



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## ART CLUB

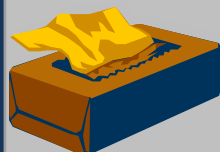


**Monday @ 3-4pm**  
**Term 3**  
**K/1/2/3/4**

## TISSUES

It would be appreciated if all

primary students could bring in a box of tissues to share with their class.



## Student Mental Health Campaign

On Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July the KROP group travelled to Griffith for two days of performance.

After a relaxing and restful night at Darlington Point we headed off to the Griffith Regional Theatre for our first performance. We were extremely nervous about performing in front of a crowd, but after we walked on to the stage all of our nerves disappeared.

All together we did four performances, each one better than the last. The theatre was packed full of people each time, but the feeling of performing was amazing. The crowd cheered loudly, which was awesome, and the finale was fun.

Overall our trip was fun and we can't wait to do it all again next year.

Thanks to Miss Woods for putting up with our giggling all night long and to Woody for driving the bus.

By Chelsie, Caitlyn, Izzy, Britney and Courtney.



# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week five of term three. With all the variety of activities happening during the week it was a little sad to have the Primary athletics carnival in Barham washed out. But in true primary form it will be on this Tuesday with a huge team of participants bussing their way over. I am sure that they will do themselves and the school proud. This morning we had a combined RUOK and Youth Mental Health day activity with all student releasing their worries and concerns in the form of a black balloon. To make the day more memorable students were asked to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. Staff were well represented in their pseudo night attire. I have never seen so many animal onesies in one place. It was almost like an animal farm or zoo with the exotics on view. Well done to everyone who was brave enough to join in the spirit of the day.

Last week saw the students take part in the meetings with Miss Lindy Billings our BOS Liaison Officer. Students are still struggling to come to terms with the number of expectations on them by the school and the BOS as part of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA). This is the new process to replace the School Certificate and it is vital for students in Years 9 to 11 to have a clear understanding of what is expected of them as part of this process. Their credentials, if they leave school before they complete the HSC are based on the work they do in Stage 5 and Stage 6.

Industrial Technology Wood projects and folios were handed in and are now in storage until the examiners come to assess them on Wednesday, 21 August. This involves a team of markers visiting a number of schools across the state in a two week cycle. The projects will be set up for the examiners to do their job in assessing the displayed work. This will be done in an isolated classroom to give the examiners the opportunity to do justice to each student's work. What a relief for the students to have this out of the way. They can now focus on revising their work for the HSC examinations next term.

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 Positive Partnerships presentation of a 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 in the front office at 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.

On Friday the primary Aerobics team, the "Hot Shots" head off to the Gold Coast to take part in the national competition. This has been quite a journey for all concerned. On behalf of the whole school community I wish them the best. A special acknowledgement to Miss Kellie Williams who has set some new records in early mornings and after school attendance to get the team into tip top shape. This is many hours of dedicated training and refining the skills that will be judged on the day. There were times when I thought she was actually sleeping here; the car was here that often. Well done to the parents who have supported this process so willingly and the whole community who have worked way beyond to make all this possible.

Just a reminder, Teachers Federation have a number of buses and vans in motion across the state to make people aware of the importance of the Gonski review and the evolving process. A green Gonski van will be visiting the town on Wednesday, 14 August. It will be at the school and around the town at various places.

I encourage all parents to stay on track with the multitude of activities that make up our weekly in school and beyond schedule. Sometimes it's a real struggle to keep up with the kids and their endless energy. Perhaps that should be the source of our next energy supply for the future.

All the best.

# Primary Pondering

## FUN IN THE SAND

Primary students had a wonderful day last Monday, when a new load of soft fall was delivered to our undercover play equipment. There was great excitement with roads being constructed, tunnels being dug and lots of interesting sandcastles.



## Students of the Week

For Week 3 Term 3, 2013:



K/Year 1/2

Logan Gaston

Year 3/4

Mason Dalton

Year 5/6

Chloe Potter

## South West Music Inc



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Email: admin@swmusic.org.au

## 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.

## DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

**Benefits of team sports** If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>

**How much screen time?** 'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>



# It's a Mad World

On Monday, a performance was held in the school hall called It's a Mad World. The children were enthralled with the performance and here are some of the stories K/1/2 were excited to write about with Mrs Lockhart.

Yesterday when I went to the show It's a Mad World, the man put stuff on his head.  
**Brayden**

The man juggled the balls. It was funny. **Ryan**

The man was juggling balls. The man bumped his head. **Peyton**

Yesterday I went to the Mad World show, the man was funny. He can juggle three balls. He was pretending to have an identical brother. He could balance a chair on his chin. I like him because he is very funny. When the show finished he said not to do it at home and that the show had three people. Me, myself and I. **Shelley**

Yesterday we went to a performance called It's a Mad World. The man who did it was funny because he was juggling while he was getting his clothes on. He spun plates on a plastic stick and he ran out of plates so he put a drum cymbal on it. **Charlie**



## Handball Competition in Education Week

Congratulations to all handball winners and contestants for their participation in a fun competition. Also, a big thank you to Year 5 students who spent a lot of time organising this event and making it a great success.

By Keely and Faith



## Canteen Corner

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**'Yum Cha' Pot ONLY \$3.50**

2 mini spring rolls

2 mini dim sims

2 slices garlic bread

1 squeeze Sweet Chilly sauce



*Add a small pot of garden salad \$1.00*

## CYBER BULLYING WORKSHOP

Last week students from Years 5 to 12 participated in a Cyber Bullying workshop presented by Snr Constable Paul Ebsworth.

Paul spoke about the importance of young people monitoring what they post online and how things that they do as a young person may come back to haunt them when they get older. Particularly as they are about to enter the workforce and begin their careers. He also spoke about charges that can be laid against a person making threats on social media. I suppose the biggest eye opener to students was the fact that nothing they post online EVER goes away. That includes pictures and comments on SnapChat that supposedly "disappear" 10 seconds after they have been received.

He also spoke about the need to be careful what they are telling people on line. His presentation highlighted these facts with real cases that he has worked on where young people have experienced the negative aspect of social media.

The underlying message of the presentation is be careful what you reveal online, and re-evaluate who you have in your friends list. How many of them do you really know? He suggested that students use the test of....would I invite this person to my house. If not, it might be time to unfriend them.

Overall, it was an informative workshop, one that all young people need to really be aware of.





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

# Swan Hill Women's Soccer Team Invites ALL young girls to attend a “Girls Day on the grounds”

Balranald Girls you are invited to come along to Balranald Central

School on Sunday the 25th of August to play against the Swan hill

Women's team. Mums and Bubs are welcome also to play and

meet some of the players and yes girls play/beet some of your

teachers!!

**Venue: BCS**  
**Time: 10am-1pm**  
**Cost: Nothing**  
**Lunch will be provided**  
**drinks sold by CWA**





## TERM THREE – 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>19 AUGUST</b> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u> Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast Trial HSC exams	<b>20</b> Aerobics Nationals @ Gold Coast Homework Club @ 3pm Trial HSC exams	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Secondary Sports Day Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo	<b>23</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Under 16's Netball @ Dubbo
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>26 AUGUST</b> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u> Trial HSC exams	<b>27</b> Homework Club @ 3pm Trial HSC exams	<b>28</b> Trial HSC exams	<b>29</b> Secondary Sports Day Trial HSC exams	<b>30</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> PSSA Athletics @ Albury Trial HSC exams
<b>Week 8 A</b>	<b>2 SEPTEMBER</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>3</b> Homework Club @ 3pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Secondary Sports Day CHS State Athletics @ Sydney	<b>6</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly</b> CHS State Athletics @ Sydney
<b>Week 9 B</b>	<b>9 SEPTEMBER</b> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>10</b> Homework Club @ 3pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Secondary Sports Day Master Welder Competition	<b>13</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>16 SEPTEMBER</b> Art Club – 3-4pm <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>17</b> Homework Club @ 3pm <b>Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>20</b> <b>Yr 12 Formal Assembly</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

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

**YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

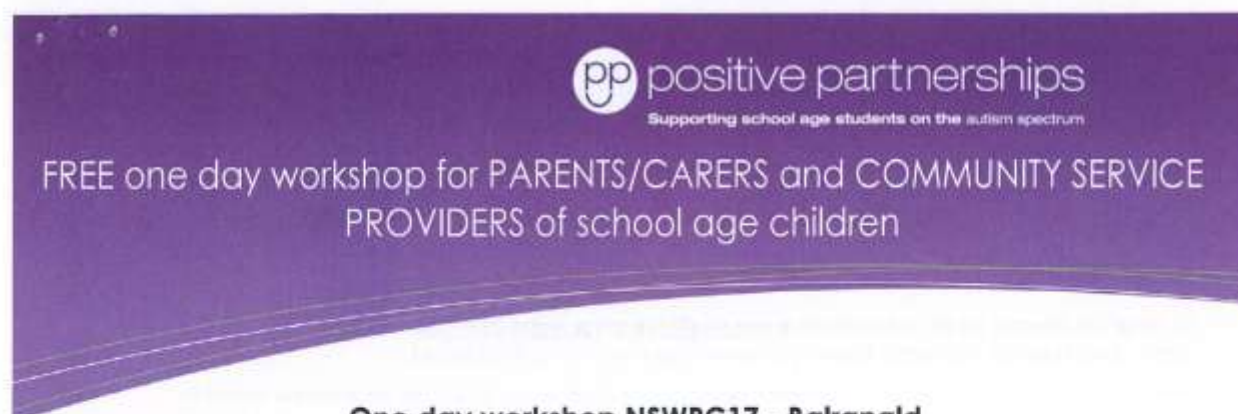
As part of our ongoing research for the proposed development of a **Skate Park** in Balranald, we would so grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a quick and easy survey online!

1. Go to this link  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/BalranaldSkatePark](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BalranaldSkatePark)
2. Complete the survey in just a few minutes!

*Thank you for your support!*




**BALRANALD SKATE PARK PROJECT**



### 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.

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**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](http://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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