



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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is Wednesdays!!**

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Wednesday, 5 March
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Welcome to our Kindergarten Students



Welcome to our Kindergarten students who started school on Friday, 7 February 2014. The Kindergarten students are pictured with their classroom teachers, Mrs Sam Lockhart and Mrs Alison Linnett.

Combined Primary and Secondary Twilight Swimming Carnival

The annual combined Primary and Secondary
Twilight Swimming Carnival
is being held at the Janelle Masters Memorial Swimming Pool on
Thursday, 13 February 2014 from 3.30pm

Students can wear their house colours on this day.
NO THONGS OR SINGLETs ALLOWED

**Due to the arrangements for the Swimming Carnival, students are not
required to come to school on Friday, 14 February 2014.**

**The P&C will once again be providing chicken burgers, steak sandwiches,
sausages in bread etc. Any helpers would be welcome!!**



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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

A very warm welcome to the students and staff of Balranald Central School as they return for the 2014 academic year. An especially warm welcome to our new students, staff and their families, many of whom are new to the town. I am confident that they will be embraced by the friendliness of Balranald, just as I have.

As the school community is aware, from the last newsletter of 2013, Erich Riesinger has taken leave for Term 1 and I am honoured and privileged to be relieving in the position of Principal during his absence. My current substantive position is as Principal of Barham Primary School and the opportunity for me to work in a central school and to become au fait with the operations and content of the secondary curriculum is something I highly value. I am very fortunate that my staff at Barham Primary are able to cover the responsibilities and requirements of that school during my absence. Mr Riesinger, at this stage, will be returning for Term 2.

During his absence, I am available to meet with any parents or community members who have concerns. Appointment can be made through the administration office.

I am also looking forward to the opportunity of spending time in classrooms and getting to know the students at this school better. In 2014, we welcome 3 new staff members to the school family:

Mr Josh Bruton will be teaching Science and PD/H/PE, as will Ms Tamika Uzzel. Mr Colin Holland will be working with students in Industrial Technology lessons. These teachers join the BCS team with enthusiasm, commitment and experiences that can only add value to the educational opportunities already available to our students.

As with all schools, we have “hit the ground running” from day 1. Primary students are enjoying swimming and settling into new classes and routines whilst secondary students are becoming familiar with new timetables, teachers and subject requirements. I have had the privilege of meeting our 2014, Year 12 students and can't help but be impressed with their maturity and sensible approach to their studies. They are an exemplary group of young adults; as are our 2014 Junior School Captains, Keely Gaston and Drew Lloyd, who will help to raise the profile of the K-6 students at this school during the year.

I look forward to working with the staff, students and broader school community in enhancing the learning opportunities at Balranald Central School.

“If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.” - African proverb



*Pictured:
Ms Judy McGuiness,
Relieving Principal*



*Pictured:
Mr Josh Bruton*



*Pictured:
Ms Tamika Uzzel*



*Pictured:
Mr Colin Holland*

Primary Ponderings

Welcome everyone to 2014 and the beginning of a new school year. I envisage that we have a very busy, productive and exciting time ahead of us as the Primary staff join their students in beginning or continuing their learning journey. We had a wonderful start to the year and it was very pleasing to see the happy faces of our students energised for another year of learning. During our short first week, it was evident that school has well and truly started with our Kindergarten students and those new to our school, settling in well. Teachers have had the chance to implement their teaching and learning program with the students all engaged in the various activities with enthusiasm.

Primary Organisation 2014

For 2014 we will run three primary classes:

- * K/1/2 – Mrs Lockhart (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Linnett
- * Year 3/4 – Mrs Harper
- * Year 5/6 – Mr Scott and Mrs Stevens (afternoon sessions ~ Creative Art, Science, PDHPE etc.)
- * Reading Recovery and Learning Support – Mrs Stevens
- * Teacher RFF – Mr Longford and Mrs Gorman (Library)

Primary Sport will be held on Friday mornings in Term One (to keep the students out of the heat). Students can wear their sports shirt on this day along with their sneakers. On the other days we expect students to be in their white school shirt and black school shoes. Students will be attending the pool for sport until the end of March, with each class having a fifty minute session.

Parents of primary students will receive letters from their classroom teacher informing of the class routines and expectations shortly.

Home learning

Home learning activities will be sent home by the class teacher each week. These activities allow students to revise content covered in the classroom and further their understanding of concepts taught. The days that the home learning activity will be sent home and due back will be organised by the classroom teacher. This information will be contained in the information letter from the classroom teachers.

Home Reading

Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning. We will be encouraging all students to participate in home reading each night. Each child will be given a reading journal or diary to record their reading with a section for their parents to sign. Teachers will regularly check that the students have been reading at home.

Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a Merit Certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75 and 100 nights of reading. When a student has read for 100 nights they also receive a book in acknowledgment of their effort.

School Supplies

Students from K – 6 will need some equipment to enable them to complete their learning activities. A list of the requirements for each class can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter. It would be greatly appreciated if each student could bring in a box of tissues to be used in the classroom.

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch & Sip encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

The Crunch & Sip break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

Our school now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day during the morning session. You can help your child participate in the following ways:

Please provide your child with a clean water bottle (with their name clearly marked). This can be any clear bottle, such as an empty water, sports drink or juice bottle. Make sure you wash the bottle each night!

Students will also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at their desk. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit (such as apple, chopped melon, fruit in tubs in natural juice or sultanas*), or vegies such as celery or carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes. No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch & Sip.

Please remember fruit for your child each day as part of our crunch and sip program – it is powerful brain food!

** Note: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth increasing the risk of tooth decay therefore fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.*

LIBRARY TIMES

| | |
|-----------|-------|
| Tuesday | K/1/2 |
| Wednesday | 5/6 |
| Thursday | 3/4 |

Don't forget you need a library bag to borrow books!!

Secondary Bell Times

| Secondary Bell Times | | |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| | Start | Finish |
| | 8.55 | 9.00 |
| Period 1 | 9.00 | 9.50 |
| Period 2 | 9.50 | 10.40 |
| Recess | 10.40 | 11.00 |
| Period 3 | 11.00 | 11.50 |
| Period 4 | 11.50 | 12.40 |
| Lunch 1 | 12.40 | 1.00 |
| Lunch 2 | 1.00 | 1.20 |
| Period 5 | 1.20 | 2.10 |
| Period 6 | 2.10 | 3.00 |

Primary Bell Times

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|--------------------|-------|--------|
| | Start | Finish |
| Morning Session | 9.00 | 10.40 |
| Recess | 10.40 | 11.00 |
| Morning Session | 11.00 | 12.40 |
| Lunch 1 | 12.40 | 1.00 |
| Lunch 2 | 1.00 | 1.20 |
| Afternoon Session | 1.20 | 2.45 |

COMBINED TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child/children, as listed below, to participate in the Combined Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnival to be held at the Janelle Masters Memorial Swimming Pool on Thursday, 13 February 2014. I understand that I will be responsible for transporting my child/children home at the conclusion of the carnival.

Student Name

Year

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Smile!

PLEASE!!
NOTE

School Photos are on
Wednesday, 5 March 2014.

Information and Envelopes will be sent home
shortly.

HATS

Secondary students are reminded that they are required to bring in a hat to wear during Sport and any other subject where they will be in the sun.

Canteen Corner**Thursday, 13th February**

**Crunchy Noodle
Chicken Salad
\$5.00**

*New Summer Menu attached...Please take
note of changes!!*

NOTE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELECTIVE SUBJECT FEES

2014 Student Invoices will be posted out in the next few weeks and it would be appreciated if fees could be paid by the end of Term 1. Parents who are experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the Student Assistance Scheme. Please contact the Principal for further information. All applications will be treated confidentially.

CHANGE OF ENROLMENT DETAILS

If you have recently changed address, telephone number, place of employment, family situation or would like to change your emergency contact details you will need to complete a form at the school's front office. **It is particularly important that we have correct details in the case of accident or illness.**

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Often students need to bring money to school to pay for activities, excursions and performances. Could all parents ensure that the **correct money** is sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the child's name, grade, activity and amount enclosed. Primary students should hand their money to their classroom teacher, whilst secondary students should hand their money in at roll call or to the front office.

WHEN YOU VISIT OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE SIGN IN

Whenever you visit the school, please call at the front office and sign the visitor's book and collect a visitor's badge. It is essential in case of emergency, for security and safety of the students that we know who is in the school buildings and grounds at all times.

ABSENCES

Please remember to send in a note, email or make a phone call when your child is absent. Any notes received **seven** days after your child's absence cannot be processed on our system.

SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

The front office has scientific calculators for sale for \$20 each. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 require a scientific calculator for use in mathematics lessons.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available for hire by all secondary students. Payment of \$20 can be made by students wishing to hire a locker for their duration of enrolment at Balranald Central School. If students lose their padlock they can get a replacement at a cost of \$20. Please contact the school's front office for further details.

LOST CLOTHING

Please label all clothing, as our lost property box is always full of unnamed articles. Unclaimed items are put in the welfare box in the Uniform Shop at the end of each term.

Do you have any uniform clothing that your child has grown out of and you are not sure what to do with it because it is still in good condition? We would love to have it to put in the student welfare box in the Uniform Shop!!

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

No students are permitted to leave school grounds unless they have been signed out through the front office and a reasonable explanation is given, eg. Doctor's appointment. **Primary students may only leave school grounds during the school day if they are collected by a parent or caregiver.** Secondary students are able to leave school grounds if they have a signed permission note from their parent indicating the time they are leaving/returning, where they are going and why they are going. Secondary students with notes are asked to bring them to the school's front office before roll call. All students are required to sign back in through the front office upon returning to the school.

YEAR ADVISOR'S FOR 2014

If families have any concerns regarding their child's progress at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school. **A first point of call for a general inquiry can be made to your child's Year Advisor.** They are:

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| Year 7 | Miss Carmen Woods |
| Year 8 | Miss Caryn Jones |
| Year 9 | Mrs Kate Harper |
| Year 10 | Mrs Ellen Sendy |
| Year 11 | Ms Stobon Lloyd |
| Year 12 | Mr Adam Bevan |

Student Representative Council

Thank you to the SRC who has purchased new banners to use at the sport carnivals.



2014 SECONDARY HOUSE CAPTAINS



Mungo House Captains – Kate Norton and Joseph Gervasi



Yanga House Captains – Madison Campbell and Sally Cocks

2014 PRIMARY HOUSE CAPTAINS



Mungo House Captains – Will Scott and Faith Jolliffe



Yanga House Captains – Lani Dalton and Courtney Gorman

LIST OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

Kindergarten to Year 2

- Reader Folder
- Library Bag
- Glue Stick
- School Bag
- School Hat

Year 3 to Year 6

- Pencil Case
- Glue Stick
- Textas
- Eraser
- Colour and Lead Pencils
- Blue and Red Pens
- Ruler
- Reader Folder
- School Bag
- Library Bag
- School Hat
- Old shirt for Art

Students of the Week

For Week 1 Term 1, 2014



K/Year 1/2 Brayden McLeod
Year 3/4 Lani Wilkinson
Year 5/6 Jackson Li

STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

It is easy to forget to send in a note. Could you please complete and send in the day your child returns to school.

My son/daughter/ward _____ of Year _____ was absent on the following dates: _____

Reason for absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other _____

Please list reason

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

NB Attendance rates are recorded on reports.

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Balranald Central School P & C

AGM

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2014
@ 6.30pm

All positions will be declared vacant.
 The monthly meeting will follow the AGM.

All welcome!

Any questions feel free to contact Deb 0427 200 167

Show your children you care about their school and their education...

MASCOT COMPETITION



All the greatest teams have a mascot – look at the Roos for North Melbourne, Magpies for Collingwood in the AFL, Melbourne Stars have Starman and Hobart have Captain Hurricane in the Cricket's Big Bash, Cronulla Sharks have Reefy and Hammerhead and Sydney Roosters have Rocky the Rooster in the Rugby League.



We need mascots for the great houses Yanga and Mungo. The SRC are running a competition and would like students to come up with an idea for a mascot for their house. It would be great if Yanga's mascot was green and Mungo's was red. Try to think of an idea and perhaps a cartoon character. Your peers will vote and decide on the winning idea. The 2 winners will be announced at the swimming carnival on the 13th of February. Prizes for the best ideas will be given.



BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM 2014

Name: _____ Ph : _____

| | SIZE (Please circle) | | | | | | | Price (\$) | Quantity | Sub-total (\$) | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|----------------|--|
| White Polo Top | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14Y | 16Y | \$20 | | | |
| | S | M | L | X-LGE | 2XL | 3XL | \\ | \$25 | | | |
| Blue Sports Polo Top | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14Y | 16Y | \$30 | | | |
| | SML | MED | LGE | X-LGE | 2XL | 3XL | \\ | \$34 | | | |
| Girls Navy Skorts | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | \\ | \$27 | | | |
| | 10A | 12A | 14A | \\ | | | | \$27 | | | |
| Girls Navy Sport Skort | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | \$15 | | | |
| Girls Navy Pleat Skirt | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | \\ | \$31 | | | |
| | 10A | 12A | 14A | \\ | | | | | | | |
| Unisex Navy Taslon Sports Shorts | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14Y | 16Y | \$13.50 | | | |
| | SML | MED | LGE | X-LGE | \\ | | | \$15 | | | |
| Unisex Navy Gabardine Cargo Shorts | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14Y | 16Y | \$18 | | | |
| | SML | MED | LGE | X-LGE | \\ | | | \$24 | | | |
| Navy Scrunchies (pack of 2) | | | | | | | | \$2 | | | |
| BCS School Bag | | SML | | | \\ | | | \$55 | | | |
| | | LARGE | | | \\ | | | \$65 | | | |
| School Navy Bucket Hat (Primary Only) | | SML 55cm | | MED 57cm | | LGE 59CM | | \\ | \$11 | | |
| School Navy Cap (Secondary Only) | | One Size Fits All | | | | | | \$11 | | | |
| White Ankle Socks Unisex | | Size 9-13 | | | Size 13-3 | | Size 2-8 | | \$4 | | |

PAYMENT

- ☐ I've enclosed a cheque for \$ _____ made out to "Balranald Parent and Citizens Association".
- ☐ I've enclosed cash for \$ _____ (Please enclose the correct amount as Uniform Shop is unable to provide change.)

DELIVERY – When your order is ready, are you happy for it to be sent home with your child?Yes ☐ Child's Name: _____ Class: _____No ☐ Please call me when order is ready to be collected: Tel: _____**Uniform shop is OPEN every Friday at 10.30am – 1pm in Room 13** (behind canteen).

To make an alternate appointment time, to exchange an item, or for more information, please call Lisa on 0428 995 489.

TERM ONE – 2014

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Week 1 B | 27 JANUARY Australia Day | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Week 2 A | 3 FEBRUARY <u>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</u> | 4 <u>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</u> – PUPIL FREE DAY | 5 Yr 1 to 12 First Day of School <i>Kinder Best Start Testing</i> | 6 Secondary Sports Day <i>Kinder Best Start Testing</i> | 7 <i>Kinder First Day of School</i> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> |
| Week 3 B | 10 FEBRUARY <u>Exec meeting</u> | 11 | 12 | 13 Secondary Sports Day K-Yr 12 Twilight Swimming Carnival | 14 No Classes Canteen Closed |
| Week 4 A | 17 FEBRUARY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm | 18 | 19 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i> | 20 Secondary Sports Day <i>Tennis Trials @ Deni</i> | 21 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>District Swimming @ Swan Hill</i> |
| Week 5 B | 24 FEBRUARY <u>Exec meeting</u> | 25 | 26 | 27 Secondary Sports Day | 28 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>AFL & Netball Trials @ Barham</i> |
| Week 6 A | 3 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> | 4 | 5 School Photos | 6 Secondary Sports Day | 7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> |
| Week 7 B | 10 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Riverina Swimming @ Albury</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i> | 13 Secondary Sports Day | 14 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> |
| Week 8 A | 17 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> | 18 | 19 | 20 Secondary Sports Day | 21 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> |
| Week 9 B | 24 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> | 25 | 26 | 27 Secondary Sports Day Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly | 28 |
| Week 10 A | 31 <u>Exec meeting</u> | 1 APRIL | 2 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i> | 3 Secondary Sports Day | 4 |
| Week 11 B | 7 <u>Exec meeting</u> | 8 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am | 9 | 10 | 11 Last Day of Term 1, 2013 |

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

Strike A Pose Dance Academy

Classes on Thursday's at Ex- Servicemen's club - rec room.

Please email missnatasha.gerakis@gmail.com or
call 0407 520 263 for more info and enrolments.