015

Bonalbo Central School

Dates to Remember
June 19, 2015—Kinder/1 excursion
June 22, 2015—Secondary Assembly
June 23, 2015—School Photos
June 24, 2015—Parent/Teacher Interviews
June 25, 2015—Primary Rewards Day (Lazer Skirmish)
June 26, 2015—Last Day of Term 2
July 13, 2015—Staff Development Day (no students)
July 14, 2015—Students return for Term 3

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Exams and Reports
At the time of writing this report I find myself immersed in what seems like endless numbers of reports. All the teachers in our school have put a great deal of effort into getting student reports ready and the office staff have worked diligently to administer this process and ensure we all keep to the schedule. Mrs Allen in particular has her hands full at this time of the year as the tidal wave of reports washes through the office. She does an outstanding job but I can’t help but get the feeling that she actually enjoys my discomfort as she plonks another folder of them down on my desk for me to read.

In the lead up to the writing of the half yearly reports we have modified the way we held our exams this year in the secondary classes. Rather than run exams in the hall for years 7 to 11 we decided to hold formal exams with years 9 to 11 in the hall, while years 7 and 8 had their exams in their separate classes. Staff have mentioned that this was a satisfactory outcome for the holding of exams and it is considerably easier to administer.

Disney On Ice
On Monday the 29th June, 51 excited members of our school community will be attending the Disney On Ice show at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. The majority of those attending will be travelling by bus, departing the front of the school at 7am that morning with the show commencing at 1.30pm. Everyone should have a wonderful time. Unfortunately, I won’t be attending as I’m in New Zealand trying to avoid breaking one of my limbs on the snow. I’d like to deny the rumours that I only booked the New Zealand trip to avoid going to the Disney show.

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Primary Report
Term 2 is winding down and teachers are busy putting the final touches on student progress reports. Reports are a written snapshot of how each child is performing, both academically and socially. The reports are written in conjunction with the Australian Curriculum and are a direct reflection of each student’s performance in relation to their current stage at school. Below is a reminder as to the meaning of the achievement grade awarded to your child. Teachers hope that all students will have a grade of ‘Sound’ or higher.

Outstanding
The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

High
The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

Sound
The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Basic
The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a basic level of competence in the processes and skills.

Limited
The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

The remainder of the term will be very busy.

A reminder to parents that reports will be handed out next Monday, 22/06/15 and Parent/Teacher interviews will be on Wednesday, 24/06/15 after school.

K-1 is looking forward to their excursion to Dolphin Magic Marine Park at Coffs Harbour this Friday. An itinerary will be sent home this week with final details.

With the cooler months now here, children are often taking off jumpers and other layers during the day. Please make sure all of your child’s clothing is labelled so that it doesn’t end up in lost property.

School Photos are on Tuesday 23/06/15 – a big reminder to send your child in full school uniform for their photos. Finally, our Semester 1 rewards activity, Laser Skirmish, is on the 25/06/15.

Kindergarten/Year 1 Reading
A huge thank you to volunteer parents assisting in the K/1 reading sessions, this assistance is really being appreciated.
Great reasons to be active for children and parents:
* boosts confidence
* improves fitness
* makes bones and muscles stronger
* improves posture
* helps maintain a healthy weight
* lowers the risk of heart disease
* reduces stress
* improves sleep
* reduces the risk of cancer
* improves self confidence
* teaches you new skills
* develops better motor skills
* makes a person happier with their body

Do something active every day!

**Beef Week**

This year we camped at the Casino Saleyards the night before Beef Week. The students did a great job looking after their 4 steers overnight. We woke at 4am to prepare our steers and to get set up in the main street of Casino. All our steers were prepared well and the students looked great in their new Ag Team shirts. Well done to Taylah, Scott, Jack, Kyle, Kaitlyn, Jacob, Layton, Justin, Tamara and Cody.

Special thanks to the Green family from Old Bonalbo who donated a steer to the Ag Team, transported our steers to Beef Week and an extra special thanks to Brenda for cooking a breakfast feast at 4 o’clock in the morning for us.

The Ag Team will continue next term with the aim of taking the steers to Lismore Show. Students from years 8 to 10 who want to be involved in the Ag Team need to get a nomination form from Mr Gray and fill it out. Students in year 7 will join the Ag Team on a rotating roster so they also get a taste of what’s required for competition.

*Stephen Gray*

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**Year 7/8 Design and Technology – Food Technology**

Students require for cooking each Thursday (Year 8) and Friday (Year 7) their completed apron, two tea towels and a dishcloth as well as a USB. Practising food preparation at home and any of the recipes cooked at school will greatly assist their practical skill development.

**Year 9/10 Food Technology**

Students are enjoying selecting and trialling recipes for the Flavours Forecast Recipe Challenge run by McCormick Foods Australia and the Home Economics Institute of Australia Inc. We wish all students well as they develop their own team recipes to enter and represent our school on 26th October.

**Year 11/12 Hospitality cater at Beef Week**

Tamykah Crosby, Raelene Smith and Jessica North proudly represented Bonalbo Central School by catering for 138 students and adults at Beef Week at the Earth Centre at St Mary’s School for both morning tea and lunch on 2nd June. With Tamykah and Jessica assisting and Raelene taking orders, they made 40 coffees in under an hour, handling the pressure extremely well.

*Suzy Taikakara*

**Secondary Awards Assembly and Parent/Teacher Interview Night.**

This year the Secondary Awards Assembly will be held from 2.30pm on Monday, June 22 in the M.P.C.

The Parent/Teacher Interview night will be held between 3.30pm and 6.00pm on Wednesday, June 24.

In past years, it has been normal practice for us to hold an awards assembly and the parent/teacher interviews on the same day. However, this year we have decided to hold the two events on two different dates. Secondary students’ reports will be handed out at the Awards Assembly on Monday, June 22, allowing parents and carers two days to look over their children’s reports before having the formal opportunity to speak to teachers about their children’s progress at the K-12 Parent/Teacher Interview night on the following Wednesday, June 24.
Secondary Awards Assembly – Monday, June 22, 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend the Secondary Assembly on Monday, June 22 from 2.30pm, where awards will be presented by the Year Advisors in recognition of students’ efforts and achievements during the first half of this year.

K-12 Parent/Teacher Interview Night – Wednesday, June 24, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
K-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, June 24 from 3.30pm until 6.00pm. Afternoon tea will be provided in the library. Primary Teachers will be available for interviews in their classrooms. Secondary Teachers will be available for interviews in the library. This is a great chance for you, as parents and carers, to discuss your children’s progress and to discuss any concerns you may have about their learning.

School Photos 2015
School photos this year will be taken on Tuesday, 23 June (Week 10 this term).
Parents and Carers will have four payment options to choose from when purchasing school photos:

Enclosing the exact money into an envelope for their child to take to school on photo day.

Or if paying after photography day you can:
Go online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the “Click here for Online Payments” button, you will then be asked to enter details to make a payment online.

Or
Calling the company, ‘The School Photographer’ on (02) 9674 9824 and they will take credit card payments over the phone. (Note – there is a processing fee of $5 for phone payments)

Or
Posting a cheque or money order made payable to “The School Photographer”, along with details of your order. Post to – Unit 20, 14-16 Stanton Rd. Seven Hills NSW 2147

We hope to see all our students looking their best in full school uniform on the day to create an image that will last a lifetime!

Thank you,

Matthew Martin
Librarian (relieving)

NSW Combined High Schools Canoeing Championships
Recently our school canoeing team competed at Nymboida and Grafton Rivers in the NSW Combined High Schools and NSW All Schools Championships. The team consisted of many “old veterans” and a lot of new talent.
Teal, Jeremy, Daniel, Catriona, Chloe, Matthew, Rosie, Kirra, Isabella, Eliza, Hamish, Ally, Justin, Ryan, Renee, Samantha and Lilly competed in the 4 day competition. Our paddlers were exceptional in their efforts and sportsmanship and I am proud to say that this team won both the NSW Combined High Schools and NSW All Schools Championships. All our students contributed to the win in a number of events, with every student achieving a place at some stage of the carnival. There were a few spills and lucky moments but all our students gave their best. We also had Catriona who took out the overall Female Champion for both NSW Combined High Schools and All Schools competition.

I would like to thank all the parents who assisted at the carnival in a variety of ways. A special thank you to David Bain who was on rescue throughout the carnival, as well as, helping our students on the water before the competition.

Thank you to David Whitney who gave up his time to assist with our team throughout the carnival. It showed that the canoeing community is still willing to assist the school in bringing through new paddlers and teach the more experienced ones some new skills.

Again, I want to congratulate our School Canoeing team for their achievements. You should all be very proud of what you have achieved, and remember that you are now State Champions.

Individual results from NSW Combined High Schools Canoeing Championships:

Wildwater
Open Women’s K1: 1st Teal
2nd Catriona

Open Men’s SK1: 2nd Daniel

14 Years Men’s SK1: 3rd Justin
12 Years Men’s SK1: 1st Ryan

14 Years Women’s SK1: 2nd Renee
3rd Samantha

16 Years Men’s C1: 1st Hamish
Open Women’s C1: 1st Chloe

16 Years Women’s C1: 2nd Rosie
14 Years Women’s C1: 1st Ally

16 Years Men’s C2: 2nd Hamish & Matthew
Open Women’s C2: 1st Chloe & Samantha

2nd Teal & Isabella

16 Years Women’s C2: 2nd Rosie & Eliza
14 Years Women’s C2: 1st Ally & Renee
Open Mixed C2: 1st Catriona & Jeremy
2nd Kirra & Daniel

DR Teams – Opens: 2nd Teal, Catriona and Jeremy

12 Years Men’s K1: 1st Ryan
Open Women’s K1: 1st Catriona
2nd Chloe
3rd Teal

14 Years Men’s K1: 1st Hamish
Open Men’s K1: 1st Jeremy
2nd Chloe
3rd Teal

12 Years Men’s K1: 1st Ryan
14 Years Men’s K1: 1st Jeremy
2nd Chloe
3rd Teal

Open Women’s K1: 1st Catriona
2nd Teal
3rd Chloe

14 Years Women’s K1: 1st Renee
2nd Ally
3rd Samantha

Open Women’s K1: 1st Catriona
2nd Teal
3rd Chloe

Slalom Teams
Open Women’s K1: 1st Catriona, Teal & Isabella
16 Years Women’s K1: 2nd Rosie, Kirra & Eliza
14 Years Women’s K1: 1st Ally, Renee & Samantha
Open Mixed K1: 1st Jeremy, Daniel & Chloe
16 Years Men’s C1: 1st Hamish, Matthew & Justin
Open Women’s C1: 1st Catriona, Rosie & Chloe
16 Years Women’s C1: 2nd Kirra, Isabella & Eliza
14 Years Women’s C1: 1st Samantha, Ally & Renee
Open Mixed C1: 1st Jeremy, Daniel & Teal
Open Men’s C2: 1st Jeremy & Justin
Daniel & Matthew, Hamish & Ryan
Open Women’s C2: 1st Teal & Kirra
Catriona & Eliza
Chloe & Rosie

Shaun Flannery

Flat-water
16 Years Women’s 500m C1: 3rd Rosie
Open Women’s 500m C1: 1st Catriona
2nd Teal
16 Years Men’s 500m C1: 2nd Hamish & Matthew
14 Years Men’s 500m C1: 1st Justin
12 Years Men’s 500m C1: 1st Ryan
14 Years Women’s 500m C1: 1st Ally
2nd Renee
3rd Samantha
Open Women’s 500m DRR: 1st Teal
2nd Catriona
Open Women’s 500m SK1: 1st Teal
2nd Catriona
Open Women’s 5000m DRR: 1st Teal

14 Years Women’s 5000m C1: 1st Ally
2nd Renee
3rd Samantha
14 Years Men’s 5000m SK1: 3rd Justin
12 Years Men’s 5000m SK1: 1st Ryan
Open Men’s 5000m DRR: 3rd Jeremy
Open Women’s 5000m DRR: 1st Teal

Slalom
Open Mixed C2: 1st Catriona & Jeremy
14 Years Men’s K1: 3rd Justin
Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school…and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)
BONALBO
Annual RODEO.

Bonalbo Showground
Saturday 27th June 2015
Gates open at 4pm  starts 5.00pm
Open Bull Ride, Junior Bull Ride,
Novice Steer & Poddy Ride,

IN CONJUNCTION WITH BONALBO CAMPDRAFT

CANTEEN, BAR & MUSIC UNTIL LATE

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All children who plan to start Kindergarten in 2016 are invited to be involved in the ‘Transition to School Program’.

The program is aimed at making the transition from Pre-School to Kindergarten a relaxed and enjoyable time for both the child and the parents/carers. It is highly educational and has been of great benefit to those students who participated last year.

The Program will commence in Term 3. Further information will be available early next term.

Any enquiries please contact the school on 6665 1205