

The Central Loop

UPDATES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

Term 1 Week 6



Upcoming Events

Secondary Regional Swimming Carnival	March 11
Primary Regional Swimming Carnival	March 12
NAPLAN	March 13-19
K-6 Assembly	March 15
Sydney Easter Show (Show Team)	March 20- 22
Harmony Day	March 21
K-12 Parent/Teacher interview	March 26
K-6 Easter Hat Parade	March 28
Easter Long Weekend	March 29 - April 1



Parent Reminder

Please ensure your children's clothes, bags, lunch boxes and other items are clearly labelled.

We have had an increase in lost items.

Braidwood Show

A big congratulations to all our students and their efforts in the Braidwood Show. We had many students receive awards for their artwork and writing submissions, but more importantly it was about participating in this community event. K-6 students contributed to a collaborative artwork which was displayed in the tearoom. It looked spectacular and our school is proud of the high standard it displayed for the event.



Primary Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented our school at the district swimming carnival. From all reports our students swam well and showed exceptional behaviour. Great work in doing yourselves proud.

Soccer program

Our K-6 classes have been participating in a soccer program being delivered by a Football Australia certified coach. Each class is focusing on learning movement skills, teamwork, coordination and fun. The program encourages children to participate in game-based activities that reflect the Football Australia 'Play for Life' philosophy and the Personal Development, Health, and Physical Education syllabus.



Clean Up Australia day

All students as part of the 'Clean up Australia Day' were allocated areas around our school and not only did they clean up our school playground, they learnt about the impact of rubbish on their local environment.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN dates for Years 3 & 5 will be March 13, 14, 15 and 18. We wish all our students the best.

Primary Reminder

Our Easter hat parade will be on Thursday 28 March. So start preparing those Easter hats!

Primary Assembly

Friday March 15 will be our K-6 assembly with 1/K performing an item. All parents, grandparents and carers are invited to attend. Any student receiving an award will receive an email to parents. Our house sporting captains will also be officially presented with their badges. Looking forward to seeing what 1/K will be presenting. Assembly starts at 2:20pm.



BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL
SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO
INVITE PARENTS AND
CARERS TO ATTEND OUR

K-6 ASSEMBLY

Starting at
2:20pm
Friday 15
March 2024



Please meet
our student
greeters at
the small
hall

Our 1/K class will be performing an
item

For enquiries please email the school:
braidwood-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Reading Challenge

All K-6 will start the Premiers Reading Challenge in the next few weeks. It continues into Term 2 and partway through Term 3. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.



Artwork by Sami Bayly

NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 26 February

**Challenge closes
for student entries**
Friday 23 August

Digital Partner

broadband digital libraries

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Show Team News

Royal Canberra Show

Our dedicated show team members attended two days at the Royal Canberra show on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of February, exhibiting six head of cattle and participating in junior parading and judging events. Our heifer, Milo (donated by Merton Park Hereford with proceeds towards Brainstorm charity), placed second on hoof (live animal parading) in the middle weight division. Our junior paraders were very successful with numerous place getters in their divisions, including Emily Jeffery, Zoe Ingham and Charlotte McGrath.

Braidwood show

A smaller show team attended the 2024 Braidwood show on the 2nd of March, which was a great day!

Our show team exhibited four head of cattle, with "Choccy" (Angus pure bred donated by I & R Hindmarsh), placing second in the led steer competition. The show team students again did well in the parading and junior judging events, which provided all students with valuable experience in both events.



Homeroom in Secondary

On Monday the 11th of March, Braidwood Central School will move towards the daily roll marking during period 1 for secondary students. This will mean that secondary students will no longer be required to attend homeroom. Period 1 will begin at 8:58am and students will be expected to arrive on time. We encourage students to arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:50am, ready for their lessons. Attendance rolls are required to be completed every period by secondary staff.

Wellbeing Support for Students

Braidwood Central School has a range of supports available to assist students with emotional and social support.

A school counsellor is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monica Bollen and Nicole Binks provide a range of support to students including counselling, assessments and referrals to external agencies.

On Tuesdays, Headspace Queanbeyan provides a school onsite service supporting students with their emotional wellbeing.

BCS have two student support officers, Luke Watson and Samantha Charles working to enhance the learning and wellbeing outcomes of students, in partnership with the school counsellors and wellbeing team. Luke and Samantha provide individual support, along with small group targeted strategies, such as the RAGE program and Seasons for Growth.

On Monday afternoons BCS engages the services of Michael Aichholzer, from Silver Mongo enterprises. Michael provides small group sessions targeted at young men and helps them understand themselves, who they want to be, and how they interact with the world around them.



[The Circle | Silver Mongo Enterprises](#). This term, Michael is working with selected students from our Year 7 and MC cohort.

Mathematics Department Update

While the school is in the process of recruiting a permanent mathematics teacher, we are incredibly grateful for the flexibility and dedication of our existing staff. Thank you to Mr. Anders, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Talbott, Mr. Gallagher, Mrs. Kuchel, and Mr. Stephens who have stepped up to ensure that our students' education continues seamlessly. Their commitment to our students' success is a testament to the collaborative and supportive environment that our school prides itself on.

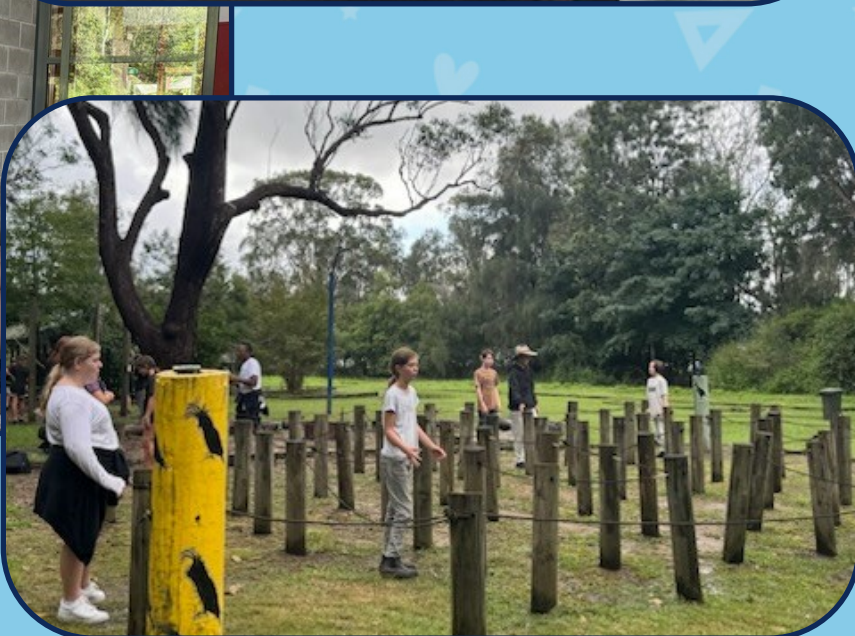
Stage 4 Camp

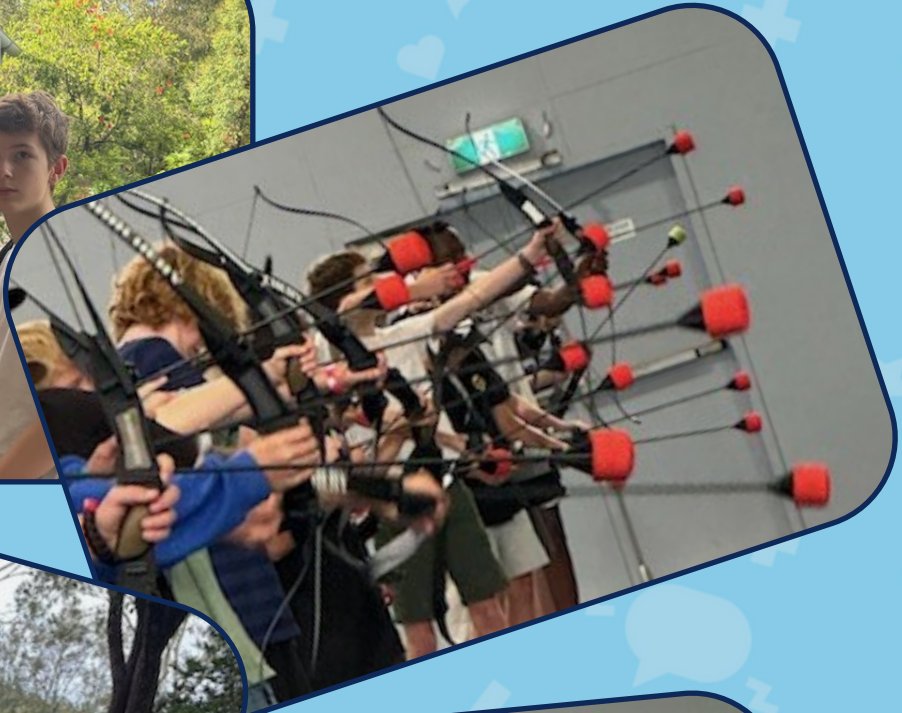
Stage 4 students have had a busy time over the last few weeks. 45 students in Years 7 and 8 joined BCS staff as they headed to camp at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation. The weather could not deter the enthusiasm and excitement shown on students' faces. The camp's purpose was to foster social bonds, create teamwork and experiences outside the classroom.

Students participated in activities across the three days, including a trip to Narrabeen beach on the morning of day 2 where they paddled in the ocean and played sport games on the beach. The afternoon of day 2 students swam in the indoor pool, where they worked together in teams to build a raft out of minimal supplies. The raft testing showed that students had worked together well, with no rafts sinking or falling apart when carrying a nominated person across the water. All students should be very proud of how they conducted themselves while on camp.

Following their success in raft building, students were again placed into teams to solve a series of challenges. These included using multiple ropes, pulleys and a hook to move baskets, guiding students through mazes with their eyes closed, using ropes to move a tin of goodies from a center pole to the outside circle and moving their entire team from one tyre to another.

Other activities saw students participating in games of archery tag. After learning how to load and fire the bow and specially designed arrows, students were placed in teams where they played many different versions of Archery Tag.







All the Best Miss Forster

BCS staff and Students wish Miss Forster all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

We are excited for the birth of baby Forster.



Period X

Tuesday afternoons at BCS, for Years 7-10 mainstream students, provides an opportunity for students to select lessons that are of interest to them. Period X was introduced in 2023 for Years 7 and 8. In 2024 we have been able to expand this to all Year 7-10 mainstream students.

Options for term 1:

- Yoga and Mindfulness (students participate in yoga activities and mindfulness sessions)
- Sound, Lighting and Performance (students learn about the set-up of different sound and lighting for performances)
- Rugby (students learn skills and train for Rugby)
- Show Team (students prepare BCS livestock for upcoming shows including the Sydney Royal)
- Community and Public Art (students plan and undertake artworks and murals)
- Drama Performance (students develop performances for upcoming drama festivals)
- Journalism (students work together to develop a publication to celebrate Braidwood Central School's 175-year birthday this year).

Students were able to select an option of study at the beginning of Term 1 and will make another choice ready for Term 2 in a few weeks time.



Free home internet for eligible families

The Australian Government has introduced the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) to provide free internet access to eligible families. The SSBI provides internet access to up to 30,000 families with school-aged children who are currently unconnected. The free internet access will be provided until 31 December 2025.

Am I eligible?

Eligible families:

- have a child living at home enrolled in K-12 at a NSW school
- have not had an active National Broadband Network (NBN) internet service in the previous 14 days. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- live in a premises that can access a standard NBN service
- will undergo a suitability assessment conducted by the National Referral Centre (NRC).

How can the NRC help me?

The [National Referral Centre \(NRC\)](#) can help Australian families meeting the SSBI eligibility criteria connect the NBN to their homes.

The NRC is the first point of contact for families who nominate themselves for the SSBI. The NRC team will assess your family's eligibility, including a check of your residential address and current financial situation.

If eligible, your family will be issued a voucher, which can be redeemed at any participating SSBI retail service provider. The NRC can contact your chosen SSBI internet provider and provide follow-up support.

The NRC can also answer questions and provide information regarding participating retail service providers. Centre staff can also provide follow-up support for anyone experiencing challenges redeeming the voucher.

For non-English speakers or those with accessibility challenges, the NRC provides translation services through Language Loop and their own bilingual staff. Additionally, their website features ReciteMe technology.

To contact the NRC and check your eligibility:

- Call 1800 954 610 (Monday to Friday from 10 am-6 pm AEDT).
- Visit the [NRC website](#). Callback and webchat are available.
- Email studentinternet@anglicarevic.org.au

Tyke-Oh drumming at BCS

Last Monday, over 150 students participated in a series of Tyke-Oh drumming workshops. Stage 4 and Elective Japanese, Music, MC and K-6 students were introduced to the art of Japanese Tyke-Oh drumming by Kiyomi Calwell of EZ Japanese. Students also learned the importance of team-work and Japanese-style respect through their energetic music performances.

Many thanks to Mrs Stephens for sourcing and coordinating this unique experience for our school.



University of Wollongong Discovery Day

Earlier in the term, a number of our Stage 6 students participated in the University of Wollongong Discovery Day. Over the one-week period more than 6500 high school students participated in the opportunity to experience a typical day in the life of a UOW student.

On the day our students received their own personalised university timetable and attended lectures across faculty areas that were of interest to them. This experience helped further raise the aspirations of many of our seniors and provided the motivation required for them to continue to work hard to achieve their best results.

Thank you to Mr Wall and Mr Waterhouse for organising and conducting this experience.



The 2024 Braidwood Lions Young Writers Festival

The Braidwood Lions Young Writers Festival was officially launched last Friday. The Festival aims to give young people living or going to school in our community (Braidwood, NSW, 2622) the opportunity to share their stories, poetry, essays or opinion pieces on any subject. This project encourages young writers to develop their writing skills and will provide them an opportunity to interact with established authors who will judge their entries.

Several speakers, including local author Jackie French, reinforced the importance of imagination and active engagement with the written text. We were also fortunate to be each presented with a copy of the 2022 Young Writers anthology – it was wonderful to see the names of students who will now participate again in the unique community youth program.

Cedar Morris and Ash Little represented our Primary students and Eleanor Hart and Eric Moore spoke on behalf of our High School. Our English and primary staff will now work with each student to craft and publish a creative writing piece.

We thank the Braidwood Lions club for instigating the program and all the sponsors that give this initiative an even higher profile.

We look forward to the creative flurry and reading quality written texts.



Important Notice for Parents and Guardians of Secondary Students

As we continue to strive for excellence in education and the overall development of our students at BCS, we want to ensure that every student is fully equipped for success in every lesson. Essential to achieving this goal is making sure that all our students come prepared with the necessary materials for their classes.

Required Materials for Success

We kindly remind parents and guardians that it is expected for all secondary students to bring a pencil case and the required books for **all** their lessons. These basic tools are crucial for the active participation and engagement of students in their learning journey. Ensuring your child comes prepared to school not only supports their academic performance but also fosters a sense of responsibility and readiness for their daily tasks.

Supporting Every Student

We understand that there may be circumstances where obtaining these materials could be challenging. Please know that BCS is here to support every student's educational journey. If you are facing difficulties in providing these essentials, do not hesitate to reach out for **Student Assistance**. Confidential requests for assistance can be made through our school office.



A New Face in Science

We are excited to announce that Mr. David Creevy will be joining our teaching team as a Science teacher starting in Term 2. Mr. Creevy brings a wealth of knowledge and a passion for science education that will undoubtedly inspire our students.



Our MC staff (Mrs Tangye, Mrs Thomas-Ngova and Mr Robinson) have now completed a very busy week, working through the IEP process.

Each of our MC students, family / carers and support team have met to develop a comprehensive education plan. It has been a high energy, positive process where we focus on strengths, interests and preferences so that our amazing young people have an aspirational plan for the year.

Individual Education Plan Week





2024 P & C CANTEEN MENU

**ORDERS ONLY
FOR RECESS
& LUNCH**

**Canteen open Wednesday
Thursday & Friday**

**Save time & use ONLINE
CANTEEN to order**

Paper Bags
.10c each

Recess all drinks available

Toasties

- Ham or cheese or tomato or Chicken & BBQ sauce \$4.00
- Extras - cheese/ham/tomato + \$1.00

Garlic Bread \$2.00

Hash Browns \$1.50

Lunch

Chicken Nuggets 3 for \$3.20, 6 for \$5.40, 9 for \$7.60

Meat Pie \$4.50

Sausage Rolls \$4.50 Gluten free Sausage Rolls \$4.50

Tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, salad dressing 30c

Mac & Cheese, Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognaise \$6.00

Garlic Bread \$2.00

Hash Browns \$1.50

Mixed salad bowl \$6.00 - add chicken or ham for \$1.00 extra

Salad Rolls \$6.50

add chicken or ham + \$1.00

Freshly made lunches

Burgers

Beef & BBQ sauce or Chicken with garlic aioli
(both with lettuce, tomato & beetroot) \$7.00

Veggie & lettuce, tomato, beetroot carrot, cucumber & garlic aioli \$7.00

Toasties

- Ham or cheese or tomato or Chicken & BBQ sauce \$3.00
- Extras - cheese/ham/tomato + \$1.00

Drinks & Ice Blocks

Poppers - Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant \$1.50

Water \$2.00

Milk - Chocolate/Strawberry \$2.60

Glee Sparkling Mineral Water \$2.60

- Tropical, Grape, Watermelon

Hot Milo \$2.00

Frozen Fruit Snappy (fruit iceblock) \$1.00

Specials

Wednesday
Burrito
\$7.00

Thursday
Chicken &
Gravy Roll
\$7.00

**EFTPOS
available**

We are only accepting orders - no over the counter service is available.

Use **ONLINE CANTEEN** at www.school24.net.au to order
Braidwood Central School ID is 25394963

or **complete each order on a separate paper bag** & clearly mark your
children's Name, Class & Year along with the recess or lunch order.

Place your order in the locked box near the canteen

Celebrating Success at the Swimming Carnival

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival. It was truly inspiring to witness the incredible individual efforts and the exceptional teamwork displayed in the relay events. Our swimmers showed great determination and sportsmanship, embodying the spirit of our school community.

A special congratulations to all our participants who have advanced to the next level of competition at the Zone South Coast Swimming. Your hard work and dedication are commendable, and we are behind you all the way. Good luck to our swimmers — we know you will make us proud!



Warm Wishes to Mrs Moffitt

As we bid farewell to Mrs. Moffitt, who is embarking on her maternity leave, we extend our warmest wishes for a safe and joyful journey into a family of four. Mrs. Moffitt has been an integral part of our school family, and her presence will be greatly missed. We look forward to welcoming her back in the future.



BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL VALUES
CHIRPP

CARE

For yourself, others, community and country

HARMONY

Inclusiveness and working together

INTEGRITY

Honesty and unity

RELIABILITY

Right place, right time

PERSEVERANCE

Do your best, learn from mistakes

POSITIVITY

Resilience and growth mind-set

Current CHIRPP Value: 'Reliability'

Inline with our CHIRPP values of Care, Harmony, Integrity, Reliability, Responsibility, and Positivity, we spotlight 'Reliability' as our current focus value.

Being reliable means being dependable and trustworthy, qualities that are essential for building a strong and supportive community. We encourage all students and staff to embody reliability by being in the right place at the right time, meeting commitments, and supporting one another. Let's all strive to be reliable members of our school community, setting positive examples for those around us.



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We would like to pay our respects & acknowledge the traditional custodians of our land
and also pay respect to Elders both past & present



Youth reference group info session ages 16-25

**Join us on the 18th of
March from 4pm to 6pm to
discover how you can
effect change and explore
the volunteering
opportunities we offer.**

**Headspace Queanbeyan is
situated behind the Westpac
bank. Complimentary snacks
will be available, and RSVP is
not required.**



K - 6 PARENTS & CARERS
ARE INVITED TO THE
BRAIDWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL
EASTER
HAT PARADE

THURSDAY
28 MARCH IN THE GYM
ARRIVE AT 9.45AM
FOR A 10.00AM START

PARENTS ARE WELCOME
TO BRING MORNING TEA
ALONG & JOIN THEIR CHILD
AT RECESS
AFTER THE PARADE

PLEASE
BRING
YOUR OWN
DECORATED
EASTER HAT

