



B.C.S. NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 has finished with a blast of cold wind and a flurry of activity. There have been many opportunities for students to learn, engage and have fun – TAFE tasters, study days, Healthy Harold, sports carnivals, community fundraisers and more.

We acknowledged student achievement at our assembly this week. Well done to all students who have been safe, respectful learners, achieved success in both learning and sports, and had attendance above 95%. We look forward to celebrating even more students at the end of the year. Students who achieved Merit Awards this term also enjoyed their rewards activity this week – bowling and lunch in Kyogle. Students are encouraged to follow school expectations and attend regularly to be eligible next term.

Thank you to the Dog 'n' Bull Hotel Bonalbo, Powerhouse Pastoral Company, Joshua James at Keybarbin Station and Raine & Horne Real Estate Casino for hosting our Year 11 students for work placement for Hospitality, Primary Industries and Business Services. This is invaluable industry experience for our students, and we appreciate your support of the next generation.

This year's NAIDOC theme - "Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy" celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities and the legacy of the elders and ancestors. This year marks an important milestone: 50 years of honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. We will be celebrating NAIDOC next term on July 31st. Parents/carers are invited to attend. Details to follow.

Congratulations to Bob J who has won our wood raffle. Thanks to everyone for buying tickets to support our Year 12 Formal.

We are excited to announce that Ms Kay Clark will join us next term. Ms Clark is an experienced teacher and will work mainly in English and Geography.

Have a safe and restful holiday and try to stay warm! See you next term.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUL	TERM 3 BEGINS	AUG	
21	School Development Day NO STUDENTS	1	Secondary Regional Athletics TBC
22	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL	4-8	Public Education Week
28	Yr 12 English Standard Aurora Study Day	7	UCPSSA Primary Athletics @ Tabulam
29	Stage 5-6 Careers Expo @ Lismore	18-22	Book Week & Yr 12 HSC Trial Exams
30	Yr 7 & 10 Vaccinations Catch-up	18-29	Stewart House (Sydney) Excursion
31	NAIDOC Celebration @ BCS	19	Kindy Transition begins 9-11:00am

ANZAC Day Services

Thank you to those students, staff and families who attended Anzac Day services around the region.



ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony

On Thursday 1st May, selected students attended an ANZAC commemorative ceremony at the Mallanganee Hall. Neville O'Malley spoke to students about the Gallipoli landing and the history of ANZAC Day. Primary captain Isabelle laid a wreath on behalf of Bonalbo Central students.

Thank you to the Mallanganee Hall Committee for holding the event and providing a delicious morning tea, and to our students for respectfully representing our school in commemorating the ANZACs.



Do It For Dolly Day

On Thursday 8th May, our students dressed in blue for 'Do it for Dolly Day'. Cupcakes and biscuits were sold to raise money for Dolly's Dream: an organisation that aims to reduce the impacts of bullying, depression and anxiety in young people. Thanks to all our students and staff who supported this worthwhile cause and raised just over \$160.





Whole School Cross Country



Our whole-school Cross Country was held on Friday 9th May. Luckily, we dodged the rain and the kids had a great time. Congratulations to the place getters and well done to all “runners”.







UCPSSA cross country

We hosted the UCPSSA cross country in Week 3. All students should be proud of their effort running in the challenging conditions with the rain and mud. Thank you to the students, staff and parents from Old Bonalbo Public School, Drake Public School, Tabulam Public School, Urbenville Public School and Woodenbong Central School for joining us for the day and congratulations to the place getters and age champions.



Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all runners at the primary zone x-country at Corndale. Isabelle came 12th and Aerlina 62nd out of 95 competitors - a great effort!



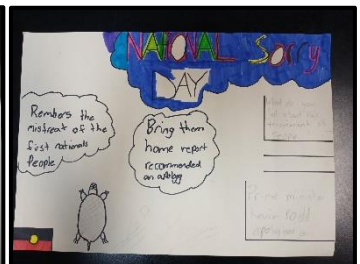
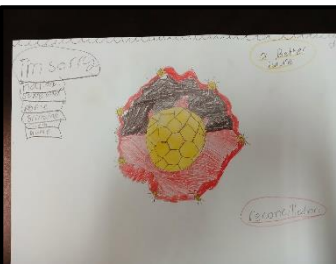
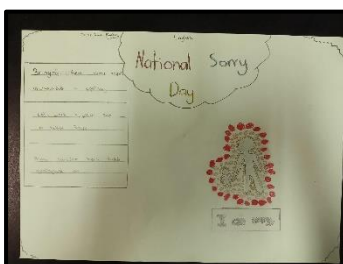
Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who attended our biggest Morning Tea in May. Julie and our Hospitality students prepared some lovely treats and others brought in something to share. We raised \$300.50 for the Cancer Council. We really appreciate your support.



Sorry Day

In recognition of National Sorry Day, students in Stage 4 watched an informative video on what this day represents and created a poster demonstrating their understanding. Primary students created Native Hibiscus flowers - the commemorative flower for the Stolen Generation and for National Sorry Day. The Native Hibiscus symbolizes resilience, survival and the scattering of the Stolen Generations throughout Australia while its purple colour represents compassion and spiritual healing.



Reconciliation Week

The whole school participated in a bridge walk in recognition of this year's Reconciliation Week theme: "Bridging now to next". Students had created purple hibiscus flowers and written messages to support healing for National Sorry Day and attached them to the Jane Robertson Bridge at the southern entrance to Bonalbo.



Closing the Gap Day

On Wednesday 14th May, six students along with Rachel AEO, Mr Stolk and Wendy, attended the Clarence Valley 'Close the Gap' event, at the Grafton Jockey Club. Students were given the opportunity to visit participating stalls - Ready Quit Solid; Social Futures; Police NSW; PCYC; Landcare; Fire and Rescue, to name a few. The students took advantage of the free give-aways; enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and were entertained by cultural dancers; didgeridoo playing and live music. Thank you to the staff and students for their attendance and positive engagement on the day.





PRIMARY NEWS

Congratulations to all our primary students who achieved Merit Awards for Term 1



K/1/2 Careers

K-2 students are learning about different jobs in their careers' lessons. Road builders and home decorators were busy at work today!



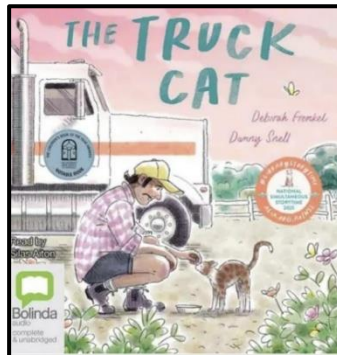
NRL Skills Day

K-6 had a wonderful fun-filled NRL skills session with Maxwell Bear. Students all enjoyed this experience and learnt many new skills.



National Simultaneous Storytime

K-6 celebrated the National Simultaneous Read with over 2 million other students listening to or reading the text *Truck Cat* altogether at the same time. Students then did an art activity where they made their own truck.



Gala Day

On Friday 2nd May, K-6 travelled to Old Bonalbo to participate in a touch football gala day run by NRL. The students had a fantastic time playing touch and making new friends. We would like to thank Old Bonalbo School for hosting the day and thank both Old Bonalbo and Drake Public School for allowing some of our students join with you to make teams and give all our students the opportunity to participate in a game.

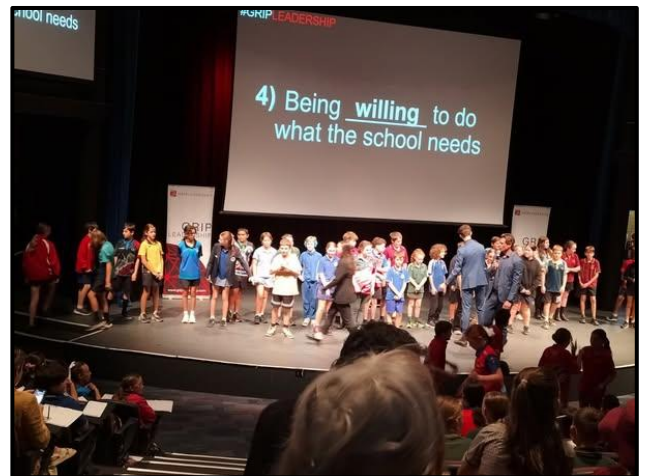


GRIP Leadership Conference

Our Year 5-6 students attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Southern Cross University in Lismore. The conference covered the responsibilities of a student leader, how to lead through friendship and kindness, how to come up with ideas to help others and how to achieve goals interspersed with lots of great games and activities to help build confidence and bonds between different schools.

Students have come up with several ideas to help support learning and friendship at school and will be working together with Miss Hewes and Mrs James to make some of them a reality. A big thanks to Miss Hewes for accompanying students.

Some quotes from students - Nyara: "I learnt many new things", Aerlina: "It was very educational", Kevin: "I had fun".



Life Education Van – Healthy Harold

As part of the PDHPE curriculum, primary students attended a session in the van to learn all about cyber safety and how to stay healthy and safe in a world with so much technology. Students loved meeting Harold and taking part in the fun code-breaking and problem-solving activities.



Year 6

Year 6 students have received their new 2025 Year 6 shirts – don't they look great!



SECONDARY NEWS

Food Technology

This term, Stage 5 food technology students have been doing a unit on Australian foods. They have made some amazing dishes, including nasi goreng, celebrating multicultural influences on Australian cuisine. We've also cooked with kangaroo meat and made some delicious kangaroo stir-fry noodles.



Students also made two pippie dishes; one with garlic and lemon and one with a creamy butter sauce. A big thank you to Rachel for organising the pippies and Mandy for making some amazing fried bread.



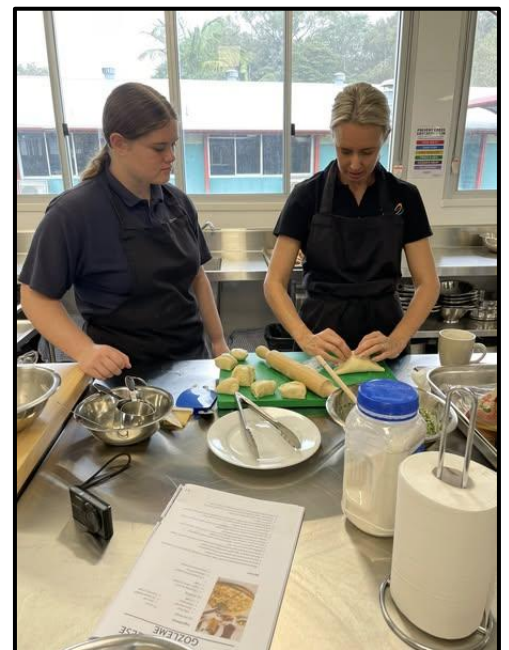
White Card Training

On Thursday 22nd May, students in Years 9 to 12 worked on their White Card. This training is a mandatory safety induction for anyone working on a construction site in Australia. Congratulations to those who achieved this useful credential.



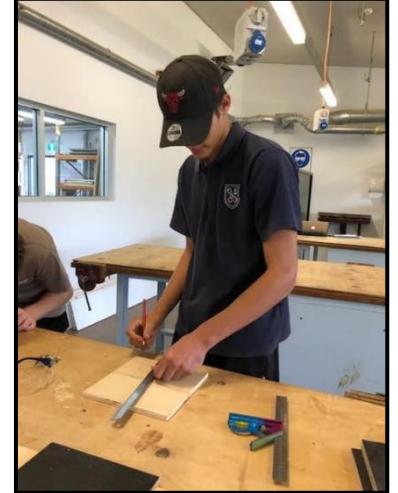
Hospitality

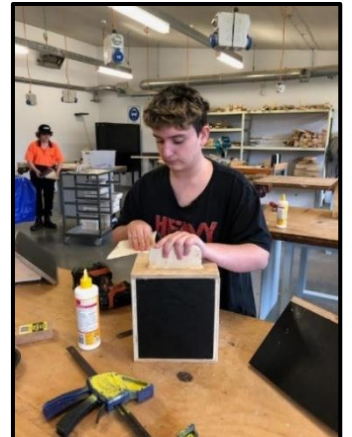
Stage 6 Hospitality students provided great hot beverages and yummy food for SXDE staff when they went to Ballina earlier this term.



TAFE YES! Program

Over 6 weeks, seven of our secondary students participated in Wollongbar TAFE's "YES!" Program, giving them a "taste" of what TAFE can offer. They joined approximately 45 other students from surrounding high schools. Students rotated through a variety of hands-on workshops, including Building and Construction, Hair and Beauty, Electrotechnology, Children's Services ... and more. All students are to be commended for their decision to take up this valuable opportunity, and for their positive performance and involvement in workshops.





Students learnt how to work from patterns, cut and assemble using different stitching techniques on the sewing machines, making a toy dog.



Other students worked in the timber and metal workshop, using the plasma cutter and welding to produce some awesome metal work craft.

Visual Arts

Stage 4 students have made some amazing pinch-pot monsters this term.



Business Studies

Year 12 students engaged with an externally provided study day. Omar and Adam from The Resource Factory guided students through the framework for report writing and hints and tips on how to improve marks in the trial and HSC exams. Students have commented that the information will help them study and prepare for their exams.



Sport

Fitness Friday!

Mr Stolk challenged Stage 4 to a chair and plank duel. Well done to Freddy and Chris for being the last two!



Badminton



Touch Football



Sprints



Volleyball

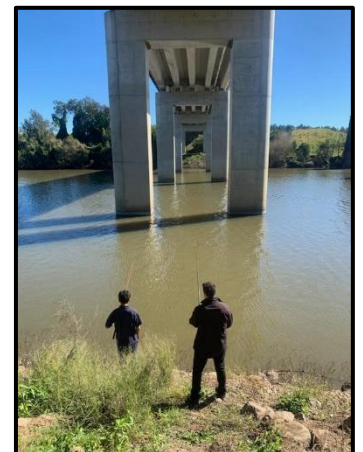
Stage 4 STEM

Stage 4 students have been working on STEM activities during Career lessons, demonstrating their team working skills. All enjoyed choosing an activity and working together with other students.



Lives Lived Well

As the final session of the 'Lives Lived Well' mentoring program, the boys got to enjoy fishing on the Clarence. Thanks TJ and his team for their work over the semester.



Mid-year Assembly

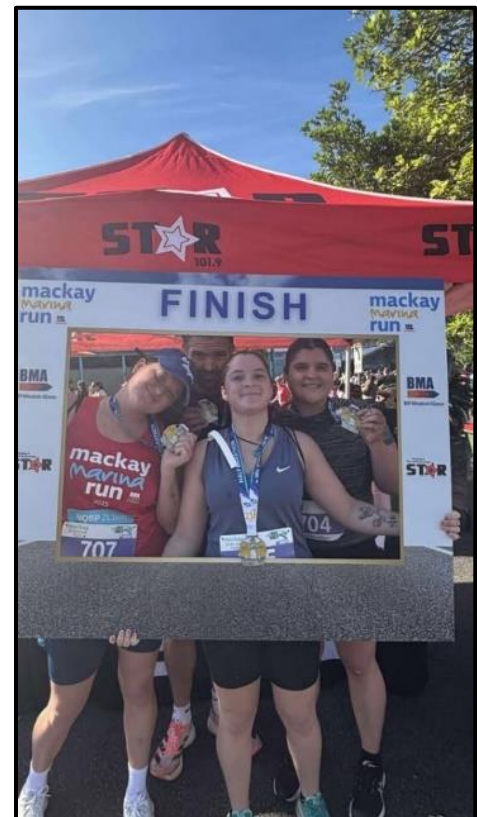
Student achievement was celebrated this week at our mid-year assembly. Many students received awards - for academic endeavour, sporting prowess, high attendance and for being safe, respectful learners. Well done, everyone.





Graduated students' accomplishments

Congratulations to ex-Bonalbo students Jayde (2005), Chloe (2016), Ally (2019), and Haylee (2022) who competed in the half marathon (21 kms) in Mackay, raising money for the Leukemia Foundation.



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Hi All

Yet another term has flown by and one of the careers' highlights for me has been to be one of the team who accompanied seven of our Stage 5- 6 students to NSW TAFE's Wollongbar Campus to participate in the "YES!!" Program. This program gave students the chance to sample some of the courses which TAFE offers, from Construction to Childcare to Hair & Beauty..... the list goes on. A big well done to all students: Sarah, James, Cobey, Tayleelah, William, Sophia and Drew. They were good ambassadors for their families, the school and the community.

An important reminder: a high-point in our school's annual calendar is the Connect Northern Rivers Careers Expo, to be held at the Lismore Showgrounds on Tuesday 29th July 2025. Connect is funding a bus to take our students to the Expo. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to get information first-hand from the broad range of occupations and institutions who will be present. I hope many students grab this chance with both hands.

Have a safe holiday.

Ian Geyer
Careers Advisor

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

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CAREERS EXPO



THREE JAM PACKED PAVILLIONS WITH:

Our Sponsors...

- TAFE NSW
- Southern Cross University
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- Large and Small Employers
- Exhibitors from Various Industries

Please find below a cross section of careers and work-related information that might be of interest to you!

Workspace Values

Different careers offer different work environments, which can impact how you feel about your job. Take a moment to think about where you feel most comfortable and what motivates you. This can help you understand what you truly value when choosing a career path.

Fast-paced and constantly changing

- You may value: Adaptability, Challenge, Growth

Quiet and focused with deep thinking

- You may value: Reflection, Problem-solving, Independence

Collaborative and team-driven

- You may value: Connection, Teamwork, Impact

Independent and flexible

- You may value: Autonomy, Flexibility, Personal Control

Creative and ever evolving

- You may value: Innovation, Expression, Freedom

Structured with clear expectations

- You may value: Security, Clarity, Efficiency

How To Get Started in Construction

Want to get started in construction, but not sure where to begin? We'll show you how to build your construction career starting now!

Explore Your Options Visit Construction Pathways for information about occupations and pathways, and the resources to help you make your start.

Map Your Pathway Consider the type of education and training your preferred occupation requires. You could choose:

- A VET school subject or pre-trade program to learn practical skills and get job ready.
- An Apprenticeship, Traineeship, or School-based option so you can earn while you learn. You'll combine paid work with a nationally recognised qualification.
- A Vocational Education and Training (VET) course for hands-on learning to develop your skills.
- A Higher Education (university) degree if your preferred occupation requires it.

Get Your White Card Compulsory to ensure you're safe onsite, this one can't be skipped.

Do Work Experience Explore a range of jobs and find out if the construction industry is for you. Develop your skills and the confidence to step onsite now, with the Year13 & CSQ Construction Pathways Virtual Work Experience! You can explore a day in the life of a Pipelayer, Carpenter or Design Manager, with interactive tasks to help you discover what a career in construction could look like.

Are You Workwise?

It takes more than knowing how to do a job to be successful. It's your Human Skills - the ways you learn, communicate, and problem-solve - that really make you work-wise!

Success isn't just about getting a job done - it's about how you adapt, collaborate, and tackle challenges.

Whether you're working on a group project, talking to friends, or navigating new experiences, your Human Skills are your secret superpower.

Human Skills are the foundations to thrive in a world where the way we work and live is always evolving.

In Module Two of the Career Tools X CommBank Skillin' It Academy, you'll unlock strategies to sharpen the Human Skills that set you apart. You'll explore:

- Learning agility: How to stay open to new ideas, adapt quickly, and grow as the world changes.
- Communication: Find out how to adjust to your audience, speak confidently, and build strong relationships.
- Problem-solving: Finish the module knowing how to approach challenges creatively.

Career Spotlight – Education

You don't need to have all the answers or be a certain type of person to become a teacher — but you do need to have a love of helping others learn and grow.

What is a teacher?

Teachers work in education, supporting students' development academically, socially, and emotionally.

- Early Learning Educators guide and nurture children in their most important early years (birth to age 5).
- Primary School Teachers teach a broad range of subjects to children from Foundation to Year 6, building essential skills for life.
- Secondary School Teachers specialise in particular subjects (like English, Science, or PE) for students from Year 7 to Year 12, preparing them for further study or work.

What skills and strengths are needed?

Teachers need strong communication skills and must be able to build positive relationships with students, families, and colleagues. They must be adaptable, organised, patient, and confident in managing a classroom. Teachers also need creativity and a passion for learning, so they can inspire and engage young people every day.

What are the pathways?

You usually need to study Education at university. There are several options:

- A Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary, or Secondary)
- A Double Degree (e.g., Arts/Education or Science/Education for Secondary teachers)
- If you already hold a degree in another field, you can become a teacher through a Master of Teaching program.

Some states also offer pathways that combine teaching with practical placements to get you classroom-ready faster.

Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection 2026

1. Choose What Works or You

Pick subjects that reflect your strengths and interests to make the school experience your own. When you enjoy what you're learning, you're more likely to stay motivated and succeed.

2. Get Informed

Talk to teachers who teach the subject, ask students already studying it, attend taster sessions. The more informed you are, the better your choices will be.

3. Ask around!

Seek advice from teachers, coordinators, and your Careers Advisor. They can help you see how your choices connect to your goals, future study or job opportunities.

4. Keep Your Options Open

If you're unsure about your future, that's okay! Choose a mix of subjects to keep your options open after Year 12. Having a broad skill set gives you more freedom to change direction later on.

5. Connect Subjects to Your Goals

If your ideal subject isn't available, choose ones that help build related skills and support your ambitions. Think creatively about how different subjects can contribute to your future path.

6. Balance Your Workload

Pick subjects that interest and challenge you without overwhelming your schedule. A manageable mix helps you do well and avoid burnout. For example, three folio-based subjects might be too much work to manage well.

7. Consider Your Pathway

Are you aiming for an ATAR-based university course? A hands-on career or trade? Choose subjects that align with your post-school plans, whether academic, vocational, or both. There's more than one way to reach your goals.

8. Remember the Big Picture

School is about personal growth, not just grades. Choose subjects that give you space to grow as a person and enjoy the full experience of school life.

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Pickup/ Drop
Off:

Banalbo Hall
10am/ 4.30pm
Sandilands Rest
Area 10.20/
4.20pm

Mallanganee Park
10.30/ 4pm



9th July, 2025
11:30-3pm

@ The Kyogle Commercial Hotel

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