September 10th, 2020



2020-2021 SCHOOL CAPTAINS





PRINCIPAL Mrs Chris Clarke

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL Mrs Lizzie Horder

HEAD TEACHERS SECONDARY Mr Matt Edwards Miss Maigen Brazier Mrs Melissa Leistra

ADMINSTRATION MANAGER Mrs Wendy Leonard

P&C PRESIDENT Mrs Anne McConnaughty





Congratulations to newly elected school captain Jo Rawson and vice captain Madison Masman.

Both girls will be formally inducted as our new school student leaders at an assembly next term and they will join the prestigious list of previous BCS leaders on the Honour Board in our hall.

CONGRATULATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Caregivers, **COVID-19 update**



COVID restrictions will remain in place for the foreseeable future. However, the Year 12 Formal is back on the calendar after the Premier's Announcement on Monday. This is great news for us so that we can farewell our Year 12 leavers in the traditional manner BCS is accustomed to. The formal will occur at the completion of HSC examinations on Friday November 13. Year 12 will also have a final formal assembly at school at the end of this term but I am waiting on further advice on who can participate in the assembly – it's likely to be just Years 11 & 12 with staff.

School Planning Process

As per the letter on Skoolbag earlier in the week, BCS is in school planning mode. The current three year plan is winding up and will be replaced by a four year plan for 2021-2024. We are currently evaluating where the school is situated on its pursuit of school excellence and continuous improvement. Extensive collaboration is occurring with the school community to source feedback, needs and suggestions for changes. A summary of this feedback will be shared with the community.

New strategic directions will be determined and a draft of the plan developed during Term 4 prior to release and publishing early next year.

Congratulations New School leaders

Students and staff participated in the annual election process this week for new school leaders for Term 4 and 2021. Three Year 11 students nominated for two positions and delivered their election speeches on Monday. They are all quality leaders in their own right. I can announce School Captain is Jo Rawson and Vice Captain is Madison Masman. Congratulations to Jo and Madi and also to Holly Woodham.

Welcome Mr and Mrs Amiel



Mr Amiel will be teaching maths and science and Mrs Amiel will be teaching a bit of everything across both secondary and primary.

School Cattle Stud

The school's Santa Gertrudis Stud has a new arrival - the first calf by our resident bull Watasanta Narrabri. The little bull calf is yet to be named.







Cheers



Anne Fraser Amazing Year 8 artwork





Bronwyn Masman Initiative with Throwback Thursday.

NON SCHOLAE SED VITAE - Not in learning, but in life.

Principal's Awards of Recognition

Leon Ruttley

2/3 class.



Lexi Andrews Trying hard in Kindergarten.



Braiden McPherson A mature attitude and work ethic in Year 7.



Valarie Dunn Effort in Year 9.



Jorja Carey A mature attitude and work ethic in Year 8.

A great participant in the



Zac Haywood

Outstanding effort with

Cooper Ruttley

Karla Gardner

narrative writing.

A focused learner in Year 5.



Holly Arndell Great improvement in HSC Mathematics.



Jordy Whillock A mature and responsible school citizen.



A mature, quiet achiever in Year 10.





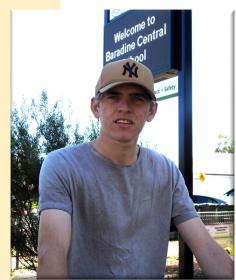
Mr Greg Baird and a social justice group from Rouse Hill Anglican College decided they wanted to collect books for country primary schools who may be lacking such resources. They advertised, collected, and donated a selection of books to our school. The books were kindly delivered by Ms Baird, who is Greg's daught

Talk Back with Caz -Year 12



Holly Arndell

- **Q** During your 3 years at BCS what do you think is so different from your primary years at St Johns and your time at Coona High?
- A The playing courts over the road are good and the moving from class to class in high school is different to staying
- in one room. I liked the major excursion to Canada.
- **Q**-What subject did you enjoy most?
- A I liked Maths with Mr Edwards and SLSR.
- **Q-**Did you have a favourite staff member, if yes who?
- A Mr Edwards as he was very helpful and supportive.
- Q- Have you made plans for when you finish year 12 if so what do you think you might do?
- A Hoping to do a Vet Course through TAFE
- **Q-**What will you miss most about BCS?
- A The friends that I have made here.



Regan Evans

- Q-What was your most memorable occasion at BCS?
- **A** Mainly getting into trouble most of the time.
- Q-What do you think is the most significant change at BCS since you started school?
- A The Agricultural farm, sporting opportunities and you get plenty of help from all staff.
- **Q-**What was your best subject and favourite staff members?
- **A** SLR- sport and Mr Weatherby.
- **Q-**What do you have planned at the completion of year 12?
- **A** Not sure probably a job at the mines.
- **Q**-What will you miss most about BCS?
- **A** The friends and the school as a whole.



Clinton Lennon

- Q-What was your most memorable occasion at BCS?
- A The school excursions that I was lucky to have gone on, to Canada ,Great Barrier Reef and Uluru.
- Q-What changes have you seen since starting here in kindergarten and completing your senior year.
- A More opportunities in sport and the opportunity to represent BCS at cross country in Sydney.
 I really liked going there.
- Q-What are your plans when you finish year 12.
- A Intending to work in the mines and someone is assisting me to do this.
- **Q-**Do you have any favourite staff members, if so who?
- A I think Mrs Leonard is ok (ha ha as I can beat her to class) but have liked all staff at BCS.



Madisen McGill

Q- What is your best memory during your secondary schooling at BCS?

- A Becoming School Captain as this was a great honour in the face of a smaller school.
- Q- What major changes have you seen since your Primary schooling?
- A Have greater responsibilities and am treated more like an adult.
- **Q-** Have you a favourite staff member if so who?

A - Mrs Wright, Ms Brazier and the Office ladies, they all help and support me. All the staff are fairly helpful.

Q - What will you miss most about BCS?

A - How welcoming and inviting the school is and how easy it is to fit in, you can always rely on people.

- Q- Do you have plans for when you complete year 12, if yes what are they?
- **A** Hoping to go to Armidale University to do Ag teaching and Business studies next year.



Mia White

- Q- What has been the best memory you can take away from BCS?
- **A** In primary it's the SAKG kitchen to garden program and the worm farm in the garden. In secondary it's my
- very first History lesson with Miss Brazier and the topic was Colonisation of the American Indians in Year 7.
- Q-What changes have you witnessed over the years at BCS?
- ${\bf A}$ Smaller classes and plenty of shade.
- Q- What subject did you most enjoy and who was your favourite staff member?
- A Favourite subject was Modern History because I enjoy history and my favourite teacher in Primary was Mrs
- Eastburn and Mrs Buckley who looked after me in sick bay.
- ${\bf Q}_{\text{-}}$ What are you going to miss most about school at BCS?
- **A** The school environment, having to learn with supervision and the Library, my "hangout spot".
- Q-What plans do you have in place for when you finish your HSC?
- **A** Currently doing an Assistant in Nursing course through TAFE and I am hoping to continue in the Medical profession through University as an RN or other medical profession.

Year 12 Celebrations

Graduation Assembly - Thursday 24th September Formal Night - Friday 13th November



Secondary Awards of Recognition

Student of the Week



Year 7 Braiden McPherson Excellence in PDHPE.



Year 10 Lowana Ruttley Increased attendance and effort in English.



Year 8 Chelsea Woodham Improvement in engagement and achievement across all aspects of school.

Year 11 Jo Rawson Hard work in all KLA's.

Positive Behaviour For Learning



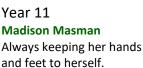
Year 7 Aiden O'Grady Always showing respect to his peers and teachers.



Year 10 Isaiah White Conducting himself in a safe manner.



Year 8 Jake Cannon Cornish Participating in PE and trying his best.



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Year 9 Valarie Dunn Acting safely and responsibly at all times.

Year 9

class.

Year 12

Regan Evans

Bradley Owers

Fantastic participation in

His renewed application

and focus in English.



Year 12 Mia White Conducting herself in a safe manner.



Year 11 & 12 Farm Study Day Bimbadeen

Madisen McGill, Fleur Andrews, Holly Woodham and Holly Arndell visited Bimbadeen farm on the Wednesday 9th of September in preparation for their case study. Students had the opportunity to see a number of different animal and plant productions and visualised how they operate in a working farm.

Secondary Lockers

Student lockers available - \$5 bond (refundable when key is returned at the end of year.) Please see Mrs Hotchkiss at the office.



Health & Safety Requirement



7-12 STUDENTS/PARENTS Black leather enclosed shoes are required for all practical subjects.

Secondary Students

All students in Years 7-12 are required to bring a calculator to school to be used in several subjects. Available to purchase - Admin office



Scientific Calculators \$22.00

Year 11 Preliminary HSC Yearly Exams

Monday 14 - Friday 18th September

Year 7-10 Exams

Monday 9th - Wednesday 12th November 🛥



School Hours

Primary and Secondary

8.30 am - 3.00pm

Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am as there is no playground supervision.



Primary Awards of Recognition & News

Kinder/Year 1 - Miss Lummis

PBL Award



Student of the Week Rosannah Gundry Effort across all areas.



Braxton Siemsen Participation in sport and PE lessons.



News

This fortnight in K/1 we have been learning a lot about combinations of ten and twenty in math and have used materials such as playing cards and dominoes to find them.

In literacy, we are still working hard on descriptive writing and are learning about parts of words, such as syllables and recognizing whole words in our sentences and stories.

We have also been working hard on our "Ecuador" CWA projects and will continue to learn about this country in the next week.

K/1 are still enjoying using their own iPad and thank you to everyone for your promptness in returning the contracts.





Student of the Week Indiannah Carey Fabulous research skills.



PBL Award Lachlan Ryan Participates well in all sporting activities.



News

Hola! The 2/3 class have been busy learning about the amazing country of Ecuador in preparation for the annual CWA competition. This year the students have designed and written a post card about an imaginary school excursion to this beautiful South American country. The students have been enjoying learning a number of Spanish phrases, exploring the Amazon Basin, cruising to the Galapagos Islands and visiting the capital city Quito. This competition piece has tied in nicely with our Geography unit of work 'People and Places'.

This week we have been learning about how technology continues to make travel easier and more enjoyable.

Don't forget to bring a piece of fruit or veg and a bottle of water for 'Crunch and Sip' every day.

Year 4/5/6 - Miss Dorman



Leila Ruttley

Student of the Week

Designing and creating a quality and detailed postcard about Ecuador.



PBL Award

Paula Evans Participating and following staff instructions during sport, PE and on the playground.



News

A reminder that students are required to return their home readers in order for them to be changed.

Year 4/5/6 Speaking and Listening Homework is due on Friday Week 18th September. Students will be given a timetable later next week outlining the order that they will present their speeches. Speeches will be presented on Monday 21st September in the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we cannot invite parents to attend. If you have any questions about this task, please done hesitate to contact me via the school office. This Friday, students in 5/6 will be designing and creating marble mazes in Science Engineering Mathematics and Technology (STEM). Stay posted for photos of their completed mazes in the next newsletter.

Don't forget that Crunch 'n' Sip break happens each morning during first session.

Sun safe at BCS! Please remember to wear your school hat/cap each day - 'No hat, No play'.

K-6 Homework is given out each Monday and due back on Fridays.

Library day is Wednesdays – Please remember your library bag

Science via Zoom!



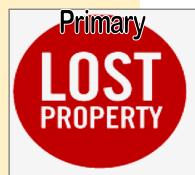
Year 4/5/6 have been learning about earthquakes in science this term. As part of the unit they have been learning about the impact of the Newcastle earthquake. Last week they were very lucky to have a zoom session (using the computer to see and hear someone not in the class-room) with Marg Dorman. Marg is Miss Dorman's mother and was living and working in the centre of Newcastle at the time of the earth-quake. The students prepared questions about the actual event, how people felt and about the rescue and recovery operation. Everyone involved in the zoom session had a great time using technology to interview someone a long way away. Marg particularly enjoyed meeting and talking to her daughter's class. The students gained lots of valuable information about the Newcastle earthquake.

Year 4/5/6 would like to pass on their thanks to Miss Dorman's mother for taking the time to zoom with them. They learnt lots about the Newcastle earthquake and their teacher's mother!

Sun Safe at BCS 'No Hat, No Play'

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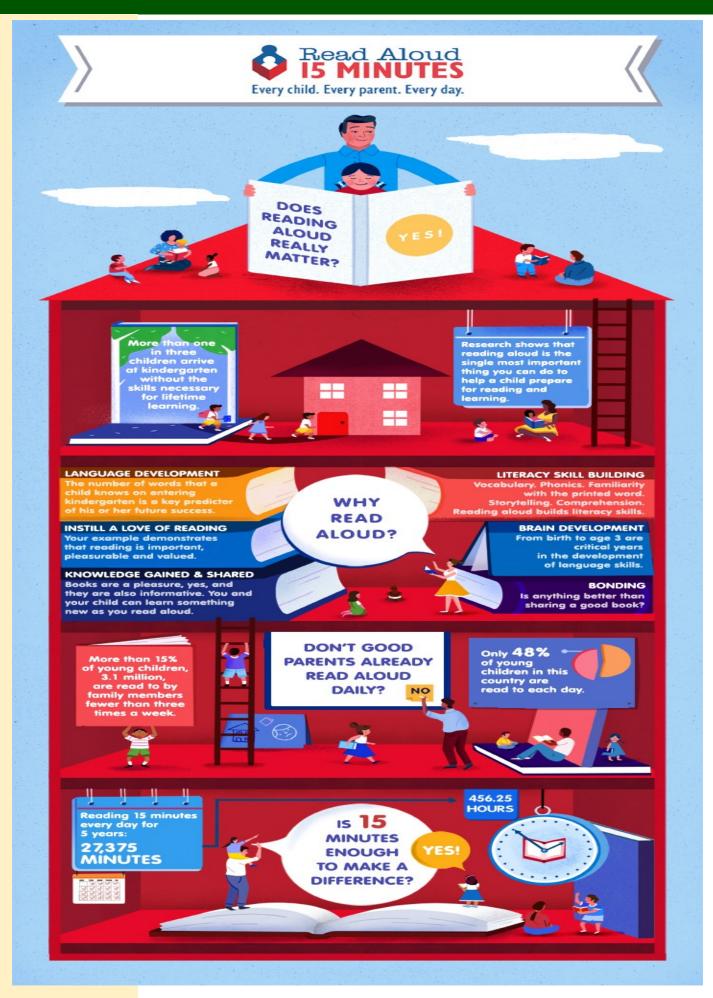
We currently have excess school uniform items with no name on them in the lost property box. If your child is missing clothing please contact the school to claim. 1 green school cap with logo 1 green school hat with logo 1 size 6 green winter jumper-slightly faded I green and gold school jacket-size 8 2 green fleecy zip jackets-size 10 1 green fleecy jumper with school logo-size 10

LAME ROBIN











September

Rosannah Gundry 14th Jackson Ruttley 18th Annalise Edwards 22nd Laura Myers 22nd Dimitty Leeham 23rd Tyler Anderson 25th





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School Hours

Primary and Secondary

8.30 am - 3.00pm

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Attention: Parents/ Carers/ Visitors



It is a Health & Safety requirement that all parents/carers <u>do not</u> enter our school without prior approval from the principal due to Covid-19 restrictions.

If you require a meeting with a teacher please inform the administration team who will consult with the principal to arrange a suitable venue and time for a meeting.

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PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU

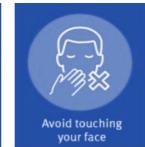


you're unwell

Wash your hands regularly







If you test positive for COVID-19

You will get a phone call from the Public Health Unit.

They will ask you questions about your health and give advice about what to do next.

Any treatment costs will be waived, even if you don't have a Medicare card or insurance.

All information shared by you is private and confidential.

What questions will I be asked?

You will be asked about:

- your health and symptoms
- who you have seen recently. If these people are "close contacts" they will also be contacted
- if you have travelled recently
- if you need any support while self-isolating

 this may include housing, food, financial services, mental health services, family
 and children services and disability services.

NOTE: NSW Health phone calls show as private numbers. Please pick up private calls when waiting to hear back about test results.

What to do after getting tested for COVID-19?

You will get information and resources about self-isolating at home after your test to help protect you and those close to you.

The test for COVID-19 is free* in NSW.

*Check with your GP if you are eligible or if they can provide a bulk-billed service. For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the NSW Government website at nsw.gov.au

Help and support

Speak to a counsellor available 24/7:

Lifeline 13 11 14

lifeline.org.au/get-help/ online-services/crisis-chat

Beyond Blue 1800 512 348

coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au

Remember you can always contact your GP or local hospital if you need help or have any questions.

If you become sicker, you may need to go to Hospital

In a health emergency call 000 for an ambulance

To speak to a nurse or doctor, call 1800 020 080 for free 24/7

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Go straight home.

Self-isolate until you get your test result back.



NOTE: If you have been told you are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 14 days. As restrictions ease, it's important to remember, everyone should practice physical distancing even after isolation.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information for the community

Just got tested for COVID-19?



Home isolation safety checklist

- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitiser.
- Wear a mask when in a room with other people
- If you can, stay in one room.
- Do not share a room with people who are at risk of more serious illness.
- Clean places you touch often.
- Use a separate bathroom if available, and have separate towels.
- Avoid shared spaces, like the kitchen or living areas.
- Don't have visitors to the home while you are in isolation.
- Keep a safe distance from other people.
- Keep up a normal routine as much as possible - exercise regularly at home.
- Stay connected and look after yourself – ask a friend or family member to be on call.













Capture the Cosmos Astrophotography competition now open for 2020 entries

Open to any photographer – amateur or professional – all ages!

Entries close 5pm Friday September 18th.

CATEGORY 4

Smartphone Astrophotography

Widefield, solar system or deep space image taken using a smart phone

#CaptureTheCosmos

See cosmos.myphotoclub.com.au for details of categories and prizes. Open to all levels of photographers!

Winner announcement to coincide with the 2020 Star Fest October Long Weekend.



Special prizes for youth 18 years of age or under



Samaritans Play Group

We celebrate parents & carers being the best teachers of their children.

Learn through PLAY Have FUN with your child Have quality time with your child

It's Free

When: Fridays 10 am - 12noon Where: 14 Robinson Street, Coonabarabran

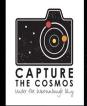
Playgroup for families. Come along for lots of fun, craft, games, music and stories

> For more information **Contact Pam Stein, Case Manager** 0439399354 Malinda Brown, Playgroup Facilitator 0458796584





Department of Social Services



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CATEGORY 5

Additional prize for **Youth Category**

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Book now for the September/October **2020 Holidays**

rabran OOSH is offering quality School Holida the September/October 2020 School Holidays xciting program, including excursions, have been red and will be provided by experienced Diplom fied Educators. Families will be eligible to claim

ren will need to bring



Monday, 28 September 2020 to Friday, 2 October 2020 Monday, 5 October 2020 to Thursday, 8 October 2020

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for the service which reduce fees to as little as \$20 per day. Fruit a food options will be available for morning and d



Venue: 14 Robertson Street, Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Phone: 02 6849 2222 Email: oosh.coonabarabran@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au



CLEANERS REQUIRED

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites. PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact

Joss Facility Management via email on cleaning@jossgroup.com.au

Check us out of Facebook Joss Cleaning or visit our webpage www.jossgroup.com.au