



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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### 2013 STUDENT VOICES

For sale at the  
front office for  
\$10

### SCHOOL STARTING DATES FOR TERM 1, 2014

Wednesday, 5  
February for  
students  
Years 1 to 12

Friday, 7 February  
for students in  
Kindergarten

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



*Pictured: Primary Choir*

On Thursday, 12 December our Primary Choir brought a bit of Christmas Cheer to the main street of Balranald when they sang a few Christmas Carols in front of Turps Tendercut Butchers. They did a fabulous job and should be very proud of themselves.

## CIRCUS PERFORMANCE



*Pictured: Balranald Central School Circus Performers*

Students presented an outstanding performance last Thursday evening. See page 10 of this Newsletter.



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# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week eleven of term four. Yes its official we have actually made it to the last week of the school year. What a year it's been. Quite apart from all the endless activities that make up the cycle of school life. There has been many, many hours of high quality teaching and learning across the whole school. Last week we all saw evidence of just that at our Presentation Night. How lucky are we as a school to have the combined talents and enthusiasm of students, parents, teachers, in class support, SASS and the community. Another outstanding highlight was the performance by the amazingly large group of students who had become so intensely involved in the circus during the in class and after school workshops. The finale of the program was just fantastic. The completely absorbed role play of the students was incredible to see and enjoy. The announcer skills are becoming very refined as well, as demonstrated by so many of our students. Next year promises to be even bigger and better if that's possible. More details on how this will be operated as the information is shared with the school. Suffice it to say that we will be involved in some way, shape or form.

On the Maths in Trades front the Olympiad has been run and won. Congratulations to all students who participated and saw quite another side of the coin when thinking about practical endeavours. A very special thank you to Stobon Lloyd who has driven this initiative with an enthusiasm that I can only admire. The support and assistance of Devon Andrews and the team from Sunraysia TAFE has been outstanding. We will continue this very worthwhile program next year and look at ways to give it more strength and vigour. The success of this program is hugely due to the work of all involved and the spirited and enthusiastic support of our students.

Our primary students who have achieved Gold or Silver levels are off to their reward excursion to Mildura today. Congratulations to all those deserving students, I'm sure they will have a fantastic time.

This week will also see the release of the HSC results to students via their passwords and the school on Wednesday. We wish all our students the very best with their results. There is quite a level of anticipation out amongst the combined group.

As our planning for next year is in place we are very much dependant on a number of other positions to be finalised. One of these is the RAR and teaching position at Clare PS. This should be well and truly finalised early this week. This will very much impact on our planning for staffing to cover the Year 3/4 class next year. Currently there are three possible versions in play with each having critical intersecting points. We will be very relieved once all these circumstance are resolved.

School for students finishes on Wednesday, with staff completing the year on Thursday with a SDD. As part of the day we will be farewelling a number of staff; Mr Luke Kelleher,

Miss Yulina Aliwarga, Miss Shelly Day, Mr Keith Lee and Mr Steven Smith. We will hugely miss the combined talents of these people. Each has added a particular essence to our staff balance. I'm also quite sure that our students will miss them all in by far more significant ways than they are willing to acknowledge.

As many of you may already know I have decided to take leave at the start of next year. There are too many reasons for why I need this to explain. But suffice it to say that at this present time my plans do include coming back at the start of term 2 fully refreshed and ready for the ever increasing onslaught of the DEC's endless changes. I should also say that I do have a priority transfer in as well but the number of schools on my list is quite restricted. At present there is very little chance of getting any of these, unless the current principal leaves one of those schools.

I would like to thank everyone who takes the time and effort to be such a vital part of the school. Without this level of support our task would be by far more difficult. My thanks to Sam Lockhart as President of the P & C. We are very lucky to have such a talented and motivated team of parents who are willing to give so much of their time and energy to fund raising projects that include all the wonderful programs across the school. You are an absolute asset and resource to be held in awe. The SASS staff team lead by Peter Christian our SAM, made up of Sharon Nelson, Michelle Gervasi, Sue Campbell, Pam Barker, Jo Salau, Drew Connellan our GA and Woody Longford our AEO. A connected part of this team are our in class support staff Vicki Lister our TSO, Lloyd Murray, Steven Smith, Sarah Pollard, Zoe Fuller and Lorraine Bax.

My heartfelt thanks go to my executive team of Mr Bruce Scott, Mrs Nadine Matarazzo, Miss Stobon Lloyd and Mr Richard White. Your hard work has made my job by far more manageable. The very capable and talented teaching staff of the school, made up of many diverse characters that gel together to produce outstanding results every day in classrooms and beyond. Parents, carers and families who make up such an important aspect of our shared support structure within the school. Without your assistance we would be very much poorer in terms of the relationship and teamwork of educating our young people. Your confidence and trust are very positive signs that we are doing a worthwhile job in educating and developing your children.

Can I ask that you all have a very well deserved break from the rigours of every day school. But that we are all ready for the inevitable onslaught at the start of another challenging year in 2014.

All the best everyone and have a great break and festive season. May your celebrations be enjoyable and appropriate to your faith and culture.

# Primary Ponderings

Assembly's - tick, Presentation Night- tick, Year 6 Graduation - tick, Swimming - tick, Circus - tick, excursions - tick, PBL - tick, learning - tick, fun - tick, more than a few tired students - tick! The end of the 2013 school year is upon us and it is one that as Assistant Principal I shall look back on fondly. The students, parents and the wider community have made me feel very welcome in Balranald and I am already looking forward to the challenges that 2014 will bring. I would like to wish a merry Christmas to each and every one of you and hope that you stay safe until we see you all in the new year.

The end of the year has been a very busy time for us all, just look at the amount of pages in our newsletter this week. Last week our Primary Choir, both Junior and Senior put on a stellar performance in the main street, sharing Christmas cheer with their community. It was pleasing to see so many people show up to hear our students rendition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Nuttin for Christmas, Santa's Aussie Mixup, The Twelve Aussie Days of Christmas and the fast paced Aussie Jingle Bells. Thanks to Mr Kelleher for his fantastic guitar playing and Mrs Bevan for her invaluable assistance in helping prepare and practice with the choir.

The Year 6 graduation on Friday gave us the opportunity to farewell the students as they finish their primary journey. The students did a great job in helping to prepare for the day, particularly the two PowerPoints. A big thank you to Sophie Renfrey for the time she put in to make the Powerpoints ready for the assembly. Family and friends joined us in celebrating their achievement and wishing them all the best for their future. Thanks to Mrs Linnett for the time spent organising their special day.

The last big hurrah for the year will be our class parties. These will be held on Tuesday 17 December starting at lunchtime (12.40pm) in the students' classroom. Teachers have been working with their students to organise what food and drink they would like on the day and the times that the students will bring in to share. This is always a fun time as the teachers are given the opportunity to celebrate all the hard work for the year with their class.

Next year Kindergarten students will have their first full day of school on Friday, 7 February. On the first two days of school, Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 our new Kindergarten students will meet with their classroom teacher to participate in the Best Start Assessment. The *Best Start Kindergarten Assessment* is designed to identify each student's literacy and numeracy skills and understanding at the beginning of Kindergarten. The test takes approximately 40 minutes and

gives the classroom teacher a clear understanding of where they are starting their learning journey from. A letter will be sent home letting parents know which day and time they will need to come in.

We are still in the process of finalising our staffing for 2014, working to make sure we have the best possible staff in place for all of our primary cohort. We will still have a K/1/2, Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 and be assured we will be ready to go on the first day of 2014 for another year of learning, activities and a little bit of fun along the way.

## TENNIS

### JANUARY TENNIS CAMP Balranald 2014

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Advanced -

Group 1 start 8.30am – 10.30am daily

Intermediate –

Group 2 start 10.00am – 12.00 daily

Beginner –

Group 3 start 11.30am- 1.30pm daily

**Cost \$50 for 3 days**

Camp includes – Coaching, Match play, Group games, prizes to be won and a tennis racquet to be won.

*Bookings essential!*

*So come along and have some fun!!!*

*Any enquiries call*

*Kevin Murphy (Jnr) 0417359721*

*Kim Lloyd 03 5020 1889*

*Private lessons available through Kevin \$25/half hour*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical

Cond/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please bring this along with payment on first morning for sign in at 8.15 am)*



## BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS 2013



*Kindergarten Class Merit Awards*



*Year 4 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 1 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 5 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 2 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 6 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 3 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 7 Class Merit Awards*



## BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS 2013



*Year 8 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 12 Class Merit Awards*



*Year 9 Class Merit Awards*



*Balranald Central School Gold Awards*



*Year 10 Class Merit Awards*



*CWA Primary Citizenship & Food Technology Awards*



*Year 11 Class Merit Awards*



*Balranald ICPA NSW Inc. Commitment to Education Awards*



## BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS 2013



*John Williams MP Year 7-9 Citizenship Award  
Sussan Ley MP Year 10-12 Citizenship Award*



*Employment Works Academic Effort & Achievement  
Charles Sturt University Outstanding Academic Achievement*



*Primary Balranald Shire Council Cultural Achievement Award*



*Balranald/Tooleybuc Teachers Federation Award*



*Masonic Lodge Primary Citizenship Award  
Balranald & District Ex-Servicemen's Memorial Club*



*MICEEP Local Community Partnership VET Awards*



*Essential Energy Technology & Applied Studies Award*



*Primary & Secondary Balranald Senior Citizens Awards*



## BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS 2013



*Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Awards*



*Principal's Awards*



*Reuben F Scarf Effort Award*



*Primary & Secondary Captains for 2014*



*Caltex Best All Rounder Award*



*Primary Athletics Champions*



*Barranald Central School 2012 Dux Award*



*Secondary Athletics Champions*



## BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS 2013



*Primary Swimming Champions*



*Primary Outstanding Sporting Achievement*



*Secondary Swimming Champions*



*Secondary Outstanding Sporting Achievement*



*Primary Sportswoman & Sportsman Achievement*



*Sunraysia Institute of TAFE Maths in Trades Awards*



*Secondary Sportswoman & Sportsman Achievement*



*SRC Award*



## ART EXHIBITION



It was fantastic to be able to celebrate the achievements of students who have participated in Art through our school Art Exhibition held on Presentation night. The seminar room had a colourful array of artworks from Kindergarten all the way up to Stage 6. Works on display included art that had been created in Art Club, Year 8 Visual Arts, Stage 6, secondary interest group and primary Art that had been made with their teachers.

Well done to the winners of the Art Competition. It was a tough decision to make for our judge Michelle White. The winner for primary was Logan Gaston who drew a picture of his wheat farm, which included real wheat

and dirt that had been glued to the surface. Isabella Harding won in the secondary section for her detailed drawing of a lion done in lead pencil, and the people's choice winner went to Amy Campbell for her wood log watercolour and charcoal artwork.

It has been great to see such positive enthusiasm towards Art and all the students who had their works on display should be very proud of their artworks.

A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the Art Exhibition.





## Year 5/6 Excursion to Yanga

Ms Aliwarga, Mrs Linnett and Year 5/6 visited Yanga Homestead at Yanga National Park on Thursday, 5 December 2013. The excursion incorporated parts of their unit in 'Food for the Tucker Box'. The tour started in the Cook's Cottage where Ranger Mon (Mrs Simone Carmichael) explained the history of Yanga and some artefacts that were displayed. Students also had the opportunity to have a hands-on experience with various bush tuckers, artefacts and resource plants. Then we were shown the Homestead and we walked down to the Lookout where we saw Yanga Lake and Pelican Point. We continued walking along the shore until we came to a Shell Midden. Shell Middens are the remains of camps where freshwater mussels are eaten and discarded. Close by, we saw a Ring Tree created by tying 2 branches together to form a ring which is significant to the indigenous people.



*Pictured: Ranger Mon explaining one of the bush tuckers*



*Pictured: Students completing Yanga Excursion worksheets*



*Pictured: Abbey, Faith and Hope in Cook's Cottage with a Brown Snake skin*

## BALRANALD CIRCUS

*The Balranald Circus (and Flea Circus!) presented their fantastic 'sideshow' inspired performance last Thursday evening in the school hall. Scott and I were very impressed with the level of commitment, creativity and enthusiasm from all of the performers. A huge thankyou to Balranald Central School, Erich Riesinger, Bruce Scott and Kate Harper for making the circus program possible at such a busy time of the year, Luke Kelleher for being our 'techie', all of the wonderful administration staff, the P & C for creating a true carnival atmosphere with popcorn and fairy floss and Drew Connellan for assisting in production and always being ready to try and help make the big dreams possible!*

*Our senior students and trainee trainers were fantastic, as they generously donated their time to attend workshops nearly every day, supporting both us and the younger participants. Big thanks to Alisha Eade, Kimba Holmes, Steven Hooker, Ryan Campbell, Cody Arduino and Alex Comitti for this. A shout-out also for Julius, who was a very committed acrobat and came to training every session but was unfortunately not well on the day of the show. Thank you to OTYP, Balranald Shire Council and Euston Club for financial support, The Balranald Caravan Park for putting us up, and Sharlene at the Shamrock for making sure we all got a feed after the show! Looking forward to doing more circus next year!!*

*xo Bec*



## BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL 2014 BOOK LIST

### KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2

- reader folder
- school bag
- library bag
- school hat
- glue stick
- smock supplied

### YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

- pencil case
- colour and lead pencils
- textas
- blue and red pens
- glue stick
- ruler
- eraser
- reader folder
- library bag
- school hat
- old shirt for art
- school bag

### Writing Equipment/ Stationery (YEARS 7 TO 12)

Students require the minimum: lead pencils, blue or black pen, red pen, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighters, plastic sleeves, scissors, glue stick, geometry set and scientific calculator (which may be purchased for \$20.00 from the school).

**ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS NEED A USB (AT LEAST 5GB) AND THEIR OWN HEADPHONES**

*It is recommended that all secondary students have at least 4, A4 clear display folders.*

### YEAR 7

ENGLISH	192 page A4 exercise book, USB drive
MATHEMATICS	192 page A4 exercise book, geometry set, 300 mm ruler, scientific calculator
SCIENCE	192 page A4 exercise book, 300 mm ruler
HSIE	192 page A4 exercise book
PD/H/PE	64 page A4 exercise book
MUSIC	64 page A4 exercise book
LOTE	64 page A4 exercise book
ART	Nil – all supplied
TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY	A4 clear display folder

## Year 9 Agricultural Technology meets the school sheep

Year 9 Agricultural Technology students started developing their sheep handling skills under the expert supervision of Mr White and the Year 10 students. This was an extremely entertaining affair with most of the school sheep ending up with a smile on their face. Trent, Shania and Shay were particularly keen to take their time performing the task. Lachlan, Dante, Adam and Sterling (after a bit of negotiation) showed some ability with the woolly jumpers. Can't wait till next time!





**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.



# What has your SRC done for you in 2013?



- Painted and hung murals
- Restored basketball rings and boards
- RU Ok Day cupcake-o-gram
- Wear Purple for Halo Day
- Footy Colours Day
- Black Balloon Day
- School Emblem Mosaic
- Good Friday Appeal pizzas
- Helping Hands Program
- Primary and Secondary Disco

This year we have farewelled five very valued members of the SRC, Morgan Lister, Fraser White, Nathan Jolliffe, Michael Simpson and Kaitlyn Duffy. These five people have been helping in the SRC for up to 7 years.

A special thanks to Morgan Lister and Fraser White, who put in a special effort helping the SRC, Morgan with her up front approach to life was always out there always helping us to get things done and was always first to raise her hand to make a speech or two! Fraser was the man to go to if you ever needed help behind the scenes, he was always there to help whether it was making pizza or helping Michelle to get things done!

On behalf of the SRC, we would now like to thank and farewell these students who have finished Year 12. We have very big shoes to fill but will try our best to take over the role of these fantastic role models.

Our biggest thanks goes to Mrs Michelle White! Mrs White has been running the SRC for as long as we can remember. We couldn't have gotten to where we are today if it wasn't for her and her husband Mr White. Michelle is always willing to help and loves the SRC. She is one amazing lady. Thanks so much Mrs White we couldn't have done this without you!





## TERM FOUR – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 11 B</b>	<b>16 DECEMBER</b> <i>Primary Sports Day Gold &amp; Silver Award Excursion</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Last day of school for students</i>	<b>19</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>20</b>

## TERM ONE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 B</b>	<b>27 JANUARY</b> <b>Australia Day</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Week 2 A</b>	<b>3 FEBRUARY</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	<b>4</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>5</b> <i>Yr 1 to 12 First Day of School Kinder Best Start Testing</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Secondary Sports Day Kinder Best Start Testing</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Kinder First Day of School Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 3 B</b>	<b>10 FEBRUARY</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Secondary Sports Day K-Yr 12 Twilight Swimming Carnival</i>	<b>14</b> <b>No Classes</b> <b>Canteen Closed</b>
<b>Week 4 A</b>	<b>17 FEBRUARY</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Primary Assembly</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Secondary Sports Day</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 5 B</b>	<b>24 FEBRUARY</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Secondary Sports Day</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>

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

## P&amp;C RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Renfrey Family
2. Ian Bridgewood
3. Ellen Sendy