



# 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 17 July

**Riverina CHS Athletics Carnival, Albury** due by 19 July

**Year 9 English Movie Permission** due by 19 July

## ART CLUB



**Starts**  
**Monday, 22 July**  
**3-4 pm**

There will be no  
Art Club on  
Monday, 29 July

## Puppet Building Workshop



During the last week of the holidays, Ms Jones, Ianna Nelson and Ciana Field travelled to Swan Hill each day for a puppet building workshop with the Melbourne based company "Snuff Puppets".

The students were paired with the Swan Hill Theatre Ensemble as part of the Fairfax Festival and created two giant puppets that they will be showcasing during YESFest, the closing celebration of the Fairfax week, on Friday 20 September.

The workshop was an intensive six day program in which we learnt how to both build and operate the giant puppets. This was a truly unique and rare opportunity to work with the leading puppeteers in the country, an experience that will not soon be forgotten by any of the participants.

The Fairfax Festival 2013 theme is "Theatre Beyond the Stage" and the YESFest will showcase the talents of young people from the region who have been working with professional theatre companies to create site specific performances. I encourage you all to be a part of this festival and support our local, talented, youth.



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# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week one of school Term 3. There has been a great deal of activity within the DEC over the last few weeks with the new Director NSW Public Schools positions being announced. I am pleased to say that Vicki Kempton will be looking after the Deniliquin schools in the new structure. This process has involved a great deal of change for many people. But in the spirit of moving forward, I anticipate that as the new network structure unfolds, we will all be suitably informed and active participants.

During the break a number of activities have been done around the school. Our new Basketball back boards have been installed as have the anchors for the Netball posts. This should put a whole new face to this area of the school. By now we should all have noticed the very bright addition to our school information sign at the front corner of the block. The bright blue light would have well and truly announced itself to all and sundry. But what a fantastic way to keep parents and the community informed of new events. One WHS related reason to have this is that visitors can be quickly informed of emergency situations if needed from the front office. Over the break the school PBL committee have had the new logos created. They will be installed over the next week or so. These will be a wonderful addition to announce the introduction of PBL into the school structures across the K to 12 spectrum.

This term is quite momentous for our Year 12 students who are completing their last 10 weeks of formal school based education. In much the same way that our Year 11 students are also for the first time heading towards completing three of their HSC courses this year. So in some subjects we will have a dual cohort of students sitting their HSC examinations next term. This in itself is quite special. So it is important not to confuse the nature of the events. Our Year 12 students will officially complete their studies with the HSC examinations while the Year 11 students will make further subject selections in the coming weeks to enable them to continue their pathway towards a HSC completion next year. For the first time they will have the added numbers from the Year 10 cohort who will also take on the challenge of HSC study in the last half of Term 4. So much new thinking to get our heads around! But importantly it will give these students a better range of options in their subject selection. I am sure they will be suitably supported by parents and teachers as they make their choices. Some of our Year 10 students will need to do some serious

maturing to fully appreciate the level of work required as part of this next phase of their learning.

This term will see the continuation of our Maths in Trades workshops with the Year 10 students being given the opportunity to try some hands on learning, TAFE style. Already there has been so much enthusiasm by students that we are on the verge of closing the course to participants. This will be operating on a Wednesday afternoon from Period 3 onwards. As a result this has also meant the community TAFE welding activity will now operate on a Wednesday night. All these changes are very much appreciated by all participants. A special thanks to Devon who has been very accommodating with changes.

The early weeks of this term will prove to be very busy and demanding for our Industrial Technology Timber and our Design and Technology students as they focus their efforts on completing an assortment of major projects and the folios. The next few weeks will be critical in ensuring that they are on track to deliver their very best efforts for the external examiners who will visit the school to assess their work. These are always the most challenging aspects of the practical HSC courses. To ensure that they have sufficient time and opportunity the workshops will be available for use after hours on request. Mr Lee has been doing this in the later stages of Term 3 each weekend. I'm sure the reducing time frame will make this process more attractive to an increasing number of students. Let's all remember that the due dates are set, the only flexibility is the times of the day that the work spaces can be accessed. The credo may well need to get in early so the time can be used most effectively.

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

All the best.

# Primary Pondering

Term Three has arrived which means we are halfway through the school year. As always there is a lot happening over the course of the ten weeks. Students will attend library again this term, providing them the opportunity to borrow books from our large range.

Year 5/6 will attend on Tuesday

Year 3/4 will go to library on Wednesday; and

Year K/1/2 will have the opportunity to borrow on Thursdays

K/1/2 students will also be participating in Music lessons with Miss Williams. Miss Aliwarga will be working with our primary teachers again this term for Science lessons, providing our students with a different perspective of the world of Science. Mr Scott will be taking each class once a week for ICT lessons starting in week two, working with the students to expand on their knowledge of computers and how they can use them effectively.

## Bush Dancing

On the last day of Term Two we combined with Clare and St Joseph's students to participate in two fantastic sessions run by the Billy Tea Bush Band. Everyone had a great time participating in a variety of dances with their peers. The music had the students twirling, skipping, stomping, clapping and toe tapping their way around the hall throughout the afternoon.



## Primary Assemblies

This term we will be having three assemblies. They will be held in **week two, five and eight** with each class taking a turn at running the assembly on the day. K/1/2 will be hosting our first assembly to be held next week while Year 3/4 will host the week five assembly and Year 5/6 will host week eight. Assembly starts at **12pm on Friday 26 July**, we look forward to seeing you there.

## DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

### Sorting fact from fiction

You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction>

### Writing essays made easier

Rather than worrying about an essay for weeks, suggest your child get in some early preparation and have the self-belief that they can do it.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/10-tips-for-writing-an-essay>

### Emphasizing strengths and interests

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Find out who to talk to and other tips to help your teen choose well.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

### Vocational education at school

Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship, an apprenticeship or other valuable industry experience. Find out more about vocational education options at school.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>



## BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL



### POSITION VACANT

#### Temporary School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)

A casual position commencing in Week 3, Term 3 2013 and finishing in Week 11, Term 4 2013 (a total of 19 weeks) is available for a Tutor to work at Balranald Central School to assist students in Years 5 and 6 and provide in class support. The successful applicant will be required to work on SASS hours of 4 hours per day starting at 10.30am to 2.30pm each day.

#### Position Criteria:

- ✓ Ability to provide support to improve students' literacy and numeracy
- ✓ Ability to assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities
- ✓ Ability to follow the teacher's set program and ensure that the tuition that is provided is aligned with the student's personalised learning plan
- ✓ Ability to keep a record to communicate observations and information about each student to classroom teachers
- ✓ Ability to interact with students and their families and provide feedback

The successful applicant will have good talking and listening skills; be able to work in small teams; and work closely with classroom teachers to ensure that students who are being tutored learn to improve their reading, writing, numeracy, exam techniques and social skills.

#### Salary Details:

Pay rates will be based on qualified or unqualified tutor rates.

**The successful applicant will be required to pass a NSW Working with Children police check.**

Interested persons should contact Balranald Central School to obtain an employment package for this position. This package will contain an application form, a request for criminal records check form and some information on what a tutor will do in their time in the school.

#### Applications should be addressed to:

Mr Erich Riesinger  
Principal  
Balranald Central School  
We Street  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

**Applications for this position close at 3.00 pm on Wednesday, 24 July 2013 and should be submitted through the front office of the school.**

## TERM THREE – 2013

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

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