



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

ICAS Competitions due 8 May

P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL

Wednesday, 8 May
and
Thursday, 9 May
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Aerobics Champions!!



Pictured: Secondary Team



Congratulations to our Primary and Secondary Aerobics teams who competed in the National School Aerobics State Championships on Sunday, 5 May 2013. The Primary Team came 4th and Secondary Team came 3rd. Both teams will now compete at the next level in Sydney in June. An outstanding achievement! A special mention must be made to Miss Kellie Williams who has done an amazing job coaching these girls and to the parents who have been a wonderful support.

Pictured: Primary Team

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week two of term two. On Saturday the Balranald Heatwaves Aerobic teams made their long trek to Sydney, from all accounts it was the usual long seemingly endless trip. Sunday must have been a special day for both teams as they did everyone extremely proud. The junior team achieved a fourth place in their group and the senior girls did even better with a third place in their group. So apart from having a fantastic few days in Sydney they have really created a significant bit of history for Balranald. Can I sincerely thank everyone who had a part in making this possible. Miss Kellie Williams, who has devoted many hours into the girls training, parents who have supported all aspects of this endeavour, the early morning and late afternoons, the holiday sessions, so many things to enable this to go ahead. Plus the vast number of people who have so willingly supported all the numerous fund raising activities across the whole town.

Once the euphoria wears off we will need to assess where we are and start the planning required to send them back for another tilt at Sydney. Mind you it may take some time with the girls being guests on "Sunrise" this morning. I can imagine there will be maximum excitement for some time to come. From some visual accounts it was some adults who made themselves more noticeable than the girls. Fortunately they do have a face for television. Thank goodness we are only due 15 minutes of this in our lifetime.

The boys bowling team will have a go at wrestling the skilled team from Corowa High School on Wednesday. I'm sure they will find it a challenge but they will do their very best. Good luck and special thanks to the parents who are taking them on this trip.

In week three our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments on the 14 May to the 16 May. While these are important in terms of finding out where students are currently achieving, it is by no means the only way in which we assess our students. This is only a process used to gather some important data that can be used to assist each student during their time at school and even at home. I need your assistance in making sure our kids are not intimidated by the processes that they have to follow. They should all be quite calm in terms of being able to show their knowledge and understanding. The school is making sure our students are comfortable with the structure

and mechanics of this process. I seek your support in ensuring that this message is universal from all of us.

Today sees our Primary students experience the "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" performance. From all information while it is based on the Jules Verne story they do not physically leave the premises. But some may well feel as if they have had a journey of sorts.

Once again let's make this term a great success for all our students as we launch into another hectic term of nonstop activities. I hope we are all ready for the rush.

All the best.



K-12 NOTES

NAPLAN- The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in May. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. At Balranald Central School we ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance where needed.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. The tests will be conducted for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia on the following days:

Tuesday, 14 May - Language Convention & Writing tests

Wednesday, 15 May - Reading test

Thursday, 16 May - Numeracy test

BCS Primary Student Requirement List Term 2

Please make sure your children have all the equipment they need for the term, now is the time to ask your child if they are running low on any of the essential items they use every day of the school week. Students in Years 3 to 6 require colour and lead pencils, blue and red pens, glue stick, eraser, ruler and textas.

Scripture Classes

Our first Scripture classes will be held on Friday 31st May. We have two Primary Scripture classes run: one for Years K-2 and one for Years 3- 6. Students not attending Scripture classes will continue with their normal class work.

Library Term 2/Homework Club

In term two K/1/2 students will have their library session on Tuesday, Year 3/4 will go on Wednesday and Year 5/6 will visit the library on Thursday. Homework Club will continue on Tuesday afternoons providing students with the opportunity to access the resources in the library and the staff on hand for support.

2013 ICAS Competitions

The entry fee per student is as follows:



Closing Date	Cost
Science 08/05/13	\$ 8.00
Spelling 21/05/13	\$11.00
Writing 20/05/13	\$17.00
English 03/07/13	\$ 8.00
Mathematics 16/07/13	\$ 8.00
ALL of the above	\$60.00



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Please tick choices to be entered:

- ☐ 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.

P & C Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th May, the P & C will be holding their Mother's Day stall. With loads of pretty things available you are sure to find something for your dear Mum!

All primary classes will be taken over in the morning to choose out a little gift. If you'd like your child to buy something, send a little money in with them on the day. All gifts are under \$5. Happy Mother's Day!



The P & C are holding a Walk-a-thon for Primary on the 7th June 2013. This is a great way to encourage exercise as well as help raise money for our great little school! You will have already received your sponsorship forms so get busy and get sponsors! Great prizes available.

Macy Lloyd was the winner of the Giant Chubba Chup from the P&C Barbecue that was held on Friday, 3 May 2013.

If anyone has any old CDs or vinyl records that they do not want please send



them to school to Michelle White. We would like to use them for an art project in which all children in the school will be invited to participate. Children will paint their own piece of work on a CD. These will then be put together to make a whole school project. Thanks in advance.

TERM TWO – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 B	6 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> PSSA Netball Trials Aerobics Excursion 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 Sydney University Excursion	15 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 Sydney University Excursion	16 Secondary Sports Day NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 Sydney University Excursion	17 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> K-12 Athletics Carnival Sydney University Excursion
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 Cross Country	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 Work Experience	4 Homework Club @ 3pm Work Experience	5 Work Experience	6 Secondary Sports Day Work Experience	7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> Work Experience
Week 7 A	10 JUNE Queen's Birthday	11 Riverina PSSA Cross Country	12	13 Secondary Sports Day	14 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Secondary Cross Country Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly
Week 8 B	17 JUNE	18	19	20 Secondary Sports Day	21 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 9 A	24 JUNE <u>Exec meeting</u>	25 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	26	27 Secondary Sports Day	28 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 2

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

Students of the Week

For Week 2 Term 2, 2013:

K/Year 1/2 Michael Gorman
Year 3/4 Macy Lloyd
Year 5/6 Jayden Wilkinson

