



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**CANTEEN  
RED DAY  
THIS WEDNESDAY!!**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



**Wednesday, 5 March**  
See inside Newsletter for details

## Riverina PSSA Tennis Trials



On Thursday, 20 February Drew Lloyd, Faith Jolliffe and Will Scott travelled to Deniliquin to participate in the Riverina PSSA Tennis Trials. Congratulations to Drew Lloyd who has been selected to attend the final Riverina PSSA Tennis Trials in Griffith on Friday, 14 March.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews/Progress Reports

Our first Parent-Teacher Interview Evening for K to 12 will be held on **Monday, 3 March** starting at 3.30pm and finishing at 6.30pm. Notes will be sent home on Tuesday, 25 February so that parents can organise meeting times.

Progress Reports for Secondary students will be sent home with students on Wednesday, 26 February.



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# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

One of the definite pleasures of being in a school with a secondary section is exposure to the variety of learning opportunities and subjects the students have available to them and that they participate in.

Last week it was the hospitality students who were willing to share their skills with me. It was a pleasant surprise when Katherine Kay offered me a plate of delicious sweet potato and bacon risotto, perfectly made and tasting divine. Congratulations to our hospitality students, expertly guided by Mrs Sendy!

This term, the students, staff and school community have shared the excellent sportsmanship of the schools' swimming carnival. Last Friday, our representative primary swimming squad travelled to Swan Hill, competed exceptionally well to win the handicap trophy, but more importantly, demonstrated excellent behaviour and sportsmanship that saw encouragement of others and acknowledgement of achievements. Look out for next week's newsletter for greater details on our results. Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Linnett who organised an exemplary carnival and thanks to Ms Baker, from Clare, who supported her.

Tomorrow, our representative secondary swim squad will travel to Hay. We wish them all every success, knowing that they will do Balranald proud!

In these times of greater access to and use of technology, parents and community members are increasingly accessing the schools newsletter via computers and portable devices. We are also aware of the number of newsletters that end up in school rubbish bins, not even making it home. These newsletters are expensive to produce in terms of paper and coloured ink and the school needs to be conscious of funding allocations when budgets are becoming increasingly tighter. In support of all these factors, we would like to cut back on the number of hard copy newsletters we publish each week. Therefore, we are proposing that, as of **10 March**, hard copies of newsletters will only be provided to those families who specifically request them by completing the form found on page 5 of this newsletter or contacting the school office. We are extremely conscious of the importance of parents and community members keeping up to date with school events and in support of this, newsletters will be emailed directly to all those families who provide email particulars and newsletters will

continue to be uploaded onto the school website each week.

Hard copies of our school newsletter will continue to be made available to the local business houses.

## Students of the Week For Week 4 Term 1, 2014



Year K/1/2	Kayla Harding
Year 3/4	Chloe Gorman
Year 5/6	Keely Gaston

## P&C News

Congratulations and thank you to the following parents who have accepted the positions of:

PRESIDENT – Kate Harper  
 VICE PRESIDENT – Lisa Jolliffe  
 SECRETARY – Amelia Calleja  
 TREASURER – Glenda Redpath  
 UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR – Lisa Dalton  
 VICE UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR – Deb Gaston



# Primary Ponderings

## Primary Assembly

In week four we had our first Primary assembly for the year which was run by our Year 5/6 class. Well done to the following students who received Assistant Principal Awards:

*Anna Scoleri* for working quickly and quietly

*Ryan Jackson* for showing a positive approach to his literacy tasks

*Skye Haigh* for fantastic reading

*Elizabeth Bell* for always working hard in all subjects

*Samuel Simmons* for displaying a positive attitude to his learning

*Courtney Gorman* for finding her voice and sharing her ideas

*Chase Militto* for helping new students in the Library

*Lachlan Camin* for following directions in the Library

All of our new Kindergarten students received an Assistant Principal's award for their positive start to school. We look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly in week seven hosted by Year 3/4.

## Moulamein District PSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 21 February some of our Primary Students represented our school at the PSSA District Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Well done to all of the students who competed on the day. Thanks to Mrs Linnett for organising the carnival and Ms McGuiness and Mr Longford for helping with supervision.



## Home Reading

Hopefully students will have recorded at least one week of home reading by now. Students may read books from school or home. At-school resources are found in the library and in the classrooms, at-home books can be those from the public library, family library or even those borrowed from friends. Newspapers, magazines and comics are an acceptable reading material to provide some variety, particularly for students in senior primary. Don't forget the value of Book Club, with many books available for purchase twice a term when the catalogues are sent home. **BOOKS READ SHOULD BE AT THE READING LEVEL (not necessarily the age) OF THE CHILD.**

When participating in home reading students may read on their own quietly, on their own but out aloud, share the reading with an adult or be read to/read with an adult. Don't forget to help students record their good reading habits in their journal and please sign in the signature column. When your child has read for 25 nights, they need to bring in their book for their teacher to sign and receive a merit award.

## No Hat, No Play!

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 which is clearly named.

## Homework Club

Miss Jones would like to invite all students to the Homework Club, starting on Tuesday. The club is open each Tuesday afternoon between 3.00pm – 4.00pm and is available to both primary and secondary students. Afternoon tea is provided in the quad, after which they will be taken to work on their tasks. Students are supported by additional staff members who have volunteered their time to assist.

## ART CLUB

**Years 4/5/6/7/8**

**Starting date:** Monday, 28 April 2014

**Time:** 3-4pm



### ART CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

My child: \_\_\_\_\_ of Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to attend the Art Club on Monday  
afternoons starting in Term 2.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:     /     /

## AUSTSWIM

Those wanting to gain professional  
development hours for  
re-registration for Austswim can  
attend a course to be held in  
Swan Hill on  
Sunday, 16 March 2014



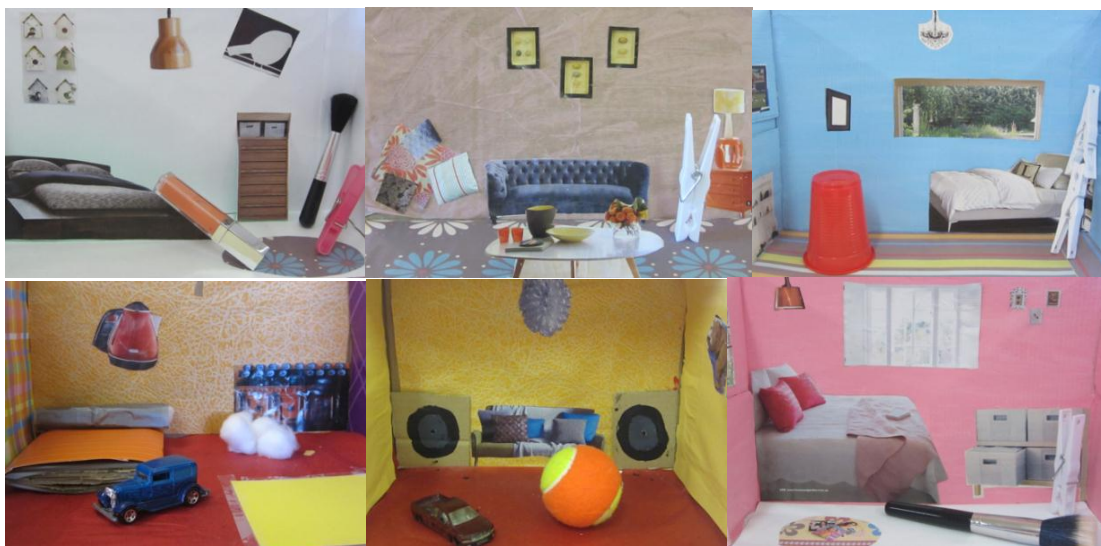
## ART CLUB 2014 Year 4/5/6/7/8

### STARTING MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014 TERM 2 (3-4 pm)

WEEK	AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
1	<b><u>Terracotta Clay Creatures</u></b> Students will create their own small-imagined creature by using hand building techniques with terracotta clay. Students will first draw and design their creature and then learn how to hand build their idea.
2	<b><u>Finishing terracotta clay creatures</u></b> by painting them with different colours <b><u>Terracotta jewellery</u></b> Students make round terracotta medallions stamped with an image and attached to a ribbon to make a necklace.
3	<b><u>Dream Catcher</u></b> Dream Catchers are arts and crafts of the Native American people and are hung above a sleeper's bed to give them peaceful, beautiful dreams. Students will create their own Dream Catcher using beads, thread and feathers.
4	<b><u>Rosalie Gascoigne inspired Collage</u></b> Students will make a simple word based collage based on their name, combining, painting, drawing and cutting.
5	<b><u>Jewellery making with beads</u></b> Learn how to make fun jewellery pieces with an assortment of colourful beads. Students can make bracelets, anklets, rings or necklaces.
6	<b><u>Paint like Picasso</u></b> Using Pablo Picasso's cubist style as inspiration, students will deconstruct, rearrange and put things upside down to create an abstract artwork with bright colours.
7	<b><u>Making of a collograph print</u></b> A collograph print is a collage printmaking technique. Students will glue different materials such as cardboard, string, and rubber bands onto a board. That collage is then printed onto paper.
8	<b><u>Printing collograph</u></b> Students print collage onto A4 paper.
9	<b><u>Tote Bag Printing</u></b> Students will print their own design onto a canvas tote bag using fabric paints.

## Visual Arts

Students in Year 8 Visual Arts have been learning about the elements of art and principles of design. During the last week, students have been creating artworks about size and scale, influenced by Belgian surrealist artist Rene Magritte's work *Les Valeurs Personnelles*. Students have played with the idea of size and scale by placing a large object in a room that wouldn't normally be there. They created any room in a house with a cardboard box, paint and collage. The contrasting size creates a sense of strangeness due to the relative size of the environment.



Year 9 and 10 students have been creating sculptural self-portraits inspired by Chinese artist, Ah Xian. Students firstly created casts of their face using plaster, and have built the skull, neck and shoulders with paper and plaster bandages. Over the top of the plaster, they have added air drying clay. They are currently at the stage where they are about to paint their sculptural self-portraits using symbols, colours and patterns that reflect their personality.



Stage 6 students are investigating the topic of Modern art. They are currently creating lino prints based on a concept found in a modernist art movement or dealt with by a modernist artist. Students have decided to approach their artmaking through the Cubist and the Post-Impressionist styles.

### HARD COPY OF NEWSLETTER

I would like my child: \_\_\_\_\_ of Year: \_\_\_\_\_ to be given a hard copy of the Newsletter each week.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:     /     /



# Smile!

School Photos are on **Wednesday, 5 March** 2014.

Information and Envelopes have been sent home.

**EVERY student must return their envelope** - even if they are not buying photos.

Family photo order envelopes are available at the front office.

Students **must** be dressed in full summer uniform. They must either have the proper school shirt with the BCS logo OR a plain white polo shirt. **NO** Riverina, Cricket or Netball shirts for the group photos. Black school shoes should also be worn.



## Balranald Junior Football Club

Are seeking coaches for the 2014 season

Under 12s

Under 14s

Under 16s

Expressions of interest or more  
information please contact

President: Gavin Lloyd 5020 1889/ 0409 460 336



## Balranald Junior Football Club

### Registration Night

Thursday 13th March 2014 at 6pm

Junior Football Oval

\$35 registration fee to be paid on the night

Free sausage sizzle

### For more information please contact:

President: Gavin Lloyd 0409 460 336

Secretary: Vicki Lister 0400 916 909

Treasurer: Joanne Simpson 0417 578 017



Image: CCHU D. Finnegan



[nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

## **PICTURE THE PARK - 8 AND 9 MARCH 2014 - YANGA NATIONAL PARK**

A very special opportunity to photograph the wetlands of Yanga National Park near Balranald amongst the river red gums. An ideal opportunity for photographers to camp exclusively near the Murrumbidgee Wetlands and catch the fine light and stunning wetland birds with

Outback Geo Adventures. With members of the local photography club to assist, this 2 day photography tour will be suitable for participants without vehicles, or on a tag along basis. Call Outback Geo Adventures 0407 267 087 for more information.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[NATIONALPARKS.NSW.GOV.AU](http://NATIONALPARKS.NSW.GOV.AU)**

## TERM ONE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 5 B</b>	<b>24 FEBRUARY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>28</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>AFL &amp; Netball Trials @ Barham</i>
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>3 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <b>PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>School Photos</b>	<b>6</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>7</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>10 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Riverina Swimming @ Albury</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	<b>13</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>14</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 8 A</b>	<b>17 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>21</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 9 B</b>	<b>24 MARCH</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Secondary Sports Day <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>31</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>1 APRIL</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	<b>3</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>4</b>
<b>Week 11 B</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>8</b> Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Last Day of Term 1, 2014

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

# Canteen Corner

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February



**Spinach & Ricotta Triangles \$4.00**