



B.C.S. NEWSLETTER

Be Respectful

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Despite the flooding interruptions, we have had another busy and productive term.



We are very happy to announce that we have two new BCS babies! Mrs Bird welcomed little Romeo into the world at the start of March and Mrs Clements welcomed little Charlie at the beginning of this month. Congratulations to both families.

In staffing news, Mrs Kat Byrnes is not returning to BCS. She is taking up a teaching position at Singleton High School. We wish her all the best. Ms Alicia Ducat will be Relieving Head Teacher. Mr Anderson is currently on extended leave. We are in the process of employing some new staff and will keep you informed as positions fill.

A reminder that students are expected at school every day the school is open. Please contact the school to explain all absences/lateness/early departures. This can be done by phone, written note, in person or by replying to the daily text message.

Our Facebook page and the School Bytes app are our main communication platforms. You will receive email notifications from School Bytes for bulletins, permission notes, payments etc. If you are yet to register for School Bytes and require support, please contact the office.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday. I hope the Easter Bunny finds you! See you all back at school on Wednesday 30 April.

Kathryn Taylor, Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

APR		MAY	
11	END OF TERM 1	9	Whole School Cross Country
28 – 29	TERM 2 BEGINS School Development Days NO STUDENTS	12	Yr 7 & 10 Vaccinations
		12-16	National Careers' Week
30	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL Primary NRL sessions	15	Upper Clarence Primary Cross Country @ Bonalbo
MAY 1	Anzac Ceremony @ Mallanganee – captains and Stage 5 History students	16	Secondary Zone Cross Country @ Evans Head Stage 3 GRIP Leadership Conference @ Lismore
2	Primary Oz Tag Gala Day @ Old Bonalbo UNE Open Day @ Armidale	19	Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser
5	Mother's Day Stall all week	21	National Simultaneous Storytime
6 & 7	3-way Conferences	22	White Card Training – Stage 5 & 6
8	Elevate Study Sessions – Stage 6	26	School Photos

Student Leaders Induction Assembly

On Tuesday 25th February, we held our annual Student Leaders' Induction Assembly. Hosted by school captains Aerlina, Isabelle, Aimee, Rhys and Kobi. Students were presented with their SRC and House Captain Badges. Congratulations to the students and thank you to family members for attending to pin on badges.





2025 SRC

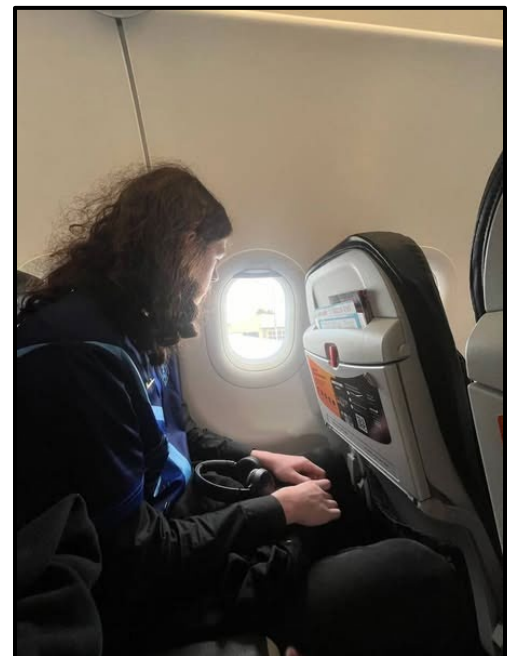
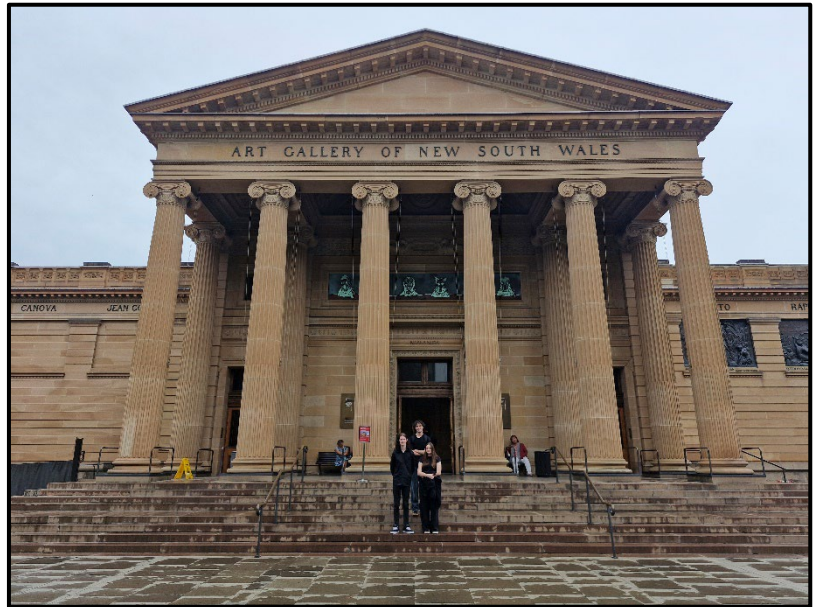


Captains in Sydney

Our school captain, Kobi, Aimee and Rhys recently travelled to Sydney with Ms Ducat to attend the Student Leadership Program. Half the fun is flying to Sydney, staying in the heart of our state capital, seeing the sights and eating out. The group visited Parliament House, touring the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers, listening to Members of Parliament and speaking with our local member, Ms Janelle Saffin MP. They then went to Government House to tour the amazing property and to meet with our Governor, Her Excellency, The Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC. Students also enjoyed spending time in the city, going to the Art Gallery of NSW and visiting the Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru exhibition at the Australian Museum. Thanks to Ms Ducat for supporting students to attend.

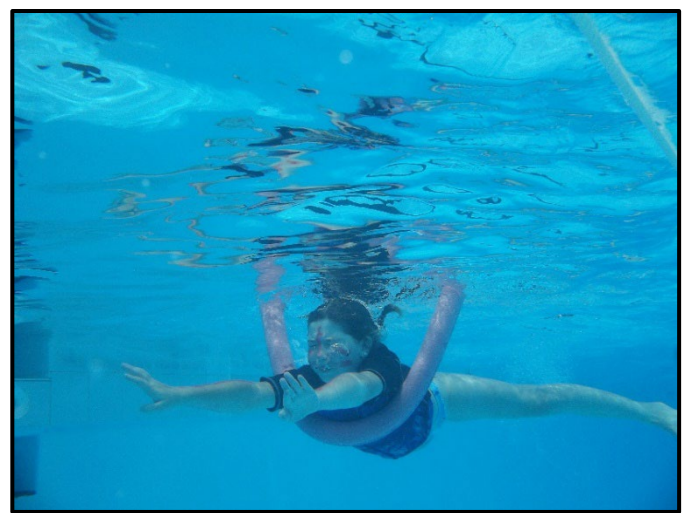






Whole School Swimming Carnival

Primary and secondary students participated in our whole school swimming carnival on Wednesday 12th February. All students who attended participated in several competitive events and a range of fun novelty races. Students competed well, representing their sporting houses with pride and honour. All students should be commended on the way they not only supported their own houses but all students who took part. Bruxner was the overall winner on the day.



Secondary Zone Swimming

Congratulations to Will for placing 3rd in his final at the Zone Swimming Carnival for backstroke. Will narrowly missed out on progressing to the regional level as only the top 2 swimmers went through.

Careers Visitor

The author of Unserious Careers, Alana Kilmartin joined us early in Term 1. Alana is an inspirational speaker about how and what your career journey can look like and lead to. Alana spoke about her experience and the twists and turns her career has taken over the short years since leaving school. Students were given questions leading them to a certain outcome. Some students walked away with a chocolate or a \$5 note. Alana spoke with students from primary to secondary along with visitors from our local primary schools. Students came away with some interesting ways of looking at career choices. Thanks to Alana for visiting us and sharing her story.



Harmony Day

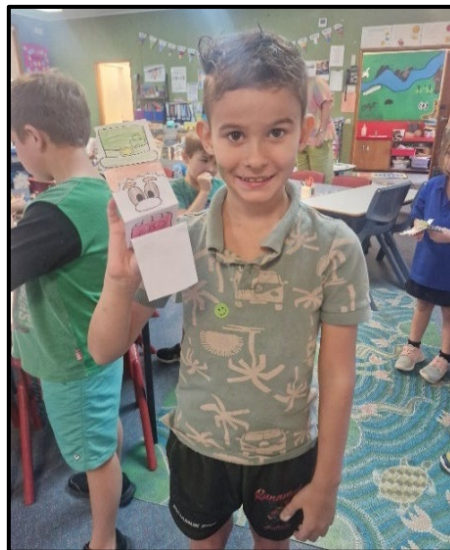
On Friday 21st March, students wore orange and engaged with a range of activities designed to teach them the importance of acceptance and inclusion of everyone. We all have the right to feel safe and supported and this is something that our primary students have been learning about as part of their PDH lessons.





St Patrick's Day

As part of Harmony Week students learnt about a range of different cultures and celebrations. One of these was St Patrick's Day. Students were invited to wear green and enjoyed some green sweet treats which included leprechaun bait and green jelly cups with gold at the end of the rainbow. This celebration was also a SRC fundraiser. All students had a great day and loved the yummy treats.

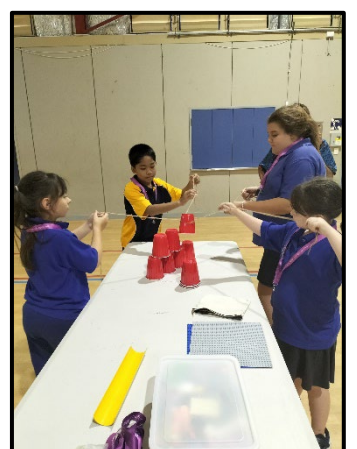




Team Bonding

Students in Years 3-10 took part in team building workshops with Karen from Team Bonding over two days in the last week of the term. Games and challenges, both physical and mental, required students to work together for success. Thanks to Karen for providing this fun learning experience.







Merit Awards

Many students have demonstrated our school expectations (be safe, be respectful, be a learner) consistently across the term. They were able to participate in the rewards afternoon last week – playing games and feasting on hot chips, lollies etc. Students will receive their certificates on the last day of term.

Congratulations to:

K-2:- Kaia, Wynter, Annita, Norman, Talisha, Dennis and Phoebe;

3-6:- Hallie, Ayla, Kaliyah, Sophia, Charlotte, Jasmine, Luca, Lola, Prince, Telia, Nyara, Persia, Ellearnna, Amity, Isabelle, Kevin, Aerlina and Evlyn;

Stage 4:- April, Algenia, Kylee, Kirra, Kaleb and Christopher;

Stage 5:- Sunni, Abigail, Alvina, Sharntara, Jesse, Lamarni and Sophia;

Stage 6:- Jordan, Jason, Sarah, Makenzie, Kasiha, Rhys, Kobi and Aimee.



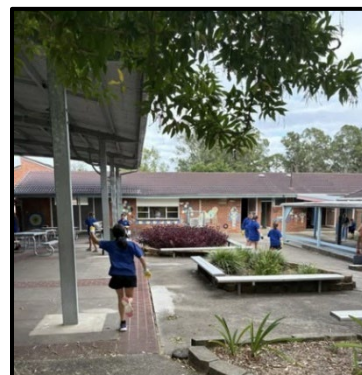
K-2 Learning

This term, students have been learning about teamwork and ways we can all be respectful of each other. Students have engaged in a range of activities that promote the use of teamwork.



Clean Up Schools Day

K-6 students engaged with Clean up Schools Day by cleaning up our primary playground on Monday 17th March. Students also participated in activities learning about the importance of recycling, reducing and reusing to ensure that our school environment is kept clean and healthy for years to come.





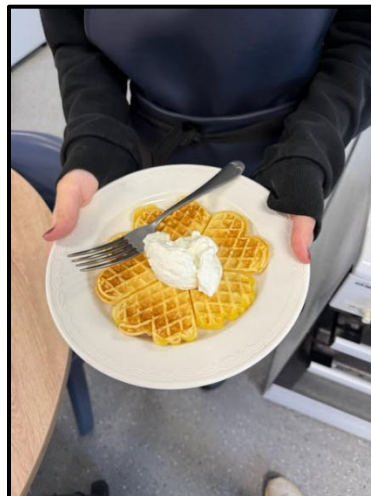
Occupational Therapy Students

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, the partnership with the University of Sydney through the University Centre for Rural Health based in Lismore is up and running. OT students Adam and Jess have been visiting our school each week to work with primary students. They have observed interactions, led activities and worked with students in small groups and individually to help improve their skills in a variety of areas. And we are pleased to say Adam and Jess will be back next term to continue their good work.



Wet Weather Waffles

Students took advantage of the recent minimal supervision day (due to localised flooding) to make some wet weather waffles. They looked and tasted great!



Elevate

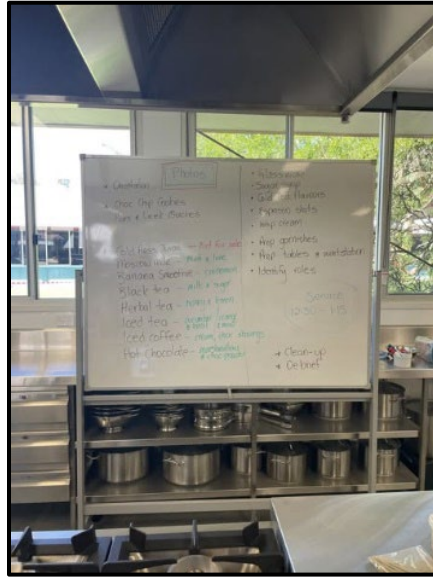
On Thursday 3rd April, Stage 6 students had the opportunity to receive study and time management strategies from Elevate. The facilitator, Hudson, outlined many different options that students can use to improve study habits and use their time efficiently. Thank you to Hudson and Elevate, and we look forward to seeing you next term.



Year 12 Hospitality

On Monday 7 April, our Year 12 Hospitality students travelled to Southern Cross Distance Education school at Ballina to undertake a full day's practical. They made choc chip cookies and ham and chive mini quiches before prepping for various beverages. When the staff arrived at the café, student took orders, made drinks and served their well-made items. Thank you to teacher Julie Ferns for a wonderful learning experience. Well done, Kobi, Kasiha and Aimee.





Easter Activities



Easter Hat Parade



Students had a fun time making their hats and on the egg hunt. Families and friends shared a picnic lunch with students.





Easter bunny awarded prizes for the hat parade and students loved seeing her. Thank you to everyone who donated to the P&C raffle - lots of great prizes and thanks to those who bought tickets.



Anzac Day Commemoration

This year marks 110 years since the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli. Thursday 10 April saw our school commemorate Anzac Day (since the day falls in the second week of the upcoming holidays). Congratulations to our Captains who hosted the assembly with confidence. Everyone is encouraged to attend a dawn or mid-morning service somewhere on April 25.



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The 2025 school year is certainly off to a flying start. The main careers activity we had during Term 1 was a visiting speaker, Alana Killmartin, who is also the author of a recent book "Unserious Careers: A Fun Guide to The First 5 years of Your Career (for school leavers)". Alana kept her audiences (a secondary student session, followed by a Primary session, where students from Old Bonalbo joined with our own Primary classes for Alana's presentation) thoroughly captivated. She also gave very positive feedback on our students: their attentiveness, with plenty of questions asked! There are some exciting careers activities planned for the rest of the year, including an invitation for us to send a (funded) bus load of our secondary students to the annual Connect Northern Rivers Careers Expo, held at the Lismore Showgrounds. We hope to have a full bus on the day, as the event is a wonderful way for our students to gather information, and ask any questions they might have directly to representatives of the industry/uni/trade/TAFE etc they are interested in. Also happening in Term 2 is a WHS Construction ("White Card") course, here at BCS. This is a very good credential for all students to hold, even if they are never going to set foot on a construction site. Why? Because employers will recognise that the holder of the card has a proven understanding of hazards in the workplace, and what their rights and responsibilities are around those situations. Students MUST have turned 14 years of age to do the course. Have a blessed holiday.

Ian Geyer
Careers Advisor

TUESDAY 29TH JULY 2025 | 9AM - 2PM | LISMORE SHOWGROUNDS

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CAREERS EXPO



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