



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**ANNUAL
PRESENTATION
NIGHT**
*Tuesday, 10
December*



22 bright eyed and bushy tailed teenagers hopped on the bus in Jones Lane together with Lloyd, Mr White and Mrs Sindy. An eleven hour journey was ahead of them to Sydney. After Samantha untangled her seat belt we were on our way just after 6am.

We couldn't do anything about the rain in Balranald but we certainly broke the drought in Sydney. We had a wet trip to the Market Place for the

Remembrance Day Service and then onto Luna Park for an afternoon of fun. The rain certainly didn't dampen their spirits on the rides.

We had a very wet walk to IMAX to view 'Back to

the Wild' followed with a walk to the Powerhouse Museum. Umbrellas purchased along the way. A lesson on the function and aesthetics of chairs was given and then the challenge of building a chair from newspapers. Technically Trent, Caitlyn and Mrs Sindy's chair held the most weight but the fact theirs didn't have legs meant that Olivia's group thought they won.



A beautiful sunny day greeted us on Wednesday for our trip to the zoo. Sunscreen and hats packed we caught the ferry to Taronga Park Zoo where we patted a python, a blue tongue lizard and an echidna. This was also the end of Mr White's 100 day challenge and so he happily had a small bottle of coke with lunch. After the seal show where Maddy got to shake hands and kiss a seal we headed back to Circular Quay for another trip on the Manly ferry. (Who is that masked man?)

Please see page 4 of this Newsletter for the rest of the report on this excursion.



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week eight of term four. Saturday saw the school celebrate the Year 12 Formal at the Theatre Royal. What a night of splendour for our newly departed students, their families and friends. The night in Paris theme was excellent and a great reflection of the nature of the students. Mrs Suzie Coates made a wonderful impression with her recollections of the students past endeavours. A very touching and poignant connection was made for all to enjoy. I'm certain that everyone had a fantastic time and they will have an assortment of photos to remind them of the night.

This week sees the school gain access to Rebecca Coen and Scott while they present a circus skills program for our school for the next three weeks. The plan is to have them in the school from Monday to Thursday each week. With a series of after school workshops to capture the skills of our senior students and more motivated younger groups. As a fitting finale to the program the plan is to have an open show probably on Thursday 12 December either in the hall or under the COLA. Depending on the level of splendour to be reached, parents and the community are invited to this so stay tuned for further information as it evolves.

On the Maths in Trades front by now students will have seen the information about the Olympiad in week 9 of the term. I have heard that there has been some negotiation's involving the gathering of the best team possible for this. There are some important decisions to be made on this front. Who has the best skills, are they user friendly in the group, can they do a range of activities that could be valuable for the team. There is no manual on how to build the best team, but there are some guidelines on what the makeup needs to be. So choose wisely as there is a strict no return policy on many participants. The final tally of groups is eight starters with an interesting pedigree of skills and abilities. The day should prove to be a real eye opener as we see confidence balanced against determination and willingness to do your best with a broad skill set. Let the best team win and everyone have an enjoyable and successful time. Actually it's a little like the Hunger Games but without the bloodshed. Well I have been assured that that is the short and long range plan. We shall see what happens.

After a flurry of preparations and planning the water interruptions have passed with a mere ripple. Thanks to the support of the Shire and some well-designed plumbing. We are now ready for any contingency in the future.

Once again let's make this term is a great success for all our students as we launch into another hectic time of nonstop activities. As we pass the midpoint of the term it is probably appropriate to take a much deserved deep breath and continue the long journey towards the end of term and the year with a sense of achievement.

All the best.

Students of the Week

For Week 8 Term 4, 2013:



K/Year 1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6

Brayden McLeod

Hannah Morton

Mikayla Bax

Primary Ponderings

Year five students have been busy preparing speeches in preparation for this week's assembly. The students have written down the reasons why they believe they would make a good choice for School Captain in 2014 and practiced reading them with Mrs Linnett and Mr Scott. Those students who wish to be School Captain in 2014 will present their speech at the assembly and Mr Scott will then visit each classroom so that the K-6 students can vote. The students have put in a tremendous effort into their speeches and would love to see as many friends and family there as possible on the day.

This week K/1/2 will be hosting our assembly. Please come along at 12pm on Wednesday, 27 November to celebrate the fantastic work our students have been doing - see you there!

We are now a few weeks into our PBL trial and the race is on for the first class to fill a row of ten numbers and receive the first whole class reward. As of Monday K/1/2 had seven, Year 3/4 had nine and Year 5/6 has eight numbers on the Primary PBL Bingo Board. By the end of the week we should have one, two or even three winners in Primary - well done to all those students who have been receiving the PBL tickets both in the classroom and the playground.

Permission notes for our Intensive Swimming Program have been sent home. Please make sure they are returned to the office by Wednesday, 27 November. Money for those students who do not have a season ticket is to be paid at the pool on the first day.

Our Junior and Senior Primary Choir have been practicing in preparation for singing Carols on Thursday 12 December in front of Turps Butchers. Both Junior and Senior Choir will sing a few Carols on the day as well as one together. Please come along and enjoy a bit of Christmas with our talented Choirs.

Year 7 Mildura Excursion

Year 7 travelled to Mildura last Friday for a day of fun to celebrate the end of their first year of high school. We started the day with a few rounds of Laser Tag, where James showed off his talent and managed to win almost every round! Then off to the bowling alley for a couple of games and a pizza party for lunch. No perfect games, but more than just a few strikes and spares across the lanes. After a spot of shopping we finished up our day at the movies. Thank you to Amelia Calleja, Lisa Dalton and Graham Longford for helping to transport the students over to, and around, Mildura for the day.



NPWS FIELD OFFICER TRAINEESHIPS

Today, Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Robyn Parker, announced a new NPWS Field Officer Traineeship Program. The program has been developed in response to the need for succession planning. It will involve an intake of up to 100 trainees across NSW over the next two years. The first intake is proposed for June 2014 with subsequent intakes planned at six monthly intervals.

Field staff are highly valued and integral to the running of NPWS. A recent workforce planning analysis identified that more than 50% of current field staff are over the age of 45 and approximately 20% are over the age of 55, making succession planning for these roles a priority. The program will allow us to bring new employees into the agency and train them to become experienced field officers before staff turnover impacts on our ability to deliver critical services.

The program will be open to everyone but particularly hopes to attract women, young people and Aboriginal people, to encourage diversity in these roles. The new program is supported by training through a Registered Training Organisation, coaching and on the job training. Following successful completion of the two year program, trainees will be offered a permanent, entry level field officer position, subject to the needs of NPWS.

We are still finalising the details for where these positions will be based. To assist this process we are inviting people to register their interest in the NPWS Field Officer Traineeship program. Please forward information on the NPWS Field Officer Traineeship program to anyone you think may be interested in applying, whether that be to individuals, local schools or community groups.

Further information on the program and the registration process can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/jobs/FOtraineeships.htm.

If you have any questions on this program please contact Lisa May on 9585 6900 or lisa.may@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Year 8/9 Excursion to Sydney

by Mrs Sendy

Mr White, Lloyd and six boys headed to the cricket to watch England take on an invitational Australian side for a practice match while the rest of us headed to the Aquarium. After the Aquarium the students had a chance for shopping in the Pitt Street Mall.

After shopping we were entertained by a guitarist and a bloke drumming on old paint tubs. Wow they were good.



22 bleary eyed and broke teenagers hopped on the bus together with Lloyd, Mr White and Mrs Sendy and were on the way out of Sydney by 6am. It was a very quiet trip home as everyone cat napped home to Balranald.

A big thank you to Lloyd Murray for helping drive the bus and supervising, Mr White and Mrs Sendy and also a big thank you to Mrs Harper for organising the trip. A huge thank you goes out to the 22 students who made the journey and who were great ambassadors for Balranald.



Year 8/9 Excursion to Sydney

by Trent Nelson

On Sunday 10th November 2013 Year 8/9 and I left Balranald for Sydney for our year excursion. I was sure that through 10 hours of travelling on the bus I would be sick but what a miracle, I wasn't. We arrived at a good time (at least I think we did I can't remember when we got there) and luckily there was a bus park not far from where we were staying so we didn't have to walk very far. We got settled into our rooms and went down to have tea.

The next day was Monday (just in case you don't know what comes after Sunday) this was the beginning of... the walking. We walked to Martin Place (in the rain) for Remembrance Day. Next we got on a ferry to Luna Park (what a smile). Now I'm not what you would call a daredevil on all those crazy rides, but I must say for what I did go on, I had an excellent time despite the wet and windy weather and the one ride on the Ferris Wheel that seemed like it would never end.

The following day was also raining but luckily most of the day we were inside. The first thing for the day was IMAX where we watched 'Born to be Wild' a documentary voiced by none other than Morgan Freeman. This was about 2 women that have been raising orphaned animals; one raised baby Elephants and the other Orang-utans. We then walked to the Powerhouse Museum which was great, mainly I'd say because it has a lot of interactive exhibits. After the museum we went back to the accommodation to eat so we wouldn't slowly become weak from starvation and we chilled out for a bit before heading off to Galaxy World. We played laser tag, dodgem cars, arcade games but the highlight of the night for me was when Mrs Sendy said that it was time to leave and I went to find Dante and there he was standing in front of a ticket machine. He had won 1000 tickets and they were shooting flat out from the machine and he was just standing there. He had no idea what to do. It was awesome. Anyway we went back the accommodation to get ready for the next day at the land of the animalia.

If you forget what day we're up to it is the one after Tuesday. We caught a ferry to Taronga Zoo and then got on the sky ride to inside the zoo. Apparently we hadn't paid for the sky ride but that's another story. Wow that was exhausting (say wow backwards) we stopped at the gift shop and I bought a spoon and lion face. Before we went in to talk with this lady we had a quick preview while we waited to go in. The lady (I would say her name but I forgot it) gave us a presentation on the history of Taronga Zoo and what they do there. She also showed us some animals (a snake, echidna and a blue tongued lizard). Lloyd managed to touch all of them except the snake. After that we split up and walked around the place. I got a train ride and at 2:00pm (I remembered) we watched a seal show, which was good. The best part of that was when Maddy Millito tried to kiss one of the seals. Once the seal show finished we decided to leave and go to Manly, when Whitey, Dante, Tom, Shay and I missed our ferry. But it's okay and it turned out alright except for when Whitey dropped his sunglasses in the harbour (never to be seen again). After our relaxation down at the beach we went back for tea before going to Sydney Tower, which I think was 309m (yeah I'm that good I looked at it and I just knew) they showed us a little film in 4D and then we whizzed up to the top. I must say at that height the view was great I could almost see my house from up there. This is where we met Mrs Sendy's sister and she chilled with us while we were up there. Yet again we headed back, our days were almost over. I think this was the night in our room when we had a dice problem (but never mind that).



Thursday 14th the final day that Sydney had to put up with the feral kids of B.C.S. (in no particular order) Whitey, Lloyd, Tom, Peter, Dante, Ryan, Jacob and I went to cricket while the rest of them went to the Aquarium. This day I probably spent most of my money on food (should've just starved) but it was a great experience and an excellent way to finish the excursion. The next day we got up and left on time and travelled back home to where you may be reading this (I didn't get sick on the way back either, YES!!) It was a great trip and thanks to Mr White, Mrs Sendy, Lloyd and Mrs Harper for organizing it and also thank you to Trent Nelson for writing this out.



BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Ph : _____

	SIZE (Please circle)							Price (\$)	Quantity	Sub-total (\$)
White Polo Top	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$17		
	S	M	L	X-LGE	2XL	3XL	\\	\$22		
Blue Sports Polo Top	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$20		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	2XL	3XL	\\	\$25		
Navy Girls Skorts	4	6	8	10	12	14	\\	\$22		
	10A	12A	14A	\\				\$22		
Navy Drop Waist Pleat Skirt	4	6	8	10	12	14	\\	\$25		
	10A	12A	14A	\\						
Unisex Navy Taslon Sports Shorts	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$14		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	\\					
Unisex Navy Gabardine Cargo Shorts	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$17		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	\\			\$20		
Navy Scrunchies (pack of 2)								\$2		
Navy Headband (pack of 2)								\$2		
BCS School Bag		SML			\\			\$55		
		LARGE			\\			\$65		
School Navy Bucket Hat (Primary Only)		SML 55cm	MED 57cm	LGE 59CM	\\			\$10		
School Navy Cap (Secondary Only)		One Size Fits All						\$10		
White Anklet Socks Unisex		Size 9-13		Size 13-3		Size 2-8		\$4		
Navy Sport Briefs		Size 6-8		Size 8-10		Size 10-12		\$2.50		

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 is OPEN every Friday at 10.00am – 1pm 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.

TERM FOUR – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 A	25 NOVEMBER <i>Primary Sports Day Merit Awards due for processing Exec meeting Art Club – 3-4pm</i>	26 <i>Homework Club @ 3pm Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing</i>	27 <i>Primary Assembly</i>	28 <i>Secondary Sports Day</i>	29
Week 9 B	2 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting Art Club – 3-4pm Intensive Swimming</i>	3 <i>Homework Club @ 3pm Intensive Swimming</i>	4 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	5 <i>Secondary Sports Day Intensive Swimming Maths & Trades Olympiad</i>	6 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 10 A	9 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting Art Club – 3-4pm Intensive Swimming</i>	10 <i>K-12 Presentation Night @ 7pm Intensive Swimming</i>	11 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	12 <i>Secondary Sports Day Intensive Swimming</i>	13 <i>Yr 6 Graduation Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 B	16 DECEMBER <i>Primary Sports Day Gold & Silver Award Excursion</i>	17	18 <i>Last day of school for students</i>	19 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	20

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

Canteen Corner

Thursday, 28th Nov

Homemade Hamburger with the lot \$5.00



RED DAY WEDNESDAY 27th Nov

**Please remember changes/new prices for this Term...if you need another copy of the new menu please write a note on your childs' next order.*

*Thank you. **