Upcoming Dates for Term 1

February 12, 2016 – UCPSSA Swimming Carnival Woodenbong
February 15, 2016 – P & C meeting 3:30pm
February 19, 2016 – Primary Assembly 10:15am
March 4, 2016 – Primary Assembly 10:15am
March 15-16, 2016 – Secondary Girls and Boys camps
March 21, 2016 – P & C AGM 3:30pm
March 29th-April 6th, 2016 – Year 12 1/2 yearly exams
April 8, 2016 – ANZAC Assembly 10-11 am
April 8, 2016 – End of Term 1
Principal’s Report

Start Of The Year
As usual the 2016 school year started with a bit of a rush but was tinged with the sad news of the passing of our P & C President. It is with our deepest sympathy that we, the staff and students, pass our condolences on to Scott Williams’ children, family and partner at this sad time of his accidental death. We extend our warmest thoughts, wishes and support to you all. Scott was a person who always involved himself in the causes that he felt would benefit from his contact which is exemplified by the cricket competition he was helping to organize and by putting his hand up to be P & C President. This was very sad news indeed.

Public Tenders
Occasionally equipment in the school that has become surplus to our needs can be sold to the public. This has been the case on a couple of occasions in the last three years when we disposed of some industrial arts machinery. The Department of Education has a set of very clear guidelines for the disposal of old and disused equipment that may have some economic value. We will be following these guidelines in the next couple of weeks when we dispose of a couple of old pieces of equipment including a sewing machine. If you are interested in such items and they appear for sale all you need to do is submit a “bid” for the item by a set date. You will be informed whether you were the successful bidder within a week of the process closing. There should be a notice for the disposal of at least one item included elsewhere in this or our next newsletter.

Mailing Costs
Unfortunately this will be the last newsletter that will be posted out to parents and caregivers. With the recent rise in the costs of postage (at the same time as the postal service is taking longer to deliver a letter) we’ve come reluctantly to the conclusion that the school can no longer afford to post out newsletters. Under exceptional circumstances exceptions will be considered. Parents and caregivers should contact the school and ask to speak to me to discuss the situation. By not posting out the newsletters we should save close to $1000 per annum. Students will be asked to bring home one newsletter per family and the school will communicate which child this will be prior to the next newsletter issue coming out. Anticipated dates for Term 1 newsletters are 2nd March and 23rd March.

Bonalbo Facebook Page
Last year we began trialling a Facebook page which we plan to use to communicate with the school community. Ironically, at the same time that we’re ending the mailing of the Newsletter to parents, we’re opening up new ways of keeping in touch. However, in checking the internet and looking at our page, we discovered that a page has been set up purporting to be the “official” Facebook page for Bonalbo Central School which is nothing of the sort. We have reported this to Facebook however we have no control over this removal process. At this stage, we’re limiting the functionality of our own page but we will be testing out new features over time. Please go online and check out our page where you will find postings of current events and be able to access a copy of the school newsletter.

https://www.facebook.com/bonalbocentralschool/

Mr Trevor Hodges
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Report

Welcome back to the 2016 school year! I’d also like to warmly welcome our new students and their families to the Bonalbo Central School community. The school calendar is already filling up and planning is underway for a variety of school-based and extra-curricular activities.

It is important that all students begin the school year in a positive manner and, with that in mind, I’d like to remind everyone that last year the NSW Department of Education released a new Behaviour Code for Students. Like all NSW public schools, Bonalbo Central School is committed to providing a safe, supportive and responsive learning environment for everyone. While this code is printed in its entirety in this newsletter, I need to draw your attention to two particular expectations we have for all students.

Firstly, students are expected to attend school every day (unless legally excused) and schools have obligations to report on attendance levels to the government. Parents and carers need to be aware of the following key points:

- Parents/carers must ensure that a verbal or written explanation is provided to the school within 7 days of an absence. If the school has not received an explanation we may contact you to discuss the absence.
- The Principal may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe it is in the best interests of the child and the absence would be recorded as unjustified.
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents/carers.
- It is not acceptable for students to leave the school grounds without the permission of the Principal. Students who continue to do this put their safety at risk.
Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, an Application for Extended Leave will need to be completed.

Secondly, students are expected to follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers. Persistent misbehaviour, including leaving the school grounds without permission, may result in suspension.

This year staff at the school will be reviewing the rewards system. However, students and parents/carers are reminded that students who persistently misbehave and put their own safety at risk will not be invited to attend reward excursions.

Ms Desiree Moore
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

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**Behaviour Code for Students**

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

**In NSW public schools students are expected to:**

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

**Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.**

**Behaviour Code for Students: Actions**

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities. We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

**Respect**

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

**Safety**

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

**Engagement**

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning
School Chaplain’s Report

This week we said farewell to our P & C President, Mr Scott Williams. Scott was tragically taken from us a few weeks ago. Our sympathy goes out to his partner, Sam Ludwig, and his son, Blake, and also his other family members.

Just a reminder that T20 Milo Big Bash cricket starts in Tabulam at 4:00pm on 16th February 2016. It caters to Junior boys and girls aged 7-12 years. If anyone is available to help on the day please let me know by contacting Bonalbo School on 66651205.

Allan Lambie
School Chaplain

P & C Report

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff for 2016. We hope everyone has had a fantastic holiday. Our events calendar for this year has kicked off with the Primary and Secondary School Swimming Carnivals. Thank you to the helpers for running a canteen on both days.

Next Meetings:
General meeting - Monday 15th Feb, 3.30pm in Primary.
AGM & General meeting - Monday 21st March, 3.30pm in Primary.

Membership fee of $1.00 per person is payable prior to AGM commencing.
All Office Bearers positions will be declared vacant and nominations are invited for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
Nominees must be present at AGM to accept the nomination.
New parents and carers are invited to attend all meetings to discuss fundraising ideas and expenditures.

Money raised by the P & C goes toward purchasing resources, subsidising excursion costs and annual insurance costs.

Hoping to see you there.

Wendy Johnston
Secretary

Primary

Welcome back to all our families, we hope you had an enjoyable and safe holiday. We have enjoyed seeing all the students’ smiling faces and hearing their stories about the holidays.

Change of School Sport Day

This year we have changed the day of our sport. Students will now need to wear their sports uniform and joggers on a Wednesday each week. Along with this they will need a drink bottle of water which they can fill up at school during the day if needed.

Assemblies

Our first assembly for this term will be held on Friday 19th February commencing at 10:15am. This will be hosted in the 2/3 classroom.

Kindergarten

It is with great excitement that we have welcomed our seven Kindergarten students to our school. They have all settled in quickly with enthusiasm and high spirits.
The start of the term has seen most of our Kindergarten students assessed in Best Start. A parent report will be given to parents in the coming weeks. These reports will give examples of some activities that can be completed during everyday activities that can support student learning.

They have started earning counter points for their caterpillars, once they reach ten points they will receive a RIPA and get to visit Mr Hodges.

One of our Kindy’s with their first full caterpillar.

Swimming Carnival

We would like to thank all those involved with making our Primary School Swimming Carnival a success. We appreciated everyone’s understanding with the postponement of our first date.

Thank you to the parents and P & C who assisted in numerous roles throughout the day.

Congratulations to all our students for participating and for those who will be attending on Friday 12th February at Woodenbong.
**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Last year, the school with a lot of support from our parents and wider community, collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. At the end the school received Earn and Learn dollars that we could redeem for resources for our students.

Through this round we have been able to support students by purchasing a complete cricket set, volleyballs, alphabet sand bags, magnetic 2D shapes and art and craft resources.

Thank you to all who supported the school by handing in the Earn and Learn stickers.

**MILO T20 Blast**

On Tuesday 16th February there will be a MILO T20 Blast event being held at Tabulam Public School. This event is for 7-12 year olds who may be interested in participating. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer containing further information.

*Thank You*

*Primary Staff*

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**Secondary**

**Sport**

Welcome back to another year of sport for Bonalbo Central School. The year has already seen our Secondary Swimming Carnival completed with a number of fantastic efforts and results. Clarence Crusaders went up against the Bruxner Bandits in what looked like a one-sided affair due to numbers. Clarence fought hard all day and their March Past efforts were the best seen in a long time. They had some great new chants and were so loud that Bruxner, larger in numbers, couldn’t be heard. Even with this effort and many more individual efforts in the pool, the numbers in Bruxner were too great.

Well done to Bruxner Bandits for taking out this year’s Swimming Carnival.

We have a number of age champions with many competing in every event.

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16 Year Boy  
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17+ Year Boy  
17+ Year Girl  

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Well done to all competitors. It was a great day with plenty of house spirit.

In the coming weeks there are a number of sporting competitions beyond school. This is a friendly reminder that notes are to be handed back into the office by the due date as stated on the notes. This assists with transport and cost. Please be diligent in adhering to these dates, otherwise teams may miss out on competitions.

Also this year we have split our in-school sport into 2 days. Years 9, 10, 11, and 12 will have sport on Monday afternoon. Year 7 and 8 have sport on a Tuesday afternoon. For the beginning of term 1, students will be going to the pool for sport.

Remember to bring sunscreen, towel, swimmers and $2.60 pool entry.

Again welcome back and I look forward to another successful year for Bonalbo Central School Sport.

*Yours in Sport*

*Mr Shaun Flannery*

**Design and Technology-Textiles (Year 7)**

Students are designing, sewing and decorating an apron to wear in cooking next semester. Some have already completed their creative drawing design of their apron.

**Design and Technology-Textiles (Year 8)**

Students are designing, sewing and decorating a bag, placemat or shorts. Many are up to cutting out their pattern.

**Food Technology 9/10**

Students cook each Friday so they need to bring an apron, two tea towels and need to wear covered shoes. Term 1 they will be preparing food that demonstrates the functional property ingredients play in food preparation.

**Year 11/12 Hospitality-Community Invited**

Adults in the community are invited to join students in this TAFE course. It runs for a couple hours per week on Monday and Tuesday and you are able to gain a Certificate II in Hospitality (Food and Beverage) upon completion of the course. Currently we have 3 adults enrolled in this course. Practical lessons are each Tuesday. CONNECT will place these students for Industry experience next term so please discuss this with them.
CWA Land Cooking Competition in Lismore in 2016

Congratulations to the following students and community participants who achieved places in the competition in Bonalbo in December 2015 and will now progress to the Far North Coast competition in Lismore on 10th March:

Marble Cake: 1st Lachlan; 2nd Taylah.
Lemon Sour Cream Cake: 1st Paddy; 2nd Kaitlyn.
Pear and Ginger Cake: 1st Anthony; 2nd Suzanne.
Zebra Cake: 1st Isha; 2nd Melissa.
Microwave Kiwi Fruit Jam: 1st Samantha.
Victoria Sponge: Sarah.
Crunchy Topped Lemon Cake: 1st Eliza; 2nd Buddy.

We wish all these participants the best as they progress to the next stage of the 2016 CWA Land Cooking Competition representing Bonalbo Central School.

Textiles Entrepreneur

Ex-student Courtney Stubbings now has her own textiles business operating from her home. She attributes its success to the sewing skills she learnt while attending Bonalbo Central School. Go to ‘Etsy’ and search for ‘LambLadyDesigns’. She sews fifties style dresses and HI way shorts, long pants and various tops.

Mrs Suzy Taikakara
DAT, Food Tech and Hospitality

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Hope to see you there for our 2016 Season
Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.
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