



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

Under 16's Netball Team Excursion due by 5 August

ART CLUB



Starts
Monday, 22 July
3-4 pm

There will be no
Art Club on
Monday, 29 July

Year 9 Agriculture and Year 12 Primary Industries 'Turna' Field Trip

Late last term Year 9 Agriculture students and Year 12 Primary Industries students were involved in a 'Turna' farm visit to "Glen Ewan". On this trip the Year 9 students learnt how to **turna** bull calf into a steer calf and the Year 12 boys worked on their ability to **turna** ram lamb into a wether lamb. The Year 9 students tried their hands at castrating, ear marking and ear tagging the calves whilst the senior boys assisted with castrating, tail docking, vaccinating, earmarking and drafting lambs. Both these days offered excellent opportunities to gain new skills and enjoy the practical aspects of Agriculture at Balranald Central School. I would like to thank Mr Bruce Salau for allowing the students to be involved in these activities and Mrs Joanne Salau for providing lunch and morning tea.



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week two of Term 3. As we lead into Education Week next week. Can I ask that parents take the time to drop into the school and see some of the huge variety of activities your children get access to during their time at school. We have made a change to our Monday program structure in an effort to encourage parents and students planning to take part in any of the transition programs this year. We will have a rotational series of activities to showcase some of the many exciting areas across the school. Take part in a Cake Decorating workshop, Technology in action and Art workshop. Plus be fed as part of the night. All participants will have the opportunity to try all activities.

There will also be a chance to do a school tour of the Trade Training Centre, with some senior student major projects on display as they are reaching their final stages. There will be our tried and true Grandfriends Day on Friday with open Primary classrooms and some performances by classes and the choir. Mixed into the week will be a handball competition for primary students as well as an invitation to see the Metals and Engineering room in action as our Year 10 students continue on their Maths in Trades journey. On Thursday Vinnies Services will be hosting the SIDNE program at the school, which will allow our Year 10, 11 and 12 students' access to an awareness program based on driver knowledge of drug impairment factors. To take part in the driving session students must have a learners permit or licence. But all students are able to do the other two sessions. During that week our KROP students will be showcasing their talents in Griffith for Thursday and Friday. So please take the time to drop in and share in some of the planned activities or just have a look.

This week see's Jessica Leggatt attend her interview in the next stage of the NSW VET awards program. I'm sure we wish her all the best in her quest.

On Wednesday evening our Year 10 and 11 students will be involved in a Subject Selection process. Parents and students are invited to take part in an information evening where structures and subjects are explained. Students are then able to make selections for their Stage

six classes. For Year 11 this will be their final three subjects for the HSC, while for Year 10 they will start this journey in Term 4. The suggestion is to choose wisely, after making due consideration, with future plans in mind. Remember that our Year 10 students will get two opportunities to refine their selections, but not all subjects will be able to be offered.

Another timely reminder 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 be 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

This week students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 will be hosting our primary assembly. Please come along and join our students as they celebrate a positive start to the new term. Our K/1/2 students will be performing a number they have learnt in Choir. This song has looked fantastic during their rehearsals.

This week at Primary Assembly the students who will be traveling to Griffith in week 3 for Kids Rapt On Performing (KROP) will perform their number. Come along and see students from Years 5 to 8 go through a dress rehearsal for their shows the following week.

Students of the Week

For Week 2 Term 3, 2013:



K/Year 1/2 Rylan Dalton
Year 3/4 Brodie Kepa-Williams
Year 5/6 Kelly Gaston

DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Video games – are they too violent?

How do you know if the video game your child wants to play is too violent - without having to buy and play it yourself? There are plenty of less violent alternatives that kids will enjoy playing just as much (if not more). Find out more: <http://www.common sense media.org/blog/10-most-violent-video-games-and-10-alternatives>

Teachers' tips on exam preparation (video)

You can help your child prepare for the HSC (or any exams, really), even if you don't know the subject or content. NSW public school teachers explain. Find out more:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1dkdOK5b_o&feature=youtu.be

Homemade muesli bars

Here's a recipe for muesli bars that will prove popular with children of all ages, yet it contains only half the sugar and fat of their shop-bought equivalents. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes/cakes-biscuits-and-treats/nutfree-muesli-bars>

Talented kids - how hard should you push them?

Rachel Friend asks experts and parents of talented children how much of their success is due to natural ability and how hard we should push our kids to succeed. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/talented-kids-how-hard-to-push>

Canteen Corner

Thursday 25th August

**Pasta with Bolognese Sauce
& a sprinkling of grated cheese!!
\$4.50**



TERM THREE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 A	22 JULY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	23 Homework Club @ 3pm	24 Years 10 & 11 Subject Selection Evening @ 6pm	25 Secondary Sports Day	26 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Regional Athletics @ Albury</i>
Week 3 B	29 JULY <u>Exec meeting</u> Education Week	30 Education Week Homework Club @ 3pm	31 Education Week	1 AUGUST Secondary Sports Day Education Week	2 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Education Week
Week 4 A	5 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	6 Homework Club @ 3pm	7	8 Secondary Sports Day	9 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>PSSA Athletics @ Barham</i>
Week 5 B	12 AUGUST Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	13 Homework Club @ 3pm	14	15 Secondary Sports Day	16 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast</i>
Week 6 A	19 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast</i>	20 <i>Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast</i> Homework Club @ 3pm	21	22 Secondary Sports Day Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo	23 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo</i>
Week 7 B	26 AUGUST Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	27 Homework Club @ 3pm	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> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	3 Homework Club @ 3pm	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 Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	10 Homework Club @ 3pm	11	12 Secondary Sports Day Master Welder Competition	13 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 10 A	16 SEPTEMBER Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	17 Homework Club @ 3pm 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