



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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ART EXHIBITION

Tuesday, 10 December at 6pm followed by our

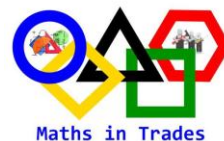
ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

We are showcasing the artwork of students from Kinder to Year 12 throughout the year. The exhibition features sculptures, paintings, drawings, photography and printmaking. The art competition will be judged and announced on the night!! We look forward to seeing you there.

PRIMARY CASUAL DAY

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Maths in Trades Olympiad



Pictured: Jamie Simpson, Bailey Brougham and Aaron Gervasi

The results from last week's very successful Maths in Trades Olympiad are in. Eight teams of three competitors battled it out to take out the coveted prize of an iPad mini. All eyes were on the prize as students spent the day flexing both their mathematical and fabricating skills in a bid to impress the judges. The teams had to complete both group and individual tasks to take out the prize. It wasn't until the end of the day that all components were added together to reveal the overall winner. (Please read page 3 of this Newsletter for a full report of the day).

Circus Performance

Roll up, roll up! The Balranald Circus will be presenting a small performance this Thursday, 12th December at the school, from 6pm. The core troupe have been training after school for the last 2 weeks to prepare, so there will be some neat tricks, sweet treats and a few surprises!

Please note that Years K, 1 and 2 are also invited to participate in an act at the start of the show. This is not compulsory and there are no additional rehearsals, but if you would like to join in, please arrive at the school at 5:30pm dressed in black (leggings, tight shorts and a singlet or t-shirt will be fine) to join in for a pre-show warm up.

Participants will be able to sit and watch the rest of the show.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Education & Communities

Primary Ponderings

This week our students have not stopped with the Circus Program, Intensive Swimming Program, Choir practice, Gingerbread House making, class picture painting and two excursions taking place. Somewhere in there our fantastically talented teachers still managed to provide some engaging lessons.

Students have had a wonderful time with Bec and Scott during their Circus lessons. They have been learning a variety of skills with all students showing improvement over the course of the week, trying hard to improve on their technique.

Our Intensive Swimming Program has continued this week, even with some much needed rain and a slight dip in the direction of the temperature gauge. The students have been able to continue their lessons utilising the indoor pool. Again it is pleasing to see the students challenge themselves and develop their water skills.

Our Junior and Senior Choir have been busy practicing for their performance in the main street on Thursday 12 December. Each choir will sing a few songs in front of Turps Tendercut Butchers at 1.40pm, sharing some Christmas Spirit with our community. Please come along and enjoy our talented students as they sing a few Christmas Carols.

Year 5/6 joined Mrs Sindy to begin making their Gingerbread Houses. In groups they prepared the mixture ready for baking of their little houses. Over the week the students will bake their houses and then decorate them with a few lollies.

This week Year 3/4 finished the painting of Santa on a strip of Calico which is on display in the front office. Students have all signed the picture which will be a nice memento of the 2013 Year 3/4 class to hang every December. Thanks to Miss Kaitlin Scott for helping to prepare the background and working with the students to mix the paint and create their masterpiece.

Both our K/1/2 and Year 5/6 students have been on an excursion. Year 5/6 visited Yanga National Park as part of their unit of work on 'Bush Tucker.' They travelled out by bus with Mrs Linnett and Miss Aliwarga to find out what sort of foods can be found in our local environment. K/1/2 visited The Pioneer Settlement with Mrs Lockhart and Mrs Harper, with the students enjoying immensely the activities on offer.



Don't forget the Primary Choir singing in front of Turps Tendercut Butchers on Thursday, 12 December at 1.40pm and the Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 10am on Friday, 13 December.

Students of the Week

For Week 10 Term 4, 2013:



K/Year 1/2 Michael Gorman
Year 3/4 Lauren Jess
Year 5/6 Jayden Wilkinson & Lily Dunn

PRIMARY CASUAL DAY

Tuesday, 10 December

This term we introduced PBL in the school and our Primary students have received an abundance of tickets. All three of our classes have covered plenty of squares on the Bingo Board, filling a few rows each.

As a reward for this positive behaviour all Primary students can wear casual clothes on Tuesday 10 December and will also receive an icy pole at recess. K/1/2 and Year 5/6 will also receive a soft drink for filling an extra row - well done to all students for such a great term.

Maths in Trades

Students were judged in three areas.

1. **Employability skills:** These were Teamwork, Problem Solving, Planning and Organising and Communication. Mrs Annette Gorham from the DEC VET Directorate spent the day observing students as they tackled the many challenges and problems thrown at them. Needless to say she was impressed with the way in which all teams worked together.
2. **Math problems:** There were four problems in this competition. The first was a group problem where teams were handed the plans and had to work out the area and perimeter of the job they were to complete. IMC Industrial blew the competition by solving the group problem very quickly and was able to progress onto the next challenge before the rest. There were three other individual problems where one by one each team member was locked in a room to complete their problem. They were removed from their other team members for 15 minutes. Mr Bevan oversaw these activities. This was the area of the competition that would have the biggest impact on the final result.
3. **Fabrication skills:** This involved teams fabricating a dust pan. This section was judged by Sunraysia TAFE teachers Jack Barry and Chris Gaston. Both teachers were impressed with quality of the product produced by all teams, particularly since most team members have only had less than 30 hours of instruction in metal fabrication over the course of the year.



It was an amazing event to watch unfold. The level of teamwork and focus demonstrated by all competitors was intense throughout the day. All teams worked and encouraged each other as a level of productive hum was evident around the arena throughout the day.

The Maths in Trades Olympiad was a fitting end to the 2013 Maths in Trades program. The Olympiad was an idea that I had and I would like to thank Sunraysia TAFE for enthusiastically coming on board to make an idea a reality. In particular Mr Devon Andrews for embracing the Maths in Trades program and the Olympiad. The format was something that we made up and a competition like this is currently not available in any other schools. Balranald Central School is extremely lucky to have a fantastic partnership with Sunraysia TAFE. A thank you to Mr Riesinger for not only allowing us to offer such a valuable program, but allowing me to purchase such fantastic prizes for the Olympiad winners.

Finally, congratulations to **JAB Welding and Contruction**, made up of Bailey Brougham, Jamie Simpson and Aaron Gervasi who took out **GOLD** on the day. Five points behind for **SILVER** was the **Three Metal Birds**, made up of Gabi Ryan, Shania Bax and Chelsie Scott. The **BRONZE** was taken out by **IMC Industrial**, made up of Isabella Harding, Mitchell Griffiths and Caitlin Simpson.

Congratulations to all competitors.

Maths in Trades will be back next year. The following year groups will be involved in the program in the following order:

- Term 1: Year 9
- Term 2: Year 8
- Term 3: Year 10
- Term 4: Year 7

Notes will be out this week for Year 9 as their first day in the workshop will be the first day back at school for 2014. Bring on the 2014 competition.

Stobon Lloyd
Careers Advisor



2013 Olympiad Final results

Teams	Employability Skills				Maths Problems				Fabrication				TOTAL 180	RANK
	Teamwork /5	Problem Solving /5	Planning and Organising /5	Communication /5	Group Task /15	Indiv 1 /15	Indiv 2 /15	Indiv 3 /15	Marking /20	Assemble /30	Handle /20	Finished Product /30		
NG Consolidated	5	4	4	5	12	5	0	9	16	22	12	19	113	4
JAM Welding Construction	4	4	5	5	14	12	6	10	19	25	12	25	141	1
J Metal Birds	5	5	4	5	13	0	15	15	15	23	12	24	136	2
JCM Welding Chicks	3	3	4	4	10	7	0	2	14	21	12	20	100	6
HKJ Engineering	3	3	4	5	11	0	0	2	13	24	17	23	105	5
SSW Welding Engineering	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	12	15	22	12	18	91	7
INC Industrial	3	4	3	3	15	15	0	2	17	20	12	21	115	3
CCS Exotic Tool Welding	4	4	3	3	0	0	0	4	15	23	12	22	90	8



SRC Primary Disco

Come dressed in a costume that starts with the first letter of your name.



5.30 -7.30pm

Children need to be collected. They will not be allowed to walk home

\$2 entry

Food available

BBQ Tea—Sausage in bread \$2

Soft Drinks \$2

Chocolate Bars \$2

Super Doopers \$1

Small bags Chips 60c

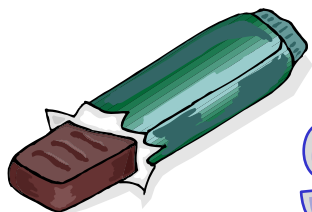
French Fries and Cheezels \$1.50



Glow Products Available

Finger Lights \$1 each

Glow Bangles 4 for \$1



Secondary Social

8.00 - 10.00pm

Come dressed in a costume that starts with the first letter of your name or casual clothes.

Students will leave the school's premises at 10pm

Prizes for best costumes

Learning Extension Academic Program

The following students are high achievers in the areas of Mathematics and Science. This program is an enrichment experience for three students from Balranald Central and St Joseph's schools.



Year 6 extension program: Tessa of St. Joseph's and Sophie are busy making a "volcano".

Tessa of St. Joseph's, Sophie and Jayden are so into the volcano!



Sophie is creating "eruption" as Lily is watching on.



Sophie, Lily and Jayden are recreating Jurassic era around the volcano.



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 Ankle 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 10 A	9 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Art Club – 3-4pm <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	10 K-12 Presentation Night @ 7pm <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	11 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	12 Secondary Sports Day <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	13 <i>Yr 6 Graduation</i> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 B	16 DECEMBER <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Gold & Silver Award Excursion</i>	17	18 Last day of school for students	19 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	20

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

Canteen Corner

Thursday 12th December

Roast Turkey-Breast Sub with Cranberry Sauce, Grated Cheese & Lettuce



** Please settle any outstanding accounts this week*
*** Please note canteen ONLY OPEN for RECESS Wed 18th**

Thank you for supporting your canteen in 2013



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GUITAR LESSONS AVAILABLE

2014 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

Will Eldridge is currently living in your area and he is now teaching one-to-one guitar lessons during school hours at Moulamein and Balranald schools.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity then please contact us at South West Music Regional Conservatorium, Deniliquin, immediately and we will send you an enrolment package. Parents pay for the lessons and the school provides the teaching space.

South West Music Regional Conservatorium

The Department of Education & Communities funds South West Music. We are based in Deniliquin and we currently employ 6 teachers who deliver programs in guitar, drum kit, vocals, piano, trumpet, flute, ukulele, banjo, double bass and music theory.