



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

**K-1-2 excursion to Mildura EOI** due by 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Pinnacle of Success** due by 19<sup>th</sup> November

### FOR SALE

Large Fresh Farm Eggs



**\$3.50** per dozen

Can be picked up at the front office

### P&C Meeting

TONIGHT  
6pm at the Billabong



Education & Communities

## Remembrance Day



*Pictured: Students at the community Remembrance Service*

## Students of the Week

Week 7, Term 4



Year K/1/2	Jeana Charles
Year 3/4	Zahlia Field
Year 5/6	Keely Gaston

# Principal's Perspectives

Welcome back to week seven of Term 4.

Last week our school participated in the Balranald community Remembrance Day services. Our Primary School Captains attended the opening of the Balranald Military Heritage Trail at the new Visitors Information Centre, whilst our Secondary Captains and the remainder of the school attended the community Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph. It was great to meet many community members who were willing to share their family history. Remembrance Day is a special day for Australia and Allied nations marking the end of World War 1 and the 11<sup>th</sup> of November now becoming the day every year where we remember all service men and women who have fallen in any war.

Our Year 9 & 10 students have just returned from Myuna Bay. This was an opportunity for students to engage in an assortment of challenging outdoor and social activities. The benefits of the excursion cannot be underestimated as this will give our students the opportunity to develop team work skills in a series of testing places and situations. I'm quite sure that they will all grow as a result of their experiences. I would like to thank Mr Richard White, Mrs Kate Harper and Mr Lloyd Murray for their organisation and supervision.

Our HSC students have well and truly completed their examination obligations and are now contemplating the start of the next phase of their lives. We are rapidly approaching the culmination of their time at school. This will be the Year 12 Formal on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. This is the opportunity for our students to share the evening with families and the many people who have contributed to their successful completion of their formal school life. We wish the class of 2014 all the best as they forge their own futures in various ways and in various locations.

Our new Kindergarten kids are in the final stages of their transition with an ever increasing stay each visit. The days are full of exciting activities and new experiences for them all. It's inspiring to see just how quickly they learn and absorb new processes and join into group activities. This is a very valuable skill to have for a learner. I would like to thank Mrs Samita Lockhart for her Kindergarten transition organisation.

There will be a P&C meeting tonight Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Billabong. Please feel free to join the team who spend their time working so diligently for our students.

There is no doubt that this term is highlighted by a vast array of activities and there are still many more to be negotiated by the school. Keeping in mind that we will always look at ways to broaden our students' experiences at school, even in a very busy, complex term.

Aaron Flagg  
Principal

## Weekly Quiz

Students need to cut out and return their responses to Mr Flagg by the Friday of each week.

Correct responses will be put in a hat and drawn on Monday mornings.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5.00 canteen voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$2.50 canteen voucher

### *This week's quiz*



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are the following people important or famous?

1. *Alexander Graham Bell*

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *Karl Benz*

\_\_\_\_\_

3. *Thomas Edison*

\_\_\_\_\_

# School Happenings

## Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Year 5/6 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Our students had a fantastic time over the five days; visiting may Canberra icons as well as participating in the odd fun recreational activity like bowling, laser tag or trampolining at Bounce House. Students engaged in all of the activities and were able to answer many of the questions at both old and new Parliament House, the National Archives and the National Canberra Exhibition Centre. Our School Captains were lucky enough to lay a wreath during the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

As always Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport were one of the favourite venues visited, with students participating in all of the activities on offer with enthusiasm. Students in particular enjoyed the giant drop, with many overcoming their fear of heights to have a go.

I would like to thank Miss Woods for accompanying us as well as Mrs Scott and her six students who joined us for the week. All students represented our school throughout the week with pride, displaying the sort of behaviour that makes us proud to say we are from Balranald Central School.

## Primary Sport

Our intensive Swimming program starts in week 9 of this term. Students will need to bring their swimming clothes, towel and a pair of thongs (to wear to and from the pool) to school; students will get changed in and out of their swimmers at school. Students with Season Tickets are covered for pool entry; the cost for those students without is \$10 per week.

## Primary Assembly

In week 6 we had our second Primary assembly for the term which was run by our K/1/2 class. This assembly saw the performance from our very own Balranald Flea Circus, treating the large audience to a wonderful display of acrobatics and circus tricks. Well done to all the students from the K/1/2 for presenting such an engaging and enjoyable assembly for our school community.

Well done to the following students who received Assistant Principal Awards:

Mollie Calleja for working hard in English  
Lajarna Dutton for a great effort in Circus  
Caleb Hines for working hard in all subject areas  
Sophie Mitchell for interesting story telling  
Lauren Jess for her willingness to help others and listen to their views  
Hannah Morton for her willingness to help others and listen to their views  
Rylan Dalton for regularly borrowing from the library



## Week 9 Assembly

Our final assembly of the year will be hosted by our Year 5/6 class in week 9. This assembly will be held at **2pm** on Wednesday, 3 December to accommodate our swimming and circus program. During this assembly our Year 5 students will present their speeches for the role of School Captain in 2015.

## Year 6 Graduation Assembly

In week 11 we will hold our graduation assembly for our Year 6 students. The assembly will be on Tuesday, 16 December at **1.30pm** in the school hall. This is a very special celebration of the wonderful learning journey these students have taken so far and they would love to see their family and friends in attendance to join them.



## YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION





## **P&C** **XMAS RAFFLE**

First Prize - Ipad Mini  
(valued at over \$300)  
plus various other prizes.

If you would like to sell some tickets in this fantastic raffle and help out the P&C, please call into the front office and pick up a book. Raffle will be drawn at Presentation Night on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.



### **Junior AECG Meeting**

at the School Library  
Period 2 (9.50am - 10.40am)  
on November 18th  
for all Indigenous Students  
between  
Year 4 and Year 12

### **The World Festival of Magic**

World festival of Magic is the longest running international magic show of its kind. A unique showcase of the finest performers from all around the world.

This 90 minute show is hosted by local businesses and allows families a chance to enjoy this engaging performance for **FREE**.

If you are interested in obtaining free tickets please ring the front office on 5020 2222 before 21<sup>st</sup> November.

**Venue:** St Joseph's College Stadium  
154, Twelfth Street, Mildura  
**Date:** Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December  
**Time:** 6.30pm

## **WE ARE TAKING KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2015**

*Children participating in these visits need to be accompanied by their parent/carer for the duration of the visit unless they have filled out enrolment forms.*

### **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISIT**

#### **Visit 4**

**12.00 pm to 2.45 pm**

**Thursday, 20 November 2014**

*This visit will comprise of*

*12pm - 12.40pm Activities in the K/1/2 room with the K/1 students*

*12.40pm – 1.20pm Lunch will be supplied by the School*

*1.20pm – 2.45pm Activities working with Leah Farrow based on Early Language Development*

## TERM FOUR – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>17 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> P&C Meeting at 6pm ESSA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Secondary Sports Day Year 7 2015 Transition Visit (all day) Kinder Transition Visit @ 12pm	<b>21</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <b>Saturday, 22: Yr 12 Formal</b>
<b>Week 8 A</b>	<b>24 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>28</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 9 B</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Primary Intensive Swimming Merit Awards due for processing	<b>2</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i> <b>Primary Assembly @ 2pm</b> Primary 2015 Captain Speeches	<b>4</b> Secondary Sports Day <b>Maths in Trade Olympiad</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>8 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>9</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i> <b>K-12 Presentation Night &amp; Art Exhibition</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>11</b> Secondary Sports Day <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>
<b>Week 11 B</b>	<b>15 DECEMBER</b> <i>Gold &amp; Silver Award Excursion</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Year 6 Graduation @ 1.30pm</b>	<b>17</b> Last day of school for students Primary Class Parties and Pool Day	<b>18</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	<b>19</b>

## TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 B</b>	<b>26 JANUARY</b> <b>Australia Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Week 2 A</b>	<b>2 FEBRUARY</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	<b>3</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	<b>4</b> Yr 1 to 12 First Day of School	<b>5</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>6</b> <b>Kinder First Day of School</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 3 B</b>	<b>9 FEBRUARY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Secondary Sports Day K-Yr 12 Twilight Swimming Carnival	<b>13</b> No Classes Canteen Closed
<b>Week 4 A</b>	<b>16 FEBRUARY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>20</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 5 B</b>	<b>23 FEBRUARY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Merit Awards due for processing	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</b>	<b>26</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>27</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>2 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> School Photos	<b>5</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>6</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>9 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>13</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>

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