



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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UNIFORM SHOP HAS CHANGED DAYS!!

Now open on
Wednesdays
between 10.30am
and 12.30pm

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Wednesday, 5 March
See inside Newsletter for
details

Shekere Beats Performance



On Thursday, 27 February Balranald Central School and St Joseph students and teachers had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities with an African performer called Jonas. Jonas gave a sample of a number of African songs and activities. Students were chosen and engaged in several performances from each school group. They participated in playing instruments together with dance movement such as African and Hip-Hop beat. Jonas spoke about African language and their culture. He told stories about his culture and African names that are given from the days of the week. The performance was enjoyed by all.

K-12 Athletics Carnival

Please note that the Athletics Carnival
will be held on Friday, 4 April 2014

Absences

Please note that we will no longer be sending home
absence letters. If your child is absent it would be
appreciated if you phoned the school or sent an email on the
day. If we don't receive notification as to why your child is
absent we will be making phone calls.



Education &
Communities

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Congratulations to our representative secondary swim squad who travelled to Hay last week. They were all exemplary ambassadors for our school. A small squad consisting of Jordyn Jolliffe, Kobe Lloyd, Jack Gervasi, Shania Bax, Isabella Harding, Jack Farnsworth, Jada Phillips and Aden Harding will travel across to Leeton this Friday to represent the school and district in the Riverina swimming carnival and we wish them every success in their events.

Next Monday, we have six primary students who will be travelling over to Albury for the Riverina Swimming Carnival, having met the qualifying times for their respective events. Congratulations to Chloe Gorman, Khy Jess, Macy Lloyd, Bonnie Jolliffe, Faith Jolliffe and Drew Loyd on this achievement and best wishes for a successful carnival.

Last Friday, a group of students from 5/6 travelled across to Barham for this years' AFL and netball trials. Congratulations to Will Scott and Drew Lloyd, who were chosen to go to the next step in AFL selection and to Lauren Jess and Bonnie Jolliffe who will continue their quest for the Riverina netball team selection. Well done to these students and to those who travelled to Barham to represent Balranald Central. Special thanks to Mrs Stevens and Mr Longford for accompanying the students.

Parent-teacher-student interviews are being conducted this afternoon/evening in the school library. These are a valuable opportunity for shared communications between the home and the school and it is very much hoped that all families are represented. However, we acknowledge that this time may not be suitable for all families. Therefore, if you are not able to participate in today's interviews, please make contact with the school to arrange an alternate date and time for this to occur. For those wishing to speak with Mrs Gorman, unfortunately she will not be at the interviews this evening, but is available on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. Once again, please make contact with the front office to arrange an interview.

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 6 Term 1, 2014



Year K/1/2	Tahlia Haigh
Year 3/4	Alex Calleja
Year 5/6	Will Scott

Primary Ponderings

Well here we are, nearly half way through term one and already our students have achieved and experienced so much. We have had the Twilight Swimming Carnival, District Swimming Carnival, an Assembly, AFL/Netball day in Barham, a visiting performer 'Shekere Beats', swimming lessons and somewhere in all of that lots of learning. Our talented teaching staff have been working very hard implementing engaging teaching programs that are targeting the needs of all of our students. Our Kindergarten students have settled in and are enjoying the variety of activities they participate in every day at school.

School Supplies

Please be aware that students need a few essentials to enable them to successfully engage with the learning activities held throughout their day. In particular, all students from K-6 need a glue stick, a grey lead pencil and coloured pencils. Students in Year 5/6 also need a red/blue and or black pen. The list of items needed by students in each class has been included in earlier editions of the newsletter and we request that parents help provide students with the supplies they need. Teachers also request that each student provide a box of tissues for classroom use.

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 labelled with the name of the owner.

Homework Club

A great start to homework club with nearly half of our Primary cohort attending our first session. The club is open each Tuesday afternoon between 3.00pm – 4.00pm and is available to students in both primary and secondary. A form letting the school know of your intention of sending students to this valuable resource is available from the front office. It was great to see our students supported by teaching staff who graciously volunteered their time to assist.

ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. Please see listed separately, the dates and costs associated with these assessments together with an order form.

Easter Egg Raffle

Year 5/6 will once again be holding the annual Easter Egg Raffle. Proceeds of this raffle will go towards the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion to be held early in term four.

Could all primary students please contribute an egg for the Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Friday, 11 April? All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.

Tickets will be on sale from the start of week seven.



TISSUES

It would be appreciated if all primary students could bring in a box of tissues to share with their class.



HEAD LICE FACTS

- Head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for all school-aged kids.
- Head lice and nits only live on human heads.
- They don't care if the hair is long or short, clean or dirty.
- Kids with head lice don't always scratch. The only way to rule out infestation is to look carefully through your child's hair.
- White specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found the scalp.
- The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.
- You will need to re-treat your child several times before all the eggs will be gone

Could we please ask all parents to check their child's hair for head lice on a regular basis?

PSSA Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 21 February 2014, 20 eager swimmers headed off to Swan Hill for the 2014 Moulamein PSSA District Swimming Carnival. It was a chilly morning but the students were eager to hit the water. The cold water didn't hold our students back, with Balranald being the handicap point score champions. Everyone performed their best on the day and represented our school very well.

Macy Lloyd – Junior Girls Champion
 Hannah Morton – 11yr Girls Runner-up
 Faith Jolliffe – Senior Girls Runner-up
 Drew Lloyd – Senior Boys Champion



Pictured: Macy Lloyd



Pictured: Hannah Morton



Pictured: Faith Jolliffe



Pictured: Drew Lloyd

A team of six students have now qualified to swim at the Riverina Regional Carnival at Albury on Monday, 10 March 2014.

Chloe Gorman – No. 5 - 9 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle
Khy Jess – No. 6 – 9 yrs Boys 50m Freestyle
Macy Lloyd – No. 7 – 10 yrs Girls 50m Freestyle and No. 22 – Junior Girls 50m Breastroke
Bonnie Jolliffe – No. 24 – 11 yrs Girls 50m Breastroke
Faith Jolliffe – No. 26 – Senior Girls 50m Breastroke
Drew Lloyd – No. 27 Senior Boys 50m Breastroke

Congratulations and good luck to these students.

Thank you to all the parents and families who helped out on the day with transporting students, time keeping etc. Thank you also to Mr Longford and Ms McGuinness for their assistance.

2014
ICAS
International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools



The entry fee per student is as follows:

Closing Date	Cost
Computer Skills 22/04/14	\$ 8.00
Science 07/05/14	\$ 8.00
Writing 19/05/14	\$17.00
Spelling 20/05/14	\$11.00
English 01/07/14	\$ 8.00
Mathematics 15/07/14	\$ 8.00
ALL of the above	\$60.00



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Please tick choices to be entered:

- ☐ Computer Skills (\$ 8.00)
☐ Science (\$ 8.00)
☐ Spelling (\$11.00)
☐ Writing (\$17.00)
☐ English (\$ 8.00)
☐ Mathematics (\$ 8.00)
 ALL of the above (\$60.00)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: / /

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: / /

Junior Tennis Championships

Saturday 8th & 15th of March 2014

A Grade - Singles & Doubles 9:30am

B Grade - Girls doubles / Boys doubles 10:30am

Hot Shots & C Grade - Running as normal 9:30am

Names in by Friday 7th March 2014

Contact Lisa 0487201575 / Kim 0439312475

Helpers to umpire would be appreciated.

COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND
ADAM HARVEY

Tickets
\$30pp
ON SALE
NOW!

SONGS AND STORIES
Acoustic Tour 2014
"Hit songs, brilliant musicians
and a lot of laughs..... Its a great night out"

- FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2014 -
8.00pm at the Theatre Royal, Balranald
* BBQ and bar operating from 7.00pm *

TICKETS \$30 per person
Purchase your ticket before 7th March for your
chance to join Adam for breakfast on
Saturday morning

Proudly presented by
Artist Network Australia & Balranald Shire Council

Tickets available from Balranald Shire
Council and the Balranald Visitor Centre

Smile!

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

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

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

Parks Week



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**

TERM ONE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 A	3 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS	4	5 School Photos	6 Secondary Sports Day	7 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>Regional Swimming @ Leeton</i>
Week 7 B	10 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <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 <i>Exec meeting</i>	18	19	20 Secondary Sports Day	21 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 9 B	24 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <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 <i>Exec meeting</i>	1 APRIL	2 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	3 Secondary Sports Day	4 K-12 Athletics Carnival
Week 11 B	7 <i>Exec meeting</i>	8 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	9 Stage 6 Exams	10 Stage 6 Exams	11 Stage 6 Exams <i>Easter Hat Parade</i> Last Day of Term 1, 2014

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

Canteen Corner

Thursday 6th March



Chicken Parmie Burger \$5.00

served with fancy lettuce

**We would really appreciate a volunteer on Wednesday & Friday @10am.
Canteen Credit offered. Please text Wyneta on 0428 177 730**