



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Final payments to be returned to the front office:

Yr 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Yr 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion

NO AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

 **Education & Communities**

Students of the Week

Week 3, Term4



K/Year 1/2 – Rhiannon Lanteri
Years 3/4 – Skye Haigh
Years 5/6 – Samuel Simmons



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

are due back at school on
Wednesday, 22 October 2014

Principal's Perspectives

Welcome to all parents and students to Week 3 of Term four. This term will be a great success for your children and our students.

In Week 2, our Year 5/6 leaders joined St Joseph's Primary and students from Clare Public School on a leadership camp at Mungo. From all reports it was a great success. More details will follow in this newsletter.

Also last week, Mr White organised an Agriculture Inspiration Camp around Deniliquin and Conargo for our stage 5 students. It was an opportunity for students to visit local industries and listen to agricultural professionals. Once again it was a great success and further details will follow in an upcoming newsletter.

This term is crowded with many activities across the school. Prepare for the impending rush!

Week 3 – The Year 3/4 Mungo excursion has been postponed due to the predicted extreme heat. Climate conditions are always assessed prior to departure. The health, safety and welfare of our students and staff are always our priority. A letter will be sent to relevant parents with more details.

On Thursday, 30 October the National Rugby League (NRL) will infiltrate Balranald and host a fun filled Gala day to promote a healthy and active life style. Other local schools may also attend. The day will target Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students.

A reminder that we will be celebrating Naidoc day on Friday, 31 October.

In Week 5 our Year 5/6 students will be attending the Canberra excursion while in Week 6 our Year 8/9 students will be attending the Myuna Bay excursion.

I would like to thank the staff at Balranald Central School for going that extra mile to make sure that opportunities are there for our students. Our staff

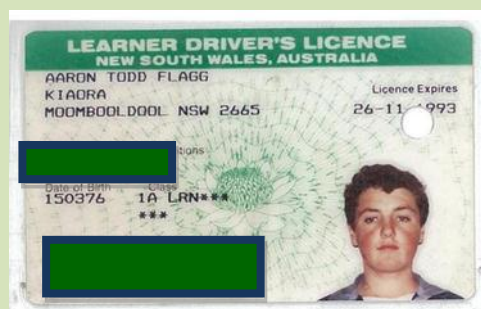
always ensures that students in their care can be anything they want to be.

If not already, it is most definitely time for our Year 7 – 10 students to make a suitable level of preparation by studying their classwork in the lead up to their yearly examinations on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 4.

The staff and I have high expectations of our students and I encourage students and parents to take steps in ensuring that study is happening outside of class time.

Is your child planning on driving a motor vehicle to and from school?

If Yes – A current parent agreement/permission form must be signed and kept at the school.



Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg
Principal

School Happenings

A very busy week in Primary with students travelling to Mungo for a Leadership Camp and Tupal Station in Tocumwal for the launch of the book they wrote as part of the Creative Catchment Kids program. We have also had a very busy group of Year 3/4 students preparing for their assembly on Wednesday.

Primary Assembly

Our first Primary assembly for Term four will be held on Wednesday, 22 October at 12pm. Our Year 3/4 class will run this and we would love to see as many people as possible along and see our students celebrate all of the great work they have been doing in the classroom.

Mungo Leadership Camp

On Friday 11 students from our school joined students from St Josephs and Clare to attend a leadership camp at Mungo National Park. The students worked together to set up our camp and then travelled to the Wall of China for a tour, they particularly enjoyed their time on the sand dunes. In the evening Mrs Hutton joined us to do some leadership activities and then we travelled to Clare on Wednesday for a BBQ lunch before returning to school. It was pleasing to see the students working together in a variety of activities as well as the setting up and dismantling of the camp, displaying their leadership qualities that we all know they possess. Thanks is extended to Mallee Sustainable Farming for supporting this youth initiative. This has given our students an opportunity to interact and learn with their peers. MSF's support helped make this event a worthwhile one for all involved.



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Tupal Food and Fibre Festival/CCK Book Launch

On Friday Keely Gaston, William Scott, Sarah Grant and Samuel Simmons travelled to Tocumwal to attend the Tupal Food and Fibre Festival. The students joined other students from the area to visit the information stands, sample the products and most importantly attend the Creative Catchment Kids book launch. During term three these four students interviewed their local farming hero, Frank Old, collated all the information they received, illustrated their story and submitted it for publishing. The Honourable Susan Ley presented their book and even took some time to discuss with the students about life in Balranald. The school has been given a number of copies which will be placed in the library for students to read.



No Hat, No Play!

Well done to all those students wearing their hats!!! Please don't forget all students are required to wear a **school hat** in the playground at all times. Please ensure you send a hat to school with your child. Remember hats are available for purchase from the school canteen.

School Essentials

As we start a new term can you please make sure your child has all the equipment they need to successfully engage in their learning. Students require writing equipment, pencils or pens (depending on their year level), glue sticks etc.

Circus Program

We have already had one week of the Circus Program with many of our students picking up from where they left off last year. The skills that the students continue to develop are amazing, showing that this is a much loved part of our yearly program.

Handy Hints for Parents

Tricks for encouraging kids to read

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination as well as giving them a better vocabulary. Kids who read different types of books develop a wide range of language skills and are better placed to understand different types of texts as they progress into high school. School A to Z has lots of tips and ideas on encouraging your child to read, at <http://bit.ly/HLPmB9>

How much water does your child really need?

Staying hydrated is even more important during the warmer months. Every part of your body needs water to work properly and dehydration can lead to painful kidney stones. Many people don't feel thirsty until they are already dehydrated, so packing a drink bottle with your child's school lunch is a good reminder for them to drink during the day. Sports drinks and juices are popular with kids, but they often contain a lot of sugar. To find out the recommended daily intake of water for your child's age at <http://bit.ly/ZjwUjo>

BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

~ 2014 Year 7-10 Exams ~

~ Wednesday 29 October to Thursday 30 October, 2014 ~

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ⇒ BCS Exam period is during **Week 4**
 - ⇒ These exams will take place in the hall.
 - ⇒ **RECESS** and **LUNCH** are at normal times.
 - ⇒ **Students will return to their normal class at the end of their exam.**
 - ⇒ All **electronic devices** must be placed in the **box** at the front of the room **TURNED OFF**.
 - ⇒ **Any student who knows they are going to be away during these times should let Ms Lloyd know so that alternative arrangements can be made.**
- These exams form an important component of all students end of year assessment.**

WEEK 4	WEDNESDAY 29/10/14				THURSDAY 30/10/14			
PERIOD 1 and 2	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	SUPERVISION	YEAR 9 and YEAR 10	SUPERVISION	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	SUPERVISION	YEAR 9 and YEAR 10	SUPERVISION
		P1		P1		P1		P1
	Maths	Tamika Uzzell	Maths	Nadine Matarazzo	English	Sue Coates	English	Ellen Sendy
		Sue Coates		Josh Bruton		Carman Woods		Col Holland
9am-10:05am	1hr + 5min reading	P2	1.5hr + 5min reading	P2	1hr + 5min reading	P2	1.5hr + 5min reading	P2
Tamika Uzzell		Nadine Matarazzo		Carmen Woods		Josh Bruton		
		Sue Coates		Josh Bruton		Adrienne Gorman		Adam Bevan
PERIOD 3 and 4		As Normal			As Normal			
PERIOD 5 and 6	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	P5	YEAR 9 and YEAR 10	P5	YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	P5	YEAR 9 and YEAR 10	P5
		Josh Bruton		Ellen Sendy		Carmen Woods		Adam Bevan
	History	Tamika Uzzell	History	Col Holland	Science	Tamika Uzzell	Science	Caryn Jones
		1:20pm-2:25pm		1:20pm-2:55pm		1:20pm-2:25pm		1:20pm-2:55pm
1hr + 5min reading	P6	1.5hr + 5min reading	P6	1hr + 5min reading	P6	1.5hr + 5min reading	P6	
	Josh Bruton		Ellen Sendy		Carman Woods		Adam Bevan	
	Tamika Uzzell		Col Holland		Tamika Uzzell		Caryn Jones	

TERM FOUR – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 B	20 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	21	22 <i>Primary Assembly</i>	23 Secondary Sports Day	24 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 4 A	27 <i>Exec meeting</i>	28	29 Year 7-10 Exams	30 Secondary Sports Day Year 7-10 Exams <i>NRL Gala Day</i>	31 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> NAIDOC Day event
Week 5 B	3 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion 2015 Begins!!!	4 <i>Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion</i>	5 <i>Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion</i>	6 Secondary Sports Day <i>Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion</i>	7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion</i>
Week 6 A	10 NOVEMBER Gold Awards due for processing <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion	11 ESSA <i>Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion</i>	12 <i>Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i>	13 Secondary Sports Day <i>Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion</i> Year 7 2015 Transition Visit	14 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion</i>
Week 7 B	17 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	18	19	20 Secondary Sports Day	21 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Saturday, 22: Yr 12 Formal
Week 8 A	24 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	25 Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing	26	27 Secondary Sports Day	28 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 9 B	1 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	2 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	3 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Primary 2015 Captain Speeches</i>	4 Secondary Sports Day Maths in Trade Olympiad <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	5 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 10 A	8 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	9 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i> K-12 Presentation Night & Art Exhibition	10 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	11 Secondary Sports Day <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	12 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 B	15 DECEMBER Gold & Silver Award Excursion	16 Year 6 Graduation	17 Last day of school for students <i>Primary Class Parties and Pool Day</i>	18 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	19

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