



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

KROP Excursion due by 26 June

Year 9 & 10 – Calf Marking Field Trip due by 26 June

Year 12 Primary Industries Lamb Marking Field Trip due by 26 June

HSC Business Studies Study Day due by 26 June

HSC English Studies Excursion to Melbourne due by 27 June

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, 25 June
at 11.00am

Uniform Shop
will be closed:
28th June

Street Art Workshop



On Thursday, 20 June a group of indigenous students thoroughly enjoyed their day with Melbourne based street artist Andrew Bourke who taught them street art techniques. They worked together to create a mural for the school.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week nine of term two. Yes it is the last week of term. I truly did not believe we would get there at times this term. To say that this has been a busy term is to understate the very obvious. On all fronts the school including students, staff and parents have been on the go since week one. There have been Athletics carnivals, Cross country events for school & zone, an Aerobics trip to Sydney with the primary team qualifying for Nationals on the Gold Coast, student representatives to the Riverina VET awards and one to the State awards, the boys bowling team to North Haven in the final 16 in the state, the Youth Mental Health Forum in Griffith for a group of secondary students, more sport than you can poke a stick at, AFL trials and workshops, Soccer in Hay, the Netball girls under 16 team in the State finals for central schools, The university experience for a group of secondary students, our students qualifying for KROP in Griffith next term, a group of primary students taking part in the GRIP workshop, a book fair, a visit by Healthy Harold, the Art club on Monday after school and the Homework Club on a Tuesday after school.

Mixed into the term we also had the Artist, Andrew Bourke from Melbourne do a workshop with our Aboriginal students courtesy of Yarkuwa Knowledge Centre. There have been half yearly examinations for students, as well as ongoing in class assessments to generate a report for all our students, to be handed out this week. The Motivational Media presentation for secondary students. The P & C hosted the Mother's Day stall and a fun run for primary students.

With all of these activities there hardly seems enough time to focus on literacy and numeracy and all the other KLA subjects. My biggest fear is that in this entire summary that I may well have missed some activities that may have occurred. If so, I sincerely apologise. With this expansive list it is no wonder we are all looking a little worn out and are hanging for a break of any kind.

This week will also see a number of class and year activities taking place. K-1-2 will go to see "Possum Magic" in Mildura on Tuesday. So we can expect to see some very excited youngsters for the rest of the week. The Balranald Inc. Skate Park Committee has

commissioned a group to run a survey with our school students. This will take place on Thursday at 12 noon followed by a BBQ lunch for everyone. Parents are invited for an informal get together and chat during lunch.

On Wednesday there will be a number of community activities in action. The Services Expo will run from 10.30am to 3pm from the Royal Theatre, with a services forum to 12.30. Then a light lunch followed by the Community Expo from 1.30 to 3pm. It promises to be quite an informative event for everyone. On the same day the Cristal Mining Group (BEMAX) will hold a community information session at the Senior Citizens Centre from 11am to 1pm.

If all that were not enough for the average bear! There will be a Bush Dance extravaganza at the Central school, kindly funded by St Joseph's; it will involve all the primary schools including Clare Public School. The day will feature two workshops for student participation. The first will be for absorbing the culture and theme as well as getting into the steps. The second will be a concert for students to become more bush dance obsessed. The final treat will be a Bush Dance at the school hall starting at 6.30pm to 8pm. Where parents and kids can show their skills and celebrate their learning and have a great time. Plus it is the ideal way to see out the end of term for all our schools.

So have a restful and enjoyable break and take the time to reenergise for term three which is just around the corner.

All the best.

Students of the Week



For Week 9 Term 2, 2013:

K/Year 1/2	Charlie Ross
Year 3/4	Elizabeth Bell
Year 5/6	Loui Gervasi

STUDENTS RECEIVING AWARDS AT THE WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, 25 JUNE

Silver Awards

Lauren Jess
Khy Jess
Bonnie Jolliffe
Drew Lloyd
Matthew McIvor-Kepa
Faith Jolliffe

Bronze Awards

Shelley Dalton
Keely Gaston
Rylan Dalton
Hannah Morton
Courtney Gorman
Chloe Gorman
Jenna Leggatt
Macy Lloyd
Faith Jolliffe
Khy Jess
Lauren Jess
Lani Wilkinson
Charlie Ross
Grace Morton
Logan Gaston

DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Monday-itis

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

The wonder of maths

Have you discovered TED talks? There are also some great ones especially for curious kids -like this one on "mathemagic". Using daring displays of algorithmic trickery, lightning calculator and number wizard Arthur Benjamin mesmerizes audiences with mathematical mystery and beauty

http://www.ted.com/talks/arthur_benjamin_does_mathemagic.html?source=facebook#.Ua6WsdqLHpR.facebook

How to parent your tween

Find out how to manage your tween's rapidly expanding list of needs and personal demands. It's that weird and wonderful time the experts say occurs between ages nine and 13, but which experience suggests can stretch out to anywhere between ages eight and 15.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-to-parent-your-tween>

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. What to look for and how to help. Listen to brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chat with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

Life Education Van

On Tuesday, 18 June the Life Education Van visited our school and Healthy Harold spoke to our primary students about topics such as healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety, friendship, safe and unsafe situations, peer influence, medicines, risk taking, problem solving, consequences of alcohol use, harm minimisation. These topics cover many of the components and objectives within the NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum. Pictured below are students with Healthy Harold who loves to teach kids how to stay safe and healthy.



Term 2 finishes on Friday, 28 June
Students return on Tuesday, 16 July for Term 3



The Billy Tea Bush Band!

appearing at

Balranald Central School
on Friday, 28 June 2013

BBQ at 6pm

Bush Dance Starting at 6.30pm



bringing bush dances to schools Australia wide
www.billyteabushband.com



Balranald Central School Careers now has a facebook page.

I would like to invite all members of the school community and general community to “Like” this site. Why?? See below.....

I have three aims for this site:

1. To provide **timely information to students** and **parents** about **opportunities** available to students at Balranald Central School.
2. To provide information to the **local community** about **short courses available** at Balranald Central School.

This year we have the night metalwork classes and we will run whitecard again at some stage and who knows what else might come our way. This is a fantastic way to let people know that they need to contact the school for more information.

3. To provide a **link** between the **school** and **local employers**.

My ideal aim is to have every employer and school student linked to this page. This is a place where they can let the school students and general community know if they are hiring or require help for a special event etc. It also let's employers know what careers related training and events are happening at school that they may want to access for themselves and their employees.

Sooo.....please “like” this site, the potential for the Balranald community and youth is great.

Remember the BCS Careers motto -
Believing in Balranald Youth – Creating Futures

Get “liking” and invite your friends – the more the merrier.

Stay tuned next term when I launch the Balranald Central School Careers website.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Stobon Lloyd
Careers Advisor

TERM TWO – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 A	24 JUNE <i>Exec meeting</i>	25 <i>K-1-2 Excursion to Mildura</i> Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	26	27 Secondary Sports Day	28 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Bushdance Workshop</i> Last Day of Term 2

TERM THREE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 B	15 JULY <i>Staff Development Day</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	16 Students K-12 start	17	18 Secondary Sports Day	19 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 2 A	22 JULY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	23	24	25 Secondary Sports Day	26 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Regional Athletics @ Albury</i>
Week 3 B	29 JULY <i>Exec meeting</i>	30	31	1 AUGUST Secondary Sports Day	2 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 4 A	5 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	6	7	8 Secondary Sports Day	9 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>PSSA Athletics @ Barham</i>
Week 5 B	12 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	13	14	15 Secondary Sports Day	16 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Aerobics @ Gold Coast</i>
Week 6 A	19 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	20	21	22 Secondary Sports Day	23 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 7 B	26 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	27	28	29 Secondary Sports Day	30 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>PSSA Athletics @ Albury</i>
Week 8 A	2 SEPTEMBER <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	3	4	5 Secondary Sports Day	6 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly
Week 9 B	9 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	10	11	12 Secondary Sports Day	13 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 10 A	16 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	17 Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am	18	19 Secondary Sports Day	20 Yr 12 Formal Assembly <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 3

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