



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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EDUCATION WEEK AT BCS

Children, parents and grand friends celebrated Education Week last week with fun activities and classroom participation. Monday night started with a rotation of activities of cooking, computers and art followed by a delicious BBQ cooked by Mr White. Grand friends day on Friday, was extremely busy with activities in the classroom, morning tea, experiments in the science lab followed by a primary assembly. Fun was had by both students, staff and family members.



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

Slice Drive due 5 August

ART CLUB



Monday @ 3-4pm
Term 3
K/1/2/3/4

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week four of term three. Wow what a great time we had last week. Along with all the activities based at school we sent a group of students to the KROP performances in Griffith. I was lucky enough to be invited to attend the final Friday night show. What a fantastic event to experience. With so many schools taking part in a variety of performances that covers a range of styles. It would be a wonderful way to introduce our students to the joys of absorbing the talents of different schools by seeing a live show next year.

This week sees the school primary students experience a performance of It's a Mad World on Monday afternoon. I'm quite sure they will enjoy the format and content of the show. This week will see Year 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 involved in a workshop regarding cyber bullying and social networking. This will take place on Wednesday. Students will also get a chance to hear Ms Lindy Billings our BOS Liaison Officer talk about the ways to manage their Record of School Achievement. This is the new processes to replace the School Certificate and is vital for students in Years 9 to 11. Parents will be invited to listen to this valuable information as their kids negotiate their way through this sometimes confusing process.

This week I will be off to Narrandera to take part in a Police and services combined exercise on Wednesday. These are designed to build skills in managing a variety of possible scenarios that organisations can encounter.

Just another critical reminder regarding the disappearing timeframe for students completing Major projects in Industrial Technology Wood. The projects and folios are due for final submission on Monday, 12 August at 9 am. There is still a heap of work to do by all students. So please encourage them to get these done as soon as possible. Our

group of students doing Design and Technology are also on this pathway but they have a little more time. Not much more. Their projects and folios are due on Monday, 26 August. This involves both classes as they are completing their HSC as a combined group. So again active encouragement is the order of the day to ensure all aspects of their work is done on time.

On Thursday, 29 August the school will host a Positive Partnerships presentation whole day workshop for parents/ carers and community service providers of school age children on the Autism Spectrum. The information is valuable even if your child has not been diagnosed. Please take the time to register either online or via the paper work at the school. As a part of this program all staff will be doing a 2 hour workshop on Autism Spectrum to build their knowledge and understanding.

The executive team will be working on planning for next year on Monday afternoon. Areas to be considered are the school's curriculum balance, staffing for next year, student enrolment numbers and where the school will focus its resources in the future. To start this process I will have to enter the schools anticipated enrolments for 2014. This is important as it creates our teacher staffing numbers for 2014 providing the school with a base to work from.

This has already proved to be a term of great successes. We wish to continue on this path as the rest of the myriad of activities continues to test our resolve and tenacity. Curiously it seems to have little impact on our students. They just keep on keeping on. Oops that's a British Paints reference, sorry.

All the best.

Primary Pondering

What a fantastic Education Week we had at Balranald Central School last week. Many parts of the school were on display, along with students representing their school on Friday at the Grand friends assembly and at Griffith for KROP. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all of the fantastic things we do at our school.

This week, students will be travelling with Mrs Linnett to Barham to represent our school at the PSSA district athletics carnival. Good luck to all those who will be participating on the day, representing BCS and doing their best.

This week we will be beginning ICT lessons with K/1/2, 3/4 and the 5/6 classes. Mr Scott will be taking each class for a 50 minute period to work on developing their skills in this area. During this time their classroom teacher will have the opportunity to do some planning for the implementation of the new NSW Syllabus to be introduced in English and Maths in 2014.

Another busy week for our Primary students.

DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Homework and assignments

Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child's home project activities.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Ten tips for tweens who find maths hard

Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can't work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.

Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/tips-for-tweens-who-find-maths-hard>

Students of the Week

For Week 3 Term 3, 2013:



K/Year 1/2 - Lachlan Camin
 Year 3/4 – Alex Calleja
 Year 5/6 – Jackson Li



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GUITAR LESSONS AVAILABLE

Will Eldridge is currently living in your area and he is now available for one-to-one guitar lessons during school hours.

We only need 3 more students to enrol in order to start this program.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity then please contact us at South West Music Regional Conservatorium, Deniliquin, immediately so that lessons can be organised. Parents pay for the lessons and the school provides the teaching space. Phone us if you have any questions and if you wish to receive an Enrolment Package.

South West Music Regional Conservatorium

The Department of Education & Communities funds South West Music. We are based in Deniliquin and we currently employ 6 teachers who deliver programs in guitar, percussion, vocals, piano, trumpet, flute, ukulele, banjo, double bass and music theory.

Albury Athletics

On Friday, 26 July 2013 Joseph Gervasi, Olivia Matarazzo, Connor Soraggi and Kobe Lloyd competed in the Secondary Regional Athletics in Albury. All students performed very well in their events with Joseph and Olivia qualifying to compete in Sydney in September. Well done to all students for participating and travelling the long distance to Albury. Results as below -

Joseph - 2nd in both Discus and Shot Put, Olivia – 2nd in Javelin, Connor - 3rd 800 metres and Kobe - 5th High Jump



Simulated Impaired Driving Experience

Vinnies Services from Deniliquin and Constable Weekley visited BCS on Thursday to work with Years 10 to 12 to enhance the awareness and the impact of the consequences of driving under the influence of prohibited substances. Students with a restricted licence had the opportunity to drive SIDNE® (Simulated Impaired Driving Experience,) SIDNE is a battery-powered vehicle that simulates the effects of impairment from alcohol or other drugs on a motorist's driving skills.



EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES



BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL 2013 Trial HSC – 15 August to 30 August.**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- ⇒ These exams will take place over a **3 week period**.
- ⇒ Distance Education Exams will occur during **Week 5 and Week 6**.
- ⇒ BCS Exam period is during **Week 7**.
- ⇒ **All exams**, except the **DE exams** will be in the **Cottage**. (Building behind the TOILETS.)
- ⇒ During **Week 7 ONLY**, if you do not have an exam, you are not expected to be at school.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 5 12 August – 16 August				9:00am-12:05pm DE Mathematics 3hrs + 5min	9:00am-11:05am DE Mathematics Extension 2hrs + 5min 9:00am-12:05pm DE CAFS DE Ancient History 3hrs + 5 min
WEEK 6 19 August – 23 August	9:00am-12:05pm DE Physics 3hrs + 5 min	9:00am-12:05pm DE Physics 3hrs + 5 min			
WEEK 7 26 August – 30 August	9:00am-11:10am English Standard Paper 1 2hrs + 10 min 1:55pm-3:00pm Exploring Early Childhood SLR 1.5 hrs + 5min	9:00am-11:05am Hospitality Metals Human Services (Aged Care) 2hrs + 5 min	9:00am-11:05am English Standard Paper 2 2hrs + 5 min 9:00am-10:35am English Studies 1.5 hrs + 5min 1:55pm-3:00pm Industrial Technology Design & Technology 1.5 hrs + 5min	9:00am-12:05pm Mathematics General 3hrs + 5min 9:00am-10:35am Mathematics Applied 1.5 hrs + 5min	9:00am-12:05pm Biology Business Studies 3hrs + 5min 9:00am-11:05am Primary Industries 2hrs + 5 min

TERM THREE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 A	5 AUGUST Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	6 Homework Club @ 3pm	7	8 Secondary Sports Day	9 Primary Sports Day PSSA Athletics @ Barham
Week 5 B	12 AUGUST Merit Awards due for processing Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	13 Homework Club @ 3pm	14	15 Secondary Sports Day	16 Primary Sports Day Primary Assembly Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast
Week 6 A	19 AUGUST Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u> Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast	20 Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast Homework Club @ 3pm	21	22 Secondary Sports Day Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo	23 Primary Sports Day Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo
Week 7 B	26 AUGUST Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	27 Homework Club @ 3pm	28	29 Secondary Sports Day	30 Primary Sports Day PSSA Athletics @ Albury
Week 8 A	2 SEPTEMBER Merit Awards due for processing Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	3 Homework Club @ 3pm	4	5 Secondary Sports Day CHS State Athletics @ Sydney	6 Primary Sports Day Primary Assembly Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly CHS State Athletics @ Sydney
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 Primary Sports Day
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 Primary Sports Day Last Day of Term 3

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

BALRANALD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Tuesday 6th August - Pie Night for all Junior football club players, starting at 6.00pm in the senior football shed

Saturday 10th August - Junior team photos will be taken this Saturday morning before the game.

9.00 am – Under 15's
9.30 am – Under 11's
10.30 am – Under 13's

Please be on time

Tell head lice to nick off!

How to control head lice

- 1 Detect**
Use metal comb and combing solution to detect and remove head lice and their eggs
- 2 Treat**
There are 2 major commonly used head lice treatments; medicated and natural. Use either treatment to kill head lice and break their life cycle
- 3 Prevent**
Use egg remover and a metal comb to kill eggs and remove them from the head
- 4 Repeat**
Repeat the process after 7 days to effectively kill the cycle
- 5 Clean**
Wash bed linen and clothes in warm water with soaking solution to get rid of lice from home



How to identify head lice

- Head lice can be anything from greyish white to white in colour
- They are the size of a sesame seed
- Nits are the eggs, yellowish white in colour and are found on the hair shaft generally at the nape of the neck
- Adult lice may be found anywhere on the head
- Red bite marks or scratch marks are often seen on the back of the neck
- The eggs are sometimes mistaken for dandruff
- It takes several weeks exposure to the lice before itching develops
- Remember:
 - ✓ Head lice has nothing to do with hygiene
 - ✓ Head lice don't like short and plaited hair
 - ✓ The lice don't hop, jump or fly
 - ✓ Don't share hats, head bands or pillows



FAST! and effective head lice treatment



POST SCHOOL INFORMATION EXPO

WHERE *Wagga RSL Club, Mirage Room
Dobbs St Wagga Wagga (for Wheelchair
Access use lift in front foyer)*

WHEN *Tuesday 13th AUGUST 2013*

TIME *Drop-in between 5pm-7pm*

COST *FREE*

TARGET AUDIENCE

*Students in Years 9-12 who have a
disability (including mental health and
learning disabilities) and
Parents/Carers/Family*

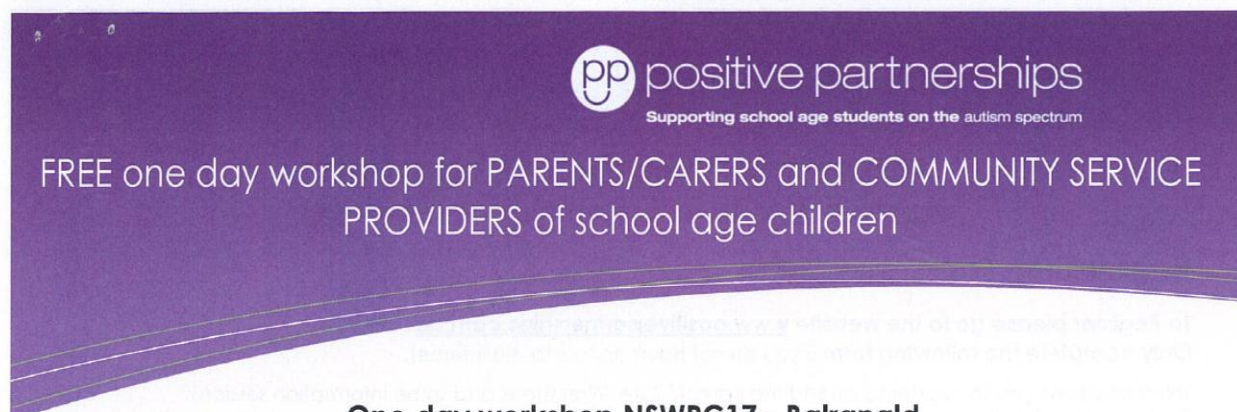
**AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
THE SERVICES AND PROVIDERS
WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT AND HELP
YOU PLAN
FOR YOUR FUTURE**

RSVP Aug 7th 2013

Please indicate names of those attending to

Cheryl Roberts Phone: 69251076 or

Email: cheryl.roberts@det.nsw.edu.au



One day workshop NSWPC17 - Balranald

What will you learn?

As a result of participation in the workshop as parents/carers, you will gain

- A greater understanding of the impact of autism on children at school, home and in the community.
- Knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school, teacher and community partnerships.
- Strategies on how to:
- Support children's participation at school and in the community.
- Support and manage challenging behaviours.
- Access local school and community systems.
- Develop local networks.

Where: Balranald Central School,
We Street, Balranald NSW 2715

When: One day workshop on Thursday 29 August 2013

Time: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 9.00 am)
Morning tea and lunch provided

The workshop is an opportunity for families to come together to discuss the issues that are important to them about their child/children.

The workshop is a safe environment where participants can talk about autism and other behavioural and learning needs that may be affecting children at home, school and in the community.

Registration opens Thursday 18 July 2013, and closes 2 days prior.

Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.

You will receive a confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:

Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships Info Line number: 1300 881 971



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