



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!!

NSW Education Minister visits BCS



Pictured: NSW Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli and Principal, Aaron Flagg.

Students of the Week

Week 10, Term 4



Year K/1/2	Harry Ross
Year 3/4	Mason Anderson
Year 5/6	Faith Jolliffe



Education & Communities

Principal's Perspectives

Welcome to all parents to week 10 of term four.

On Thursday the 4th of December Balranald Central School had a visit from the Honourable Adrian Piccoli the New South Wales Education Minister. Mr Piccoli had a tour of the school and spent time with myself and other senior staff discussing topics such as school finance, student programs and staffing. It was a pleasure to host Mr Piccoli who spent the time to appreciate the positive aspects of BCS while listening to some of our concerns.

I attended the Central School's Principal conference in Sydney on the 27th and 28th of November. The opportunity has given our school a snapshot of many other Central Schools across the state. The conference covered topics and areas such as senior curriculum, middle schooling, early intervention, school planning, K-12 management, Resource allocation and various sharing sessions. It was without a doubt a very worthwhile event.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Maths in Trades Olympiad. The day was real test for students which developed determination, skills and confidence. A special thank you to Stobon Lloyd who has driven the program. The support and assistance of Devon Andrews from Sunraysia TAFE has been outstanding. The students are already looking forward to the program next year.

The Intensive Swimming Program for our Primary students has started. It is pleasing to see our school utilising community facilities. Again it is great to see students challenging themselves and developing their water skills. The importance of programs that go beyond our curriculum cannot be understated as they develop genuine lifelong skills.

On Saturday, 22nd November I saw my first Balranald Central School Year 12 Formal at the Theatre Royal. It was a fantastic night for our newly departed students, their families and friends. I am certain that everyone had a fantastic time and they will have an assortment of photos to remind them of the night.

Our school has been accessing the circus skills program during the regular day as well as a series of after school workshops. This program is capturing the skills of our motivated students. A fitting finale to the program will be performed and parents and the community are invited. Details are in this newsletter.

The Year 3/4 class went on an overnight excursion to Bendigo on the 25th and 26th of November. The students participated in a range of activities and tours such as a Gold mine, Tram ride, Discovery Science Centre and a Pottery Lesson. Once again a great experience for our students. Thank you to Mrs Kate Harper for her organisation and supervision.

Two weeks ago, the premier, Mike Baird, and the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, announced the next stage of the school Resource Allocation Model (RAM). The RAM is a more equitable, efficient and transparent funding model that underpins our reforms to devolve more decision – making to principals and communities. Schools receive funding and equity loadings based on socio-economic backgrounds, Aboriginal students, remote/isolation and English language proficiency. The new model will allow Balranald Central School to build on the increased decision-making authority to respond to local needs to improve our students' learning outcomes.

Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg

This week's quiz



Student's Name: _____ **Year:** _____

1. *What is the capital city of Australia?*

2. *A peanut is a type of nut? True or False*

3. *What do the dots on a pair of dice add up to?*

P & C NEWS

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The P&C will again be catering for Presentation Night – it would be greatly appreciated if families could assist us by donating a plate to share. Food can be dropped to the canteen on the night.

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

BBQ Tea, popcorn, fairy floss and drinks will all be available to purchase from the P&C before we get to watch our talented students perform in the Circus Extravaganza!! This is all happening on Saturday 13th December 2014 starting at 7pm..... Don't miss this fantastic event!!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Don't forget our raffle is being drawn at Presentation Night on Tuesday. If you have tickets, sold or unsold, please return to the front office ASAP... If you are still needing to purchase your tickets, they will be sold at the door – First prize is an Ipad Mini valued at \$300!!



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

IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR

PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:



- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://TransportforNSW.gov.au).

Have a safe holiday break!

**OUTBACK THEATRE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
PRESENTS:**

**THE
BALRANALD
CIRCUS**

**AND AMAZING
SIDESHOW!**

**SAT 13th
DEC**

**BBQ
AT 7PM**

**SHOW
AT 8PM**

\$10

GREENHAM PARK HALL

ENTER AT THE MAIN GATES
BRING A PICNIC RUG OR CHAIR, SOME SEATING PROVIDED.

- PRE-SALE TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A DRINK VOUCHER + RAFFLE ENTRY
- CHILDREN AGED 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE
- LIMITED TICKETS AT THE DOOR! PRE-PURCHASE AT WWW.MOSHTIX.COM.AU

**OUTBACK
THEATRE
FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE**

**IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH:**

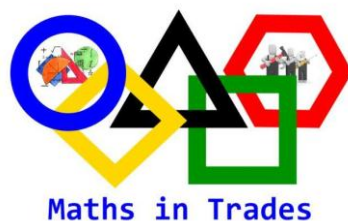


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Investment
Arts NSW**





CONGRATULATIONS to the 2014 Medal Winners

1st - Conadison Construction – Adam Simpson, Connor Soraggi and Harrison Soraggi

2nd - MHP Industries – Will Morton, Christopher Holmes and Riley Pearce

3rd - JCS Metals Pty Ltd – Jordyn Jolliffe, Chloe Farnsworth and Shania Bax

The format of the day involved students solving a group maths problem as well as each member completing their own individual problem. The emphasis on this section of the competition was speed and accuracy, with the team or person solving the question the quickest achieving maximum points. The team also had to manufacture a tray that had four compartments and design a handle for their tray with points awarded for originality.

With iPads up for grabs, it was important that highly qualified judges were on hand.

A big thank you to the Sunraysia TAFE Rural Trades staff for judging on the day. Thank you Devon, Chris, Gary and Shane. Thanks to Mr Bruton for running the Maths section of the competition.

As can be seen by the final score sheet below the competition was a close one and all students competed in the spirit of fair play, with teams, at times, helping each other.



Teams	Employability Skills				Maths Problems				Fabrication				TOTAL 180	RANK
	Teamwork / 5	Problem Solving / 5	Planning and Organising / 5	Communication / 5	Group Task / 15	Indiv 1 / 15	Indiv 2 / 15	Indiv 3 / 15	Marking / 20	Assemble / 30	Handle / 20	Finished Product / 30		
MHP INDUSTRIES	5	5	5	5	0	12	13	12	16	16	19	23	131	2
JSP FABRICATION	5	4	4	4	0	11	14	2	17	20	20	25	126	5
NLF INDUSTRIES	5	5	4	4	0	13	11	3	16	15	15	23	114	7
CONADISON CONSTRUCTION	5	5	5	5	0	15	10	11	17	18	18	27	136	1
JBK INDUSTRIES	5	5	5	4	0	10	12	14	15	16	15	24	125	6
JCS Metals PTY LTD	5	4	4	5	0	14	10	15	16	16	16	24	129	3
GERVASI INDUSTRIES	5	5	5	5	0	9	15	6	18	16	19	25	128	4
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THE FINAL SCORE - Just to show how close the competition was this year here is the score sheet.

***NOTE: The highlighted yellow squares in the Maths Problems column are the teams that had points deducted for breach of WHS. Teams were given a warning and if any member after that breached this, the team was deducted 7 points....could have been a different result if they had just kept their safety glasses on!!!! Well done to all, we hope to do it all again next year.....again with some more exciting twists and turns.

Congratulations to Samantha Renfrey and Tearra Charles on obtaining School Based Traineeships with Far West Local Health District.



This picture is of Samantha Renfrey and Tearra Charles at the launch of the SBAT Program with Far West Local Health District. The program was launched by the Hon. Melinda Pavey, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health, on behalf of the Minister for Health, the Hon. Jillian Skinner.

Samantha will be completing a certificate III in Allied Health Assistance and Tearra will be doing a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance as part of their HSC over the next two years. Both Girls will be working with our local health service in Balranald to complete the on-the-job component of their traineeship.

Balranald Central School is excited to be working in partnership with Far West Health and our local health care workers on this great initiative.

Far West Local Health District School Based Apprenticeships And Traineeships Program Launch

The Far West Local Health District's School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) program was today officially launched by the Hon. Melinda Pavey, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health, on behalf of the Minister for Health, the Hon. Jillian Skinner.

SBATs are a Department of Education and Communities initiative providing Year 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to gain an industry recognised qualification and employment as part of their HSC.

"This is the first time the Far West Local Health District has offered School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships as an established program", Ms Rebecca Heron-Dowling, Far West LHD Management Trainee said.

"The Program provides students with an exceptional opportunity to gain entry into the workforce and an industry recognised qualification while they are studying at school.

"We are also very grateful for the Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health, Melinda Pavey, to travel to Broken Hill to launch the scheme, on behalf of the Minister."

Ms Heron-Dowling said the scope and depth of the program is a precedent for NSW Health and provides employment opportunities and development of skills of young people in our communities. "It will create pathways for young people wanting to go to university and or pursue careers within the health sector and builds the future workforce of the Far West LHD and service capacity."

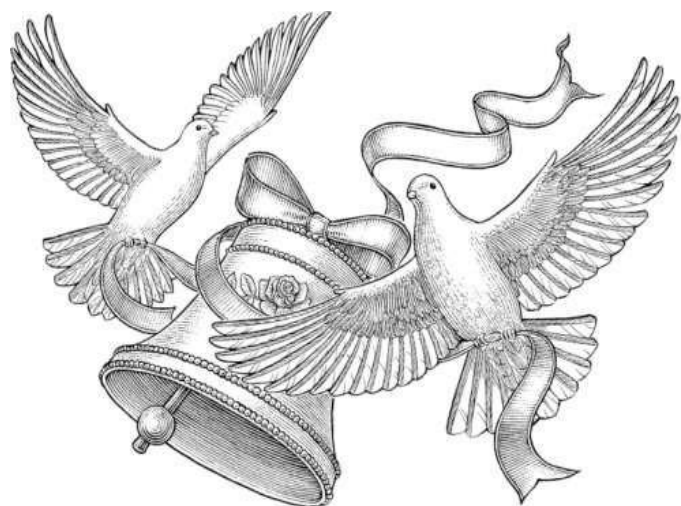
Students from Balranald Central School, Broken Hill High School, Coomealla High School, Wilcannia Central School and Willyama High School will be appointed to traineeships in Business Administration (medical), Health Services Assistance and Allied Health Assistance.

The Far West LHD, TAFE NSW Riverina Institute, Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, and Department of Education and Communities will work closely with schools to ensure students are supported to successfully complete their chosen traineeship.

Your Invitation to...

COMMUNITY

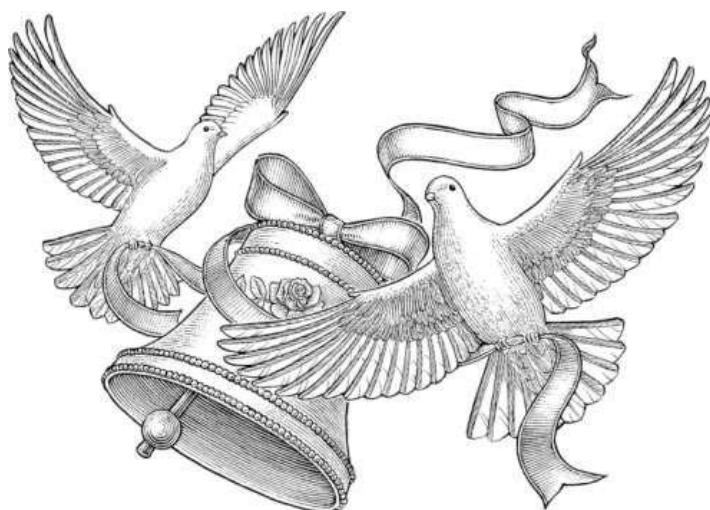
CAROLS



Sunday 14th Dec, 6 pm
Theatre Royal

- * Come along for an evening of fellowship and fun.
- * supper will be served.

* Presented by Balranald combined churches



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TERM FOUR – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

Canteen Corner

It would be wonderful if all canteen accounts could be settled before End of Term please!!

There will be no more Marinated Chicken Burgers this term!

NO CANTEEN ALL DAY Wed 17th

☺ Thank you for supporting your school canteen in 2014 ☺