



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL 26 NOVEMBER 2012 ISSUE 37

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Years 8 & 9 at Myuna Bay



What was great about the Myuna Bay excursion was being part of the group as it came together to support each other through some challenging tasks. The students urged each other and the staff to conquer whatever challenge was put in front of them. Whether it was a fear of heights, fear of water (shark infested) or fear of the unknown.

It was my pleasure to spend the week with the students who attended the camp. They did everything that was asked of them and more. I would hope that they take what they have learnt about themselves and each other and bring the same positive approach they developed mastering the challenges at Myuna Bay back to school and apply it to everything they do.

A very big thank you to Mr White! Without his encouragement and support to every one of us on this excursion, it would not have been as enjoyable or successful as what it was.

Myuna Bay – we came, we cried, we conquered!!

Ms Stobon Lloyd

ICECREAM

Beat the heat and decorate your own ice cream cone at lunch time on Friday



Help raise money for the school musical!!

Students of the Week

For Week 8 Term 4, 2012:

K/Year 1/2	Zahlia Field
Year 3/4	Denym Tebetebe
Year 5/6	Blair Field



K-12 NOTES

Congratulations

As many of you are already aware this is Mr Allen's last year at Balranald Central School, with Mr Allen receiving a transfer to Condobolin Public School for 2013. Last week Mr Allen was successful in applying for the position of Principal of Yanco Public School and will now be moving to Yanco at the end of the year to take up his new appointment. Congratulations Mr Allen and good luck at your new school.

Kindergarten Transition for 2013 Students

Last Monday prospective students participated in the last activities as part of the Transition Program in the K/1/2 classroom from 9.00am to 12.00pm. The Balranald Early Learning Centre is also planning a number of additional visits as part of their program of preparing pre-school students for the beginning of school. If any parents of prospective Kindergarten students have any enquires please do not hesitate to contact the school on (03) 5020 2222.

Crunch & Sip

Last week Balranald Central School became a *Crunch & Sip* school. It has been very pleasing to see the amount of students who have been participating by bringing fresh fruit and vegetables to school to snack on during the Crunch & Sip break. Balranald Central School has been successful in obtaining a \$400.00 grant from the Western NSW Local Health District which will be used to support the implementation of Crunch & Sip. A Crunch & Sip sign will also be placed at the entrance to the school to identify Balranald Central School as a Crunch & Sip school.

Circus Sports Program

This week a Circus Sports Program will run at Balranald Central School from Monday to Friday. Mrs Harper has organised a fantastic timetable and all students K-12 will have the opportunity to participate. The program will take place in the school hall each day. The program will be provided by Bec Cohen, who has previously worked with students at the school with the Outback Theatre for Young People. This program will be followed by a visit to the school in Term 3 next year by the Solid State Circus which will present *'State of Play'* which will consist of a circus performance for all students K-6, followed by circus workshops for students in Years 5 to 12.

Bell Shakespeare Company

This week will also see the beginning of the visit by the Bell Shakespeare Company to Balranald Central School. The company will be here for the next two weeks, with students from Kindergarten to Year 12 participating in workshops with trained drama educators. This is a fantastic opportunity for staff and students. Miss Jones has been busy preparing for the visit and is very excited at the opportunity of hosting the company. We would like to welcome them to the school and hope they enjoy their time at Balranald.

Primary Swimming Program

The Primary Intensive Swimming Program will commence next week, with all students having been provided with a permission note to participate last week. Swimming will take place during Week 9 and Week 10, with all Primary students participating in an intensive NSW Royal Lifesaving Society's *Swim and Survive* Program. It is important for all students to acquire competent water safety and swimming skills and this is a great opportunity to participate in an excellent program provided by Balranald Central School and their staff at no more than the cost of pool entry fee of \$1 per day. **We expect all primary students to participate in this program.** The lessons will take place from 12.00pm to 2.40pm daily, with a session for each primary class. Sessions will be taught by primary AUSWIM accredited staff members Mrs Alison Linnett, Mrs Kate Harper and Mrs Laurel Stevens, with Mrs Stevens overseeing the program in her capacity as a NSW Royal Lifesaving Society Instructor and Examiner.

Pinnacle of Success

The Pinnacle of Success will return to Balranald Central School on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities that promote social skills, team building and resilience. Words of encouragement and praise will be heard throughout the day as students test their 'mettle' on the Pinnacle of Terror. The ladder climb, high wire walk, rock wall and 'Leap of Faith' all provide students with opportunities to extend themselves. Students participating in the Transition Program for Year 7, 2013 will also have the opportunity to participate.

Clare Public School Excursion

Fifteen very excited Balranald Central School students will have the opportunity to visit Clare Public School this Thursday. Students will travel to Clare on the school bus with Mr Allen and will participate in activities with Clare Public School students and Miss Baker. Clare Public School students will travel to Balranald the next day to participate in circus workshops with Bec Cohen and the Bell Shakespeare Company. Permission notes for the students selected were sent home on Monday and need to be returned to the front office by Wednesday, 28 November 2012.

Central School Cricket

The Boys Cricket Team travelled to Narrandera with Mr White last Wednesday to compete in the next round of the NSW Central Schools Cricket Competition. After a very hard fought match the boy's cricket team were victorious and have once again reached the finals stage of the competition. Details of their next match in the competition will be provided when organisation is completed. Congratulations.

Hot Weather

As you will be aware the hotter summer weather has arrived. As part of the school Sun Safe Policy, students must wear a hat to participate in outdoor sporting and playground activities during the school day. Primary students should be wearing the bucket hats kindly funded by the P&C and if your child has lost their hat they can be purchased at the canteen. Any student not wearing a hat will have to remain under the Primary shade

shelter. Please ensure your child wears their school hat to school each day. Students should also ensure they do not suffer from dehydration by drinking water at regular intervals during the day, especially at the end of recess and lunch. Primary students are allowed to take a water bottle containing fresh water into their classrooms during lessons and students should be encouraged to bring water bottles to school. Please be aware that water bottles containing juice or cordial are NOT allowed in Primary classrooms. During some periods of hot weather the Primary playground may also be closed and students will utilise the air-conditioned school hall for lunch.

All secondary students are reminded that they must wear a hat for any activity outside. This includes sport, PASS, PDHPE, agriculture, recess and lunchtimes. If they do not have a hat they will be asked to remain under the hanger/COLA. The students have been told they can bring water bottles to class during hot weather.

Primary Assemblies

Due to the school hall being used for the Circus Program this week, the Primary Assembly planned for this Friday, 30 November 2012 will be postponed to next week and will now be held on Friday, 7 December 2012. The assembly will be presented by Year 5/6, with the assembly also including speeches from Year 5 students nominating for election as a Primary Captain for 2013. After the assembly primary students will have the opportunity to vote for Primary Captains for 2013. Students are reminded that if they are eligible for a Primary Merit Certificate they are to have their 5 Achievement Awards to Mr Allen by the Wednesday before Primary Assembly. All Primary Assemblies are held in the school hall and commence at 12.00pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. The remaining Primary Assembly for Term 4 will be on Friday, 14 December 2012 and will be the Year 6 Graduation Assembly.

Bronze and Silver Awards Assembly

There will be no Whole School Assembly this term, as the year will conclude with Presentation Night on Tuesday, 11 December 2012. There will be a special Primary Assembly on Wednesday, 12 December at 11.00am where Primary students will receive their Bronze and Silver Awards. Students and their families will gather in the Rose Garden during recess before the assembly to participate in the traditional morning tea that is held to celebrate the achievement of Bronze and Silver Award winners. Please be aware the deadline for processing of Bronze and Silver Awards has now closed. Families of students receiving awards will receive their invitations in the mail shortly.

Proud and Deadly Awards

The Riverina Region Proud and Deadly Indigenous Awards will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club next Wednesday, 5 December 2012, commencing at 11.00am. Families of these students have received an official invitation in the mail, with Mr Allen and Mr Riesinger organising students to travel with them to Deniliquin to attend the awards.

Primary Merit Award Excursion

The Primary Merit Award Excursion for students who have achieved a Silver or Gold Award during the year will take place on Monday, 17 December 2012. Students will travel by bus to Mildura and visit the Mildura Wave Pool and have lunch at McDonalds. If time permits students may also have the opportunity to participate in a game of Ten Pin Bowling also. Permission notes will be sent home with students who are eligible to participate in the excursion shortly.

Maitland Grossman School Visit

Next week Year 10 students from Maitland Grossman High School will visit Balranald Central School with former Balranald Central School staff member Mr Steve Ross. Students will participate in a number of visits to local highlights, including Lake Mungo and will also participate in a sporting challenge against Balranald Central School. We sincerely hope they enjoy their time visiting Balranald.

Waste Watchers

Due to circumstances beyond the school's control, the planned visit by the Waste Watchers Program to the Balranald Central School last Thursday did not take place. It is hoped that the visit can be re-scheduled to a date later during Term 4.

Birthday wishes go to:

Zachary Jolliffe (Monday, 26 November)
Chloe Calleja (Tuesday, 27 November)
Jareeta Riesinger (Wednesday, 28 November)
Lachlan Camin (Saturday, 1 December)

Term 4 Upcoming Events

- Pinnacle of Success – Wednesday and Thursday, 28 and 29 November 2012.
- Primary *Swim and Survive* Program – Monday, 3 December to Friday, 14 December, 2012.
- K/1/2 Excursion 'Cinderella', Mildura – Wednesday, 5 December 2012.
- 'Proud and Deadly' Awards, Deniliquin – Wednesday, 5 December 2012.
- Clare Public School Excursion – Thursday, 29 December.
- Maitland Grossman School Visit – Week 9
- Circus Program - Monday, 26 November to Friday, 30 November
- Bell Shakespeare Company – Monday, 26 November to Friday, 7 December
- Merit Award Excursion, Mildura Wave Pool – Monday, 17 December 2012.

P&C NEWS

P & C Meeting

Thanks to all who came to our meeting last Monday night. Plenty of laughs amongst the serious discussions! What a great bunch of people!



Crunch & Sip - Surplus Fruit

Do you have a fruit tree that is over laden? We would happily accept any donations of fruit! Just drop off at the school canteen.

Thank you!



Movie Night!

What a great way to finish a great year! Save the date, bring a mate, don't be late!

Friday, 21 December @ 7pm

More info to come!

Raffle Tickets

Extra books available! You've got to be in it, to win it!

Please return tickets (sold or unsold) to the front office by 3rd December



Presentation Night

11th December

Could you please bring a plate of food to share for supper? Thank you.



School Caps

School Caps for Years 7 to 12 are now available from the Uniform Shop for \$10

Canteen Corner

Thursday 29th November

Fillet-o-Fish Burger \$4.00



Served with Lettuce & Mayo

OR

Fresh Cheesy Coleslaw

RED DAY Tuesday 27th

raid your piggy bank, lots of yummy treats including:
Jelly Cup \$1.50, Wonka Twist 15c, Red Frog 10c

Drumming Lessons

for all ages

Learn all the essentials in two 1 hour sessions. Experienced in exams and performances. Drums supplied if required. Will go

to you anywhere in Dec/Jan.

Phone GERARD on 0408 622 819



A.E.C.G.

(ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP)

Wish to announce the 2013 committee members

President: Claude Pearson

Vice-President: Steven Smith

Secretary: Jodie Soraggi

Treasurer: Graham Longford



Will be holding their first monthly meeting for the new committee on

TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2012

AT THE BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

AT 4PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

FOR FURTHER INQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT

JODIE ON 03 5020 0330

OR CLAUDE ON 03 5020 1114

Quotes from Myuna Bay Excursion

The excursion helped me get through my fear of heights and we did a lot of water sports which I love.



The highlight of the excursion was seeing Delta Goodrem on the freeway.

There is no such thing as "I can't do it". You can overcome anything if you believe in yourself.

The best thing was easily the giant swing. Great view, even greater experience.



The whole thing was good, but doing the activities with the heights was the best.

All the activities were very fun but I thought that the giant swing was the best and meeting Pete.

It was good because you weren't ever bored because you always had something to do. My favourite part was sailing out at Port Wolstoncroft.

The whole trip was good but the best thing was the giant swing.

In Myuna Bay the best thing I did was kayaking and sailing. While we were kayaking we saw lots of fish.

We were hoping to go fishing but we did not get enough time. I enjoyed the excursion but I don't think I would do the high ropes and abseiling again.



Myuna Bay was good because there was always something to do. The food was good and the staff were always very nice. My favourite activity was the kayaking. The only bad thing was that the other schools were too loud.



Myuna Bay was fun and a good experience. With everything we did rock climbing, sailing, giant swing, high rope. Very good experience, go when you get a chance!



Cricket Report V Batlow



An early start was required as the battle to beat Batlow at Narrandera unfolded. Our young and inexperienced side was rightfully nervous as we watched the older and bigger lads from the mountains warm up. Leaves Lockhart (youngest and shortest brother of Sticks and Twigs Lockhart) was heading back to the bus when he saw the size of the boys. (*\$##* \$!# Whitey, they're big).

Fraser 'Big Drizzle' White, or 'The Magician' as he is known won the toss and elected to bat on a damp and patchy turf wicket. May as well see what they've got and at worst, it will be an early lunch and trip home. Drizzle and Lach 'The Stud' Watt opened the innings with Drizzle opting to not apply the sunscreen saying he will leave it till later when we are bowling because at least then he will be out there for a while. The Stud, as usual was looking good as the innings unfolded. He had used a special gel in his hair this time to avoid the awful condition called 'helmet hair'. The openers looked solid for 6 overs before the Captain had the dubious honour of being given out LBW in school cricket. He had scored 2 runs and was unlucky to get out to the swinging ball but it did justify his 'sun block' decision.

Jacob 'The Globe' Lister was soon at the crease and although light on his feet, looked switched on to illuminate the field. After a couple of sighters 'The Globe' used the middle of the edge of his bat to give first slip a simple catch. He has a bright future 'The Globe', but not today as he trudged off for a well compiled duck. This brought Jake 'Twigs Lockhart' (Younger and taller brother of 'Sticks' Lockhart) to the crease. Young 'Twigs' has an unusual batting style where he actually misses the ball a lot, unlike 'The Stud' at the other end who was hitting it a fair bit. 'The Stud' was fairly hooting along. He was bowled off a no-ball and made the most of his luck to make the Batlow bowlers pay. He looked calm, he looked good and I reckon the 'helmet hair' gel was paying off. (One less thing to worry about he said between overs at one stage). 'Twigs' played and missed a bit and started to build a partnership with 'The Stud' but his unusual habit of missing the ball resulted in him losing his castle and as he made his way off with a smile on his face he realised that his 2 runs would keep 'The Globe' off his back for a while longer.

Aaron 'The Wild Thing' Gervasi had that look in his eyes as he took block in the middle. He has promised big things this lad and his big innings was just around the corner. He took the score to 78 with young Lach before 'The Wild Thing' gave Love his first wicket and departed for 13. He was moving well and looked calm, and that was as he trudged off. It was an excellent partnership and put us in with a chance. Disaster

struck straight away however, as 'The Stud' inexplicably went the big heave and lost his wicket. This was the best innings played by 'The Stud' and his 40 runs included a range of well struck boundaries and neat deflections.

The excitement in the Batlow camp was overwhelming as they had half the side away and the strike bowlers coming back on. They went for the kill and the victims were to be 'Twinkle Toes' Brougham and Michael 'Mr Positive' Simpson. 'Mr Positive' was dead set not keen to face any bowler faster than 'Leaves' Lockhart and thought coming in at number 7 would be ideal. These two batters were known as the Sumo twins after their bat sponsorship deal. Fair dinkum though, you could have knocked the Batlow team over with a feather 4 overs later. The Sumo twins took the score and the Batlow bowlers to the cleaners. They put on 60 runs in 4 overs of absolute bludgeoning with Big Sumo 'Mr Positive' smashing 6's and 4's all over the place. One shot for 6 ended in the skate park performing a few tricks before the fielder could recover it. 'Twinkle Toes' also let loose using the boundary for target practice. The Sumo Twins had taken the game away from Batlow, and although only short lived, their batting display was inspirational. 'Mr Positive' ended with 38 runs including 4 x 4's and 3 massive 6's, with 'Twinkle Toes' ending with 21 runs including 2 x 4's and a towering 6.

Connor 'The Italian Connection' Soraggi was next in and was joined by the new boy in the team Dayle 'My Way' Barrett. This lad makes a habit of doing things his way, whether you like it or not. He wasn't sure about joining the team but a day off school with his mates, even if you cop a couple of hits on the body, was enough to sway his thinking. Both looked a little nervous but they managed to add a few crucial runs. 'My Way' thought it was tip and run at one stage before realising that only happened in the back yard. 'The Italian Connection' has great style with the bat and is close to putting on a big performance. He continually shows great poise in the nets and is developing the old 'Viv Richards swagger' which can be used to great advantage on game day.

Not today however, as a couple of quick wickets brought the shortest of the playing group to the wickets. Ryan 'Leaves' Lockhart (youngest and shortest brother of Sticks and Twigs Lockhart) was joined by another debutant in Tom 'The Rock' Salau. No amount of sledging unsettles this bloke. He just carries on as if he didn't hear it. It was a great experience for these boys to strut their stuff on the big stage. 'The Rock' looked very solid and apart from the trembling knees looked quite at ease, whilst 'Leaves' was swinging like a rusty gate at anything that was remotely near the wicket. It was all over however, when 'Leaves' lost his stumps for an excellent 2 runs. Not quite bragging rights over his brother but good enough. Losing your castle seems to be a genetic disorder with the tradition starting with 'Sticks' and being carried on with 'Twigs' and 'Leaves' Lockhart. Not sure if there is a cure but using your bat to hit the ball may help. The final score was 150 which was a great effort and was going to be tough for Batlow to chase down.

To Be Continued

Batlow bats quiver and shake.

SRC Primary Disco



30th November at BCS Mall

5.30—8.00pm

*Children need to be collected they will
not be allowed to walk home*

\$3 entry



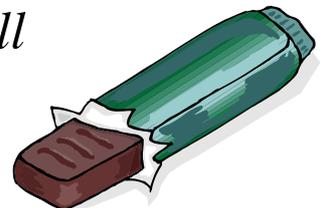
Food available

BBQ Tea—Sausage in bread \$2

Soft Drinks \$2

Chocolate Bars \$2

Super Doopers \$1



Glow Products Available

Rave sunglasses \$4

Finger Lights \$1 each

Glow Bangles 2 for \$1





BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC
 We Street, Balranald, NSW, 2715
 Email: balranaldcentralschoolpnc@hotmail.com
 ABN: 95 157 966 554

Dear Parents/Guardians

\$10 Sports Shirt Order Form

For a very short time, you have the opportunity to purchase a Sports shirt for \$10! This is a huge saving and we encourage you to take advantage of it as it won't be offered again. These shirts are to be worn every Sports day.

Please note: This offer is for ONE SHIRT per student.

CHILDREN'S SIZE

SIZE	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	Total \$
Quantity								

ADULT'S SIZE

SIZE	Small	Medium	Large	X- Large	2X- Large	3X- Large	Total \$
Quantity							

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

PAYMENT

- I've enclosed a cheque for \$ _____ made out to "Balranald Parent and Citizens Association".
- I've enclosed cash for \$ _____ (Please enclose the correct amount as Uniform Shop is unable to provide change.)

DELIVERY – When your order is ready, are you happy for it to be sent home with your child?

Yes Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

No Please call me when order is ready to be collected: Tel: _____

Uniform shop will be OPEN every second Friday (coinciding with Primary Assembly) at 12.45 – 1.45pm in Room 13 (behind canteen). To make an alternate appointment time, to exchange an item, or for more information, please call Lisa 0428 995 489.

Thank you for your support!
 Balranald Central School P & C Association.

Value Pack SUMMER Order Form

VALUE PACK	WHAT'S INCLUDED?	PRICE (\$)	Quantity	Size	Sub-total (\$)
Value Pack 1	*2 x White Polo Shirts *2 x Taslon Sport Shorts	Sizes 4 to 16 - \$57			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$67			
Value Pack 2	*2 x White Polo Shirts *2 x Gabardine Shorts	Sizes 4 to 16 - \$63			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$79			
Value Pack 3	*1 x White Polo Shirt *1 x Taslon Sport Shorts *1 x Navy Skorts	Sizes 4 to 16 - \$48			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$53			
Value Pack 4	*1 x White Polo Shirt *1 x Taslon Sport Shorts *1 x Navy Pleated Skirt	Sizes 4 to 16 - \$51			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$56			
Value Pack 5	*1 x White Polo Shirt *1 x Taslon Sport Shorts *1 x Gabardine Shorts	Sizes 4 - 16 - \$43			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$51			
Polo Shirt Value Pack 1	*3 x White Polo Shirts	Sizes 4 to 16 - \$45			
		Sizes SML to 3XL - \$54			
ADD ANOTHER WHITE POLO SHIRT (only applicable when ordering a value pack) Sizes 4 - 16 - \$15 Sizes SML to 3XL - \$20					

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TERM FOUR – 2012

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 A	26 NOVEMBER <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u> Bell Shakespeare Circus Sports Programme	27 Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing Bell Shakespeare Circus Sports Programme	28 Bell Shakespeare Circus Sports Programme	29 Bell Shakespeare Circus Sports Programme	30 <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Bell Shakespeare Circus Sports Programme
Week 9 B	3 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Bell Shakespeare <i>Primary Swimming</i>	4 Bell Shakespeare <i>Primary Swimming</i>	5 Bell Shakespeare <i>Primary Swimming</i> <i>Yr K/1/2 – Mildura Excursion</i>	6 Bell Shakespeare <i>Primary Swimming</i>	7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Bell Shakespeare <i>Primary Swimming</i>
Week 10 A	10 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Primary Swimming</i>	11 K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT <i>Primary Swimming</i>	12 <i>Primary Swimming</i>	13 <i>Primary Swimming</i>	14 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Year 6 Graduation</i> <i>Primary Swimming</i>
Week 11 B	17 DECEMBER	18	19 Last day of school for students	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	21

Italic: K-Yr 6 *Normal:* Yr 7-12 **Bold:** K-Yr 12

\$ 10 Sports Shirts

For a very short time, you have the opportunity to purchase a Sports Shirt for only \$10! These shirts are to be worn on Sports Day each week. This is a huge saving and won't be offered again, so make sure you fill out your order form attached and get it into the school ASAP!

PLEASE NOTE: This offer is for ONE SHIRT per student ONLY.

For any further information contact Lisa on 0428 995 489.



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FRIDAY LUNCH
\$2/CONE

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL MUSICAL.