



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

Central Schools Cricket
due Tuesday, 26 March

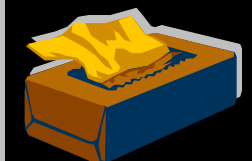
ICAS Competitions

**Easter Hat
Parade**
Thursday, 28
March at
12 noon



TISSUES

It would be appreciated if all primary students could bring in a box of tissues to share with their class.



Harmony Day



On Friday, 22 March Balranald Central School celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate cultural diversity in our society.

Primary Students of the Week

For Week 9 Term 1, 2013:

K/Year 1/2	Anna Scoleri
Year 3/4	Macy Lloyd
Year 5/6	Faith Jolliffe



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week 9 of the school term. Today we see two groups of students at various locations in the region. Our Secondary student representatives for the Bowling and Tennis at Barham are displaying their skills. We also have a Primary group taking part in a leadership opportunity in Deniliquin. This is an important part of our strategy to offer Primary students greater access to leadership training both internally and external to the school.

As we wind our way towards Easter the taste buds start to tingle in their desire to access the many treats that are in store. The most significant one is our Year 5/6 Easter raffle. This is the premier fund raiser for this group as they start their long term planning for their curriculum excursion to Ballarat/ Melbourne this year. In the past this has been quite an extravaganza. With more prizes won in one event than I have seen in many years. Please make sure you get the chance to have at least some entries. As with all our events these assist all our students in their chase to find ways to ease the financial burden on parents. Keeping in mind that families are usually the ones who spend the most.

In this vein, can I congratulate all the students who were a part of the various activities that happened during the weekend. The servers at the Balranald Classic Fishing Competition dinner did a smashing job from all accounts. Being both efficient and courteous and impressing everyone. The team of very enthusiastic car washers over the weekend proved to be a very welcome additional activity for all concerned. How good is it to have a clean car and not have to spend valuable weekend time doing it? It's the ultimate win/win. The number of bright shiny cars around at present is a testimony to their hard work and almost a driving hazard as well. The current rash of fundraising is only just beginning to build. As a result I have asked staff and students to be mindful that any requests for funds do not in fact target the same very small group of people. So I am anticipating some more diverse and creative solutions to this problem in the coming weeks. However, we still do rely on some of the traditional winners from the past. Hence the chocolate drive currently bedevilling us at the moment. Fear not some of the other events will be a little more aware of the need to target other senses than the need to grab and indulge in scrumptious pleasure foods.

Thursday will see the Primary students take part in the customary Easter Hat Parade, which gives everyone a chance to showcase their haute couture skills. Or just colour and cut out various Easter themed items and glue them to a shape that may or may not look like a hat. But then to parade them in front of parents and visitors is always a highlight. Following this there will be the opportunity for parents to join their children for lunch.

Harmony Day was another great success with everyone taking on the orange theme. Quite a challenge I would have thought, but lo and behold they all did it. The day just proved how ingenious some of our kids are when they have a task to achieve. Our Year 12 English Studies class came up with a number of interesting concepts for the day. The BBQ, while traditional had that orange tinge to it with both jelly cups and cupcakes on offer. The team of very willing workers prepared a veritable feast for everyone. To round off the offering drinks and other feasts of pleasure were very appreciated by all.

The soccer matches proved to be highly contested by all students, with the much anticipated final result still to be announced to me. From all accounts soccer was the really big winner on the day. Probably a suitable lead into the weekend's Hyundai A-league games. I do believe there may have been a few scouts in the crowd, or they may just have been students in very good disguise. Overall a great day for everyone and a credit to the organisers and the team of workers.

Well done on the wonderful funds raised during the day.

All the best.

K-12 Notes

The Importance of Reading

Learning to read is the most important skill students will learn in life. It is vitally important that they practise this skill every day to help them improve their reading and comprehension of a range of texts. Each Primary student has a Home Reader journal and they should record their reading each night. Secondary students should also be reading for enjoyment every day. The wider they read, the greater the vocabulary and the better their understanding of the world around them

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 28th March starting at 12.00pm with everyone invited to attend. We will also have the drawing of the Year 5/6 Easter raffle. After the parade parents and visitors are welcome to stay and have lunch with their child. I look forward to seeing everyone there on the day.

Harmony Day

On Friday our students were given the opportunity to participate in some activities to celebrate Harmony Day. Our K/1/2 and 3/4 students participated in art activities while our 5/6 students enjoyed a game of cricket. The BBQ lunch, jelly and cupcakes were a huge hit and enjoyed by students and staff alike. Thank you to our Year 12 students for all of the work you put in to organising the day.

Best Start Parent Information Night

Don't forget our *Best Start* information session being held on Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in Mrs Lockhart's room.

AFL Footballer Visit

On Wednesday students from Balranald Central School and St Josephs enjoyed meeting AFL footballer Lindsay Gilbee. Students from primary and high school got to learn about Lindsay's career as well as participate in a variety of activities to develop their skills.



P & C Meeting

Many thanks and welcome to our new

Treasurer -

Glenda Redpath!



Thank you to all the busy parents who came to the P & C meeting last Monday night. If anyone is unable to make it to the meeting and would like the minutes emailed to them please let Deb Gaston know.

Movie Night!

Keep your eyes and ears tuned for our next movie night!

Friday 12th April 2013 (last day of Term 1)

More info to come

Did you know.....that the P & C donates \$1000 each year to both Primary & Secondary department for class resources?

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home>

Canteen Corner

Please note that
MARINATED CHICKEN BURGER DAY
 will change from **Tuesday 26th**
 (because of yummy SRC Pizza Day)
 to **THURSDAY 28th**

RED DAY WEDNESDAY 27th
Lots of Yummy Treats available
(re-read the bottom on your menu!!)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

May we remind all students, parents and caregivers that the canteen has a strict NO 'BOOKING UP' policy, unless prior credit arranged (money paid in advance). Starting from next term there will be absolutely NO 'BOOKING UP' allowed without credit. If you wish for your child to be able to purchase an 'emergency' drink or snack, please send a small amount of money to the canteen at the start of term as credit. You are welcome to check your child's account balance on their itemized account card at any stage. Thank you for your understanding.

TASKS DUE WEEK 9

Tuesday, 26 March

Year 12 SLR Assessment Task 3

Wednesday, 27 March

Year 7 English writing task

Thursday, 28 March

Year 12 Hospitality Sandwich Assessment

DUE

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

HEAD LICE

We have had a few reports of Head Lice. Could you please check your child!!

Time of exposure to illness:

Time from infestation to eggs hatching is usually 5 to 7 days.

Symptoms:

Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs, lice may be found on the scalp

Do I need to keep my child home?

No, as long as head lice management is ongoing.

How can I help prevent spread?

Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and managed if infested.

More information at www.health.nsw.gov.au

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

Cost

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

✂
 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: / /



Stewart House Donation Drive 2013

The Department of Education and Communities' official charity, Stewart House provides support for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, they are given optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. This year, 10 May is Stewart House Day. We encourage you to make a donation to Stewart House to help support the great work that this charity provides. Envelopes are attached to this Newsletter. All entries need to be made by 10th May 2013.

NETTA

Anyone interested in the Netta or Net-Set-Go programs for the 2013 season please contact Netta Co-ordinator Sarah Pollard on 0417 488 955 or Bronwyn Brougham on 0406 616 358. Program is due to start on the first home game.

Year 8 Science

This week in Science the Year 8 class researched and investigated how to make Bath Bombs. On Thursday the students had great fun making a mess while they followed their recipes. We have been investigating household cleaning materials and how they work. The students will be looking further into the scientific method next week when we look at which laundry detergents are the most effective.



Fly Me to the Moon- Year 10 Rockets

On Wednesday the 20th of March, the Year 10 Science class has completed an assignment to construct a rocket. The rockets were made out of used bottles of soft drink and had various modifications made to them. The rockets were powered via water and an air compressor. A small crowd gathered, with the Principal observing our efforts. There were many different varieties of rockets made, from ones with wings to ones with cones. And then there was Shannon's. A water bottle he had used at recess. Shannon's was first and it didn't really go too far, but it made it to the roof. Joseph had the job of holding the rocket stand when his launched. After getting a bit wet, Joseph's flew fairly high; with his rocket being the one to beat. Then there was Zac's rocket, which contained red coloured water for its fuel. It was very pretty, and flew well, but also had the mishap of landing on the roof with many others. Mr White had the great experience of being covered in red water when it launched.

Kaitley's rocket was small but mighty, with it flying over the roof and landing on the other side of the hall. The amazing Kate Norton's rocket definitely flew to new heights. With her blue design and background music of "I'm Blue" her rocket flew high and miraculously landed on the ledge!

Then there was Laree's rocket. With her purple and pink design, her rocket featured wings and a landing weight. It flew extremely high, with her rocket flying the highest. When it landed, however, one of the wings had broken off. Everyone wanted to see it again, so a fix was made and it launched again, this time landing on the roof with many others.

It was an enjoyable lesson with fun had by all.

Laree and Kate



Fast ForWord® - Rewiring the Brain for Academic Gain

Fast ForWord® is a computer program developed by some of the world's leading neuroscientists based on over 30 years research into how the brain learns. The exercises have been specifically designed to strengthen the areas of the brain, that we now know are critical for learning and reading, and the neural superhighways that link them together.

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Fast ForWord® benefits all students (eg learning difficulties -[dyslexia](#), auditory processing disorders, autism aspergers, ADD/ADHD, average or advanced students) because it improves learning speed and capacity, the two aspects of learning that we all want to optimise to achieve academic success.



TERM ONE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 B	25 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> Tennis & Bowls @ Barham	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 <u>Exec meeting</u>	30 School Development Day	1 MAY Students K-12 start	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 <u>Exec meeting</u> 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> <u>Exec meeting</u> 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 <u>Exec meeting</u> 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> <u>Exec meeting</u> 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