



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Notes to be returned to the school's front office:

School Aerobics due by Monday, 11 March

Moulamein District PSSA Football/Netball Trials due by Wednesday, 13 March

Primary Scripture Classes due by Friday, 15 March

Immunisations Consent Forms due Friday, 15 March

ICAS Competitions

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DUE

Tuesday, 12 March

Maths in Trades

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The Balranald Central School and Sunraysia Institute Maths in Trades program now is in full swing. Sunraysia Institute teacher Devon Andrews is enjoying using the new Metals trades' facilities. Year 9 are very enthusiastic about their opportunity to develop their metal trade skills. Students have completed the mandatory Workplace Safety requirements of the room and are now in the process of applying their engineering and maths skills to build a bevel square.



Maths skills covered so far are:

- Measuring
- Area
- Perimeter and
- Calculating quantities of materials required.

Engineering skills covered so far are:

- Using hand tools
- Using the mill
- Basic Welding
- Using marking out tools and
- Using the drill.



It is great to hear of students making the connections with what they have learnt in Maths classes. When working out a geometry problem, and getting it right one student remarked "So Mrs Coates does know what she is talking about in Maths".

Year 9 will complete the program at the end of Term 1 and Year 10 will have the opportunity to undertake the program in Term 2.



Pictured: Year 9 students participating in the Maths in Trades Program.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week 7 of the school term. This Term is always a challenge for students and parents alike. We have what seems to be an endless parade of representative Carnivals with an increasing burden placed on a few families. The P & C has been looking at ways to make this a more equitable process. I anticipate some discussion before they come up with a plan to assist those parents that do so much of the travelling.

While I am conscious of the importance of ensuring that the school continues to be a very stable and supportive environment for students, staff and parents. There are a few very significant things happening that potentially could have a long term impact on the school and education as we know it. The Gonski action is very definitely one of these. I would not like to be in a situation where I had to explain to the next generation of students why they are missing out on resources while very well to do schools continue to flourish with every conceivable advantage. Surely all our kids deserve a more level playing field than that. The current funding model has very severe structural defects that need to be addressed. This is our chance to do just that. I would ask that parents and friends take the time to let politicians know how you feel. In terms of making a stand this is the opportunity. Once the funding processes have been locked in place they will continue for the life of the agreement. It has taken quite a number of years for this chance to transpire. Let's make a difference now! This has been a focus for the State P & C organisation for some time. With numerous meeting and media events to raise everyone's awareness of this critical need.

Last week saw the release of another major reform plan. Great Teaching, Inspired Learning, this has as its centre piece a plan to lift the quality of teaching right across the life cycle of a teachers career. There are many aspects to this and it will take some time to unpack all the various areas that it deals with. Just a quick summary, it has to do with recruiting the best and brightest and those with an aptitude for teaching, more support for beginning teachers, professional learning for teachers aligned to the professional teaching standards, recognition and reward for teaching excellence and a stronger emphasis on succession planning and support for school leaders. As part of this process there is a blueprint for action to be put in place in the near future.

While all of these things manifest themselves on our daily school lives, it is probably timely that we enjoy the successes of our students as they contest swimming and other sports that will take over at the end of the week. All the things that make our school world such a rich environment for all our students! I hope we can encourage our Primary students in their endeavours on Friday as they compete in Football and Netball trials.

Friday is also the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, with the theme being Take a Stand Together. This will be our way of showing that these behaviours have no place in our school or beyond. It would be fantastic if we could all share this message with our kids and families.

All the best.

To die without the time

does the poor man grieve the death of his friend?
he might drown in the sorrow but see the day to its end
does middleclass man grieve waste he calls his
scraps?

he can but they meet the waists of hungry laps.

can you cry for those that you do not know?
those who died in war under the tracers glow
and can you take charge and lead us to a goal?
and to take to the hills on a treacherous patrol?

would you support the veteran who has finished all his
time?

would you be prepared to die without the time?

are there words you left unspoken in the speech for
those who passed?

can you look at me and remember not my past?
can you tell me honestly what you would say
if there was no time for you no more of the day?

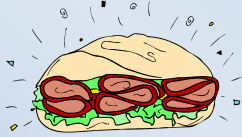
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would you be prepared to die without the time?

Canteen Corner

THURSDAY 14th

Gourmet Roll \$4.50



**Cold Roast Beef, Homemade Relish
Cos Lettuce & Cheese in a fresh Long Roll**

Please remember:
If you can spare an hour or two on a
Tuesday or Wednesday
please text Wyneta 0428 177 730.
Canteen credit offered

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



Year 5/6 are also holding a bulb drive to raise money for the end of year excursion to Ballarat and Melbourne. If you wish to purchase bulbs please contact a student in Year 5/6 or Mrs Linnett. Orders and monies are due back at school on Tuesday, 12 March 2013.



TASKS DUE WEEK 8

Thursday, 21 March

Year 12 English Studies – Harmony Day
Presentation
Year 12 English Standard - Presentation

DUE

TASKS DUE WEEK 9

Wednesday, 27 March

Year 7 English writing task

2013 ICAS Competitions

The entry fee per student is as follows:



Closing Date

Computer Skills 23/04/13
Science 08/05/13
Spelling 21/05/13
Writing 20/05/13
English 03/07/13
Mathematics 16/07/13
ALL of the above

Cost

\$ 8.00
\$ 8.00
\$11.00
\$17.00
\$ 8.00
\$ 8.00
\$60.00



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Please tick choices to be entered:

- ☐ Computer Skills (\$ 8.00)
☐ Science (\$ 8.00)
☐ Spelling (\$11.00)
☐ Writing (\$17.00)
☐ English (\$ 8.00)
☐ Mathematics (\$ 8.00)
☐ ALL of the above (\$60.00)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: / /

Primary Students of the Week



For Week 7 Term 1, 2013:

K/Year 1 /2 Khy Jess

Year 3/4 Darcy Carmichael

Year 5/6 Abbie Renfrey

NSW SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

This year the following vaccines will be offered:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine for all Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students, and to Year 9 male students, as a 3-dose course over a six month period (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8)
- Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have never received a course of Hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.

Parent Information Kits have been sent home. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to school by Friday, 15 March 2013.

Boys in NSW high schools are offered human papillomavirus (HPV) from this year to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer. HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus.

Please note for the HPV vaccine only, you must record your Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and, for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

The Secondary SRC are planning to redo the murals outside the toilets. If any secondary students who enjoy painting would like to be involved please see Mrs White, Morgan Lister or Fraser White.

The SRC will be selling mini pizzas and soft drinks on Tuesday, 26 March to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal. The Good Friday Appeal is a unique fundraising activity that brings together people from all parts of the community in a very special way. The common goal is to raise money for The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. A record \$15,820,640.78 was raised in 2012.

Children will need to order pizzas in advance. They will be made in the SRC wood fired pizza oven. Please return order form and money to the front office before Friday, 22 March.

COST

Mini Pizza	\$2.50
Can of soft drink	\$2.00

Children can also wear casual clothing on the day for a gold coin donation. Money raised from this will be used by the SRC for their school projects – pads for basketball and netball posts when we repair the school courts. Remember it is not safe for your child to wear thongs at school and secondary students require their leather shoes for practical subjects.



Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser

My child: _____ of Year: _____ would like:

Please tick choices:

- ☐ Hawaiian Pizza (tomato paste, bacon, shredded ham, pineapple, mozzarella cheese)
- ☐ BBQ Chicken Pizza (BBQ sauce, chicken, mozzarella cheese)
- ☐ Vegetarian Pizza (tomato paste, capsicum, mushrooms, pineapple, olives)
- ☐ Meat, Cheese, Tomato Paste Pizza
- ☐ The Lot Pizza (bacon, shredded ham, chicken, olives, mushrooms, pineapple, capsicum)

They would also like:

- ☐ Can of Coke
- ☐ Can of Lemonade
- ☐ Can of Solo

Total enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: The canteen will still be making regular lunches on the day.

2013 DER-NSW Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=1115>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Evaluation reports to date can be viewed online:
<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships/digital-education-revolution/rrql/research>.

Thank you.

NSW Mining Scholarship



Congratulations to Lachlan Watt and Fraser White for being successful in gaining a NSW Mining Scholarship for 2013. This Scholarship is sponsored by Iluka Resources.

Balranald Junior Football Club Registration Night

Friday, 15 March 2013

6pm

Junior Football Oval

\$35 registration fee to be paid on the night

Free sausage sizzle after training

Coaches for the 2013 Season

Under 11s – Kane Farnsworth

Under 13s – Gavin Lloyd

Under 15s – Still Pending

For more information please contact:

President: Gavin Lloyd 0409 460 336

Secretary: Vicki Lister 0400 916 909

Treasurer: Joanne Simpson 0417 578 017

ART CLUB

SRC and Miss Woods are planning to run an Art Club on Monday afternoons. Children from Year 5 to 12 are invited to participate. Children can work on projects of their own choice or learn new skills.

Art Club will run from 3 to 4pm each Monday, starting Term 2 (6th May).

We will exhibit work later in the year and families will be welcome to attend.

If you would like your child to participate in Art Club please return the following expression of interest to the front office.



ART CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

My child: _____ of Year: _____ would like to attend the Art Club on Monday afternoons starting in Term 2.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: / /

TERM ONE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 B	11 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> Regional Swimming @ Leeton	12 Homework Club @ 3pm	13 STUDENT BANKING	14 Secondary Sports Day	15 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Primary Assembly @ 12pm
Week 8 A	18 MARCH <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Tennis & Bowls @ Barham	19 Homework Club @ 3pm	20 STUDENT BANKING	21 Secondary Sports Day	22 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Scripture</i>
Week 9 B	25 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	26 Homework Club @ 3pm	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 Homework Club @ 3pm	3 STUDENT BANKING	4 Secondary Sports Day	5 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Scripture</i>
Week 11 B	8 APRIL 15's Boys/Girls Soccer @ Hay	9 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am Homework Club @ 3pm	10 STUDENT BANKING	11 Secondary Sports Day	12 Last Day of Term 1, 2013

TERM TWO – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 A	29 APRIL School Development Day <i>Exec meeting</i>	30 Students K-12 start	1 MAY	2 Under 15's Football	3 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Scripture</i>
Week 2 B	6 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> PSSA Netball Trials Art Club @ 3pm	7 Homework Club @ 3pm	8	9 Secondary Sports Day	10 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i>
Week 3 A	13 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i> Art Club @ 3pm	14 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 GWS Cup Open Footy @ Deni Homework Club @ 3pm	15 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	16 Secondary Sports Day NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	17 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> K-12 Athletics Carnival
Week 4 B	20 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> PSSA Netball Trials Art Club @ 3pm	21 Homework Club @ 3pm	22	23 Secondary Sports Day	24 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i>
Week 5 A	27 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i> Art Club @ 3pm	28 Homework Club @ 3pm	29	30 Secondary Sports Day	31 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Zone Athletics @ Finley <i>Primary Scripture</i>
Week 6 B	3 JUNE <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Art Club @ 3pm	4 Homework Club @ 3pm	5	6 Secondary Sports Day	7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i>

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