



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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ART EXHIBITION

Tuesday, 9
December at
6pm followed
by our

ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

We are showcasing the artwork of students from Kinder to Year 12 throughout the year. The exhibition features sculptures, paintings, drawings, photography and printmaking. Primary and Secondary People's Choice Awards will be announced on the night!! We look forward to seeing you there.

NO HOMEWORK CLUB FOR THE REST OF THE TERM!!



Education & Communities

Year 12 Students Celebrate



Balranald Central School's Year 12 student's Madison Campbell, Lachlan Watt, Amy Campbell, Aden Harding and Crystal Cumberland completed their secondary school on Saturday, 22 November with a formal farewell held at the Royal Theatre. Family, friends and teachers joined this small group of students at their last official function as students of BCS. A great night was had by all.

Students of the Week

Week 9, Term 4



Year K/1/2	Lachlan Camin
Year 3/4	Isaac Lloyd
Year 5/6	Darcy Carmichael

Principal's Perspectives

I still remember where I was when I learnt that Princess Diana had died in 1997. I'd heard about the car accident, and that she was injured and in hospital. I listened with shock later when a news update on the radio said that she'd died. When a celebrity, someone who you've never met, dies it doesn't make a lot of sense to feel a sense of loss. But it's what they represent to many of us that is at the core of this outpouring of grief.

A lot of us will remember this week and where we were when we heard that Phillip Hughes had passed away. Here is a young man at the brink of great success. At only 25 years of age he was not that much older than our senior students at BCS. Or perhaps it's more significant because his home town, Macksville, is only a little bigger in size than Balranald. Michael Clarke spoke of Hughes' cricketing achievements playing second fiddle to the human qualities that he exhibited. He said he was *"loyal to a fault, eternally optimistic, kind hearted, wicked sense of humour, a childlike verve for life"*. As a parent myself, this is a pretty good wish list of what you'd hope for in your own children. And as a teacher, it's a pretty good checklist for the students that I have in the classroom each day. (i) To make the most of every day. (ii) To take on board opportunities to learn. (iii) To have new and challenging experiences. These three lessons can be taken from the life cut short this week at the SCG as well as being evident in some of the events from this week at our school.

Third Man

Teams of three competed in the Maths in Trade Olympiad on Thursday. The keenly sought after first prize of THREE mini iPads was taken out by Adam, Connor and Harrison. Well done to this winning combination!



Silly Point

Feats of wonder, daring and skill are coming together as students involved in the Circus amp up rehearsals with a new program of lessons starting over the next fortnight.

Long Off

A big thank you to Miss Caryn Jones and the Year 9 class for their efforts on the 2014 School Magazine. Stay tuned for a wonderful magazine that will showcase what's happened this year at BCS.

Deep Mid-Wicket

Hopefully the warm weather will stick around for the next two weeks with the Primary Intensive Swimming program taking place from today. This year the Stage 6 SLR class will be assisting in swimming lessons during the middle session – which is a great chance for the two groups to learn from each other!

Forward Short Leg

Invitations have been forwarded to families regarding Presentation Night on Tuesday 9th December. This evening is indeed a celebration of all that can be achieved by students who embrace the many experiences at school. Academic, sporting, cultural and qualities of citizenship are recognised across the school. I hope that as many members of the school community as possible are able to attend this night to congratulate the students of 2014 who have made us proud.

Extra Cover

A very special Primary Assembly will take place this Wednesday at 2pm. Prospective school leaders for 2015 will present their speeches to the audience before voting for Captains takes place. I know that a number of students are working on their speeches, and there are a number of you who have very strong leadership potential. I wish everyone the best of luck and to thank you in advance for showing the strength and confidence to give it your best shot and go this extra distance at school ☺

Silly Mid On

There was much to laugh about and enjoy on the 3/4 Excursion to Bendigo last week. I think the highlight that I heard from the trip was the vertical slide. Even the very name of this slide makes my knees start knocking together! You're all very brave. Or maybe just a little bit silly...!

Deep Square Leg

Students in Stage 6 classes are well underway in their Preliminary HSC studies, with a number of assessments taking place at the end of the term. Please support students by asking them how they're travelling in the "deep end" of High School (and perhaps have a look at their assessment booklet to find out the requirements set out by the Board of Studies – BOS- in terms of expectations etc.) Other secondary classes are also working hard with assessments also taking place before the end of term.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my deepest condolences to Mr Aaron Flagg and his family on the passing of his father after a long illness. Our heartfelt thoughts are with you.

Nadine Matarazzo - Relieving Principal

School Happenings

Primary Sport

Our Intensive Swimming program has started with students enjoying the water during this weather. A reminder that students need to bring their swimming clothes, towel and a pair of thongs (to wear to and from the pool) to school each day; students will get changed in and out of their swimmers at school.

Week Nine Assembly

Our final assembly of the year will be hosted by our Year 5/6 class. 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.



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, 9th December

Year 3/4 Excursion to Bendigo



JIMMY POSSUM

Circus News

The Balranald Circus Troupe have been training very hard after school over the last 7 weeks in preparation for the upcoming performance. As we get closer to show time, it's very important that all members of the troupe keep attending all of their training sessions, rain, hail or shine!

- **8-12 years: Monday, Thursday 4-5:30pm**
- **13+: Tuesday, Wednesday 4-6:00pm**

A detailed production schedule will be given out this week, which will include some extra rehearsal times for the cast between Monday 8th-Friday 12th Dec. Some of these rehearsals will run late. We understand some students have other activities they participate in after school so if there is a clash please let us know in advance.

My contact number is: 0448 834 388.



Show Date: Saturday 13th December.

Venue: the circus Rig, at Greenham Park Hall

Time: 8pm. (Gates open earlier for pre-show entertainment)

Costumes and Props

It's time to gather costumes and props for the show! We are looking for:

- Khaki, brown, grey, blue, white or black overalls,
- 'King Gee/Hard Yakka' style shirts and pants, (No High Vis)
- Black or block coloured leggings (Stripes, spots or sparkle is also fine)
- Leotards, unitards, tutu's or clown costumes
- Full length mirrors
- Plain, canvas lace-up or elasticized shoes, eg: Dunlop volleys.

Please clearly label anything you are lending to the circus. Everything will be cared for and returned after the show.

Working Bee!

Are you handy with tools or a paint-brush? Like to sew? Want to hang out with the carnies and decorate hula hoops?! The Balranald Circus is running a working bee

- **Sunday 7th December between 11AM-4PM at BCS.**

There'll be a range of things to get involved with, so if you have an hour or 2 to spare, please join us near the hall. Light snacks will be provided.

Thank you parents and staff at BCS for your continued support!

TERM FOUR – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 @ 2pm</i> <i>Primary 2015 Captain Speeches</i>	4 <i>Secondary Sports Day</i> <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 <i>Secondary Sports Day</i> <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>	12 <i>Primary Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 B	15 DECEMBER <i>Gold & Silver Award Excursion</i>	16 <i>Year 6 Graduation @ 1.30pm</i>	17 <i>Last day of school for students</i> <i>Primary Class Parties and Pool Day</i>	18 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	19

TERM ONE – 2015

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

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