



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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P&C Meeting

Monthly & AGM

Change of date

Tuesday, 26 February
at 6.30pm
In Staff Room

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Wednesday, 6 March
See inside Newsletter for
details

Primary Assembly
Friday, 1 March
at 12pm

Moulamein District PSSA Swimming Carnival



On Friday, 22 February the group of Primary students pictured above represented Balranald Central School at the Moulamein District Primary Swimming Carnival held at the Swan Hill Swimming Pool. Results will be published in next week's Newsletter.

Primary Students of the Week

For Week 5 Term 1, 2013:

K/Year 1 /2 Chloe Gorman
Year 3/4 Mason Dalton
Year 5/6 William Scott



Student Banking is on Wednesdays!!!



Education &
Communities

Mrs Gorman is looking for 500g round margarine containers to use with K-1-2 in their Library lesson. If you have any could you please bring them into the front office? Thank you.



Smile!

School Photos are on **Wednesday, 6 March** 2013.



Information and Envelopes will be sent home shortly.

EVERY student must return their envelope - even if they are not buying photos.

Family photo order envelopes will be available at the front office.

Students **must** be dressed in full summer uniform. They must either have the proper school shirt with the BCS logo OR a plain white polo shirt. **NO** Riverina, Cricket or Netball shirts for the group photos. Black school shoes should also be worn.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Year 5/6 are holding the annual Easter Egg Raffle. Proceeds go towards the Year 5/6 Ballarat excursion in October.

Could all primary students contribute an egg for the Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 28 March? All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.

Tickets are on sale for 50c – 1 ticket



TASKS DUE THIS WEEK

Monday, 25

Year 8	IT Quiz (Photoshop)
Year 10	Online History Quiz

Thursday, 28

Year 12	Hospitality Portfolio
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Friday, 29

Year 10	English (rough draft)
Year 10	History Assignment

DUE

TASKS DUE NEXT WEEK

Monday, 4 March

Year 11	SLR Aquatics Assessment
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Friday, 8 March

Year 10	English Assignment
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Balranald Junior Football Club

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 2 March 2013

10.00am

Junior Football Shed

ALL WELCOME!!!

K-12 NOTES

Moulamein District PSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 22 February some of our Primary Students represented our school at the PSSA District Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Well done to all of the students who competed on the day. Results will be published in next week's Newsletter. Thanks to Mrs Linnett for organising the carnival and Mrs Stevens and Mr Longford for helping with supervision.

Home Reading

Hopefully students will have recorded at least one week of home reading by now. Students may read books from school or home. At school resources are found in the library and in the classrooms, at home books can be those from the public library, family library or even those borrowed from friends. Newspapers, magazines and comics are an acceptable reading material to provide some variety, particularly for students in senior primary. Don't forget the value of Book Club, with many books available for purchase twice a term when the catalogues are sent home. *BOOKS READ SHOULD BE AT THE READING LEVEL (not necessarily the age) OF THE CHILD.*

When participating in home reading students may read on their own quietly, on their own but out aloud, share the reading with an adult or be read to/read with an adult. Don't forget to help students record their good reading habits in their journal. Don't forget to sign in the signature column. When your child has read for 25 nights, they need to bring in their book for their teacher to sign and receive a merit award.

No Hat, No Play! Don't forget all students are required to wear a **school hat** in the playground at all times. Please ensure you send a hat to school with your child.

ICAS Competitions

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. ICAS are developed annually for primary and secondary school students in the subject areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

A new ICAS paper for each subject in each year level is developed annually with all papers reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are designed to be relevant to what they are learning at school.

ICAS tests are implemented by teachers in schools under normal examination conditions. Administration Guidelines are provided with ICAS papers to ensure that the same conditions are afforded to all students sitting ICAS, with over one million student entries accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

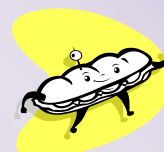
Please consider allowing your child to participate in these tests, prices and dates will be included in next week's newsletter.

Homework Club

Miss Jones would like to remind all students and parents that the Homework Club has started again. The club is open each Tuesday afternoon between 3.00 – 4.00pm and is available to all students in both primary and secondary. Students will be provided with afternoon tea in the quad, after which they will be taken to work on their tasks. The number of students who attended in our first week was very pleasing and it was fantastic to see these students attend and be supported by additional staff members who have volunteered their time to assist.

Canteen Corner

THURSDAY 28th



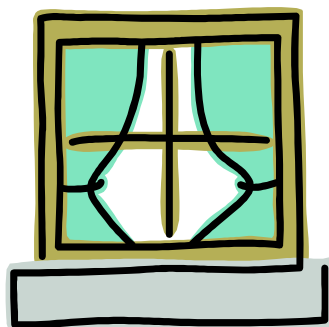
Lamb Souvlaki \$4.50

with lettuce, tomato, cheese & garlic mayo

Don't forget to bring some spare change for a Red Day Treat on Wednesday 27th

Big thank-you to the mums who have helped so far, would love to see some new faces this week. If you can spare an hour or two please text Wyneta 0428 177 730

Through my Window



Year 7 English started the school year by writing a poem called “Through my Window”. They had to describe their bedrooms and what they can see outside the window in the wider world. It was a good lesson in taking something quite ordinary and writing about it imaginatively – turning it into the extraordinary.

All poems are displayed in Room 17. These are Mrs Matarazzo’s favourite lines from our poems!

Harrison

I see my red and blue guitars as they shine into my eyes from the reflection of the sun

Jordyn

My hanging medals

Clang

Clash

Clatter together as I open and shut my door

Emma

My beanbag is pink and it scrunches and squishes as I sink slowly down to watch TV

Kobe

Through my window I also see some green grass that’s recently been mowed and
My black and white dog sleeping in the shade.
Peacefully. Quiet.

Kiandra

My bed is so nice that when you lay on it it’s like you are in a puffy cloud

Madison

The black TV is glaring at me as I look at it.
On the shelf there are washed and folded clothes.
Sitting. Still. Waiting to be worn and washed again.

Courtney

I have a calendar with a lot of colours and all the dates I need to remember

Chloe M

Looking out my window at the green grass with big trees

Palms reaching up to the sky

James

In the morning I lie in bed awaiting an alarming noise that will wake me up

Jack

Changing channels, looking for a movie to watch,
Stop. Pressing. Buttons. Lots of action. Lots of fun.

Daniel

Many eyes are looking down at me from the Gary Ablett posters on my wall
If they could talk they’d say “Grab a book from the shelf
And give it a try”

Tyrell

I see my Xbox360 buzzing in the corner when I have had it on too long

Will

I see a red and white tower stretching to the sky and the clouds billow by
A bright light flashes flashes flashes flashes flashes to infinity.
At its base is a tall gum tree,
Thin leaves reaching out like old hands.

TERM ONE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 B	25 FEBRUARY <u>Exec meeting</u>	26 Zone Swimming @ Deniliquin	27 STUDENT BANKING	28 Secondary Sports Day	1 MARCH <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Primary Assembly @ 12pm
Week 6 A	4 MARCH Merit Awards due for processing <u>Exec meeting</u>	5	6 School Photos Open Boys/Girls Soccer @ Finley STUDENT BANKING	7 Secondary Sports Day	8 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 7 B	11 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> Regional Swimming @ Leeton	12	13 STUDENT BANKING	14 Secondary Sports Day	15 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Primary Assembly @ 12pm
Week 8 A	18 MARCH Merit Awards due for processing <u>Exec meeting</u> Tennis & Bowls @ Barham	19	20 STUDENT BANKING	21 Secondary Sports Day	22 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 9 B	25 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u>	26	27 STUDENT BANKING	28 Secondary Sports Day Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly	29 Good Friday
Week 10 A	1 APRIL Easter Monday	2	3 STUDENT BANKING	4 Secondary Sports Day	5 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 11 B	8 APRIL 15's Boys/Girls Soccer @ Hay	9 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	10 STUDENT BANKING	11 Secondary Sports Day	12 Last Day of Term 1, 2013

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

PLEASE DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE

All mobile phones received will be recycled for reuse. This means they will be refurbished for resale. Each handset is restored to factory conditions and all sim card and memory cards are destroyed. Any phones that are beyond repair will be broken down into their constituent parts and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers. The school will receive \$3 for every mobile phone returned.

Please drop your unwanted mobile phones into the front office.