



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Notes to be returned to the school's front office:

5 A Side Soccer Gala Day due 26 March

Year 8/9 Pie Drive Orders due 28 March

Year 6 Shirts Order Form due 28 March

K-12 Athletics Carnival Friday, 4 April

The P&C will be holding a BBQ and also selling cakes and slices.

The SRC will be selling drinks and lollies.

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN
WILL BE CLOSED ALL
DAY.

Inclusion Week

Inclusion Week is about encouraging students to reconnect and be inclusive of all cultures, age group and nationalities. Inclusion Week aims to help us feel valued and to give people the opportunity to participate fully in society.



Pictured: Students enjoying different events where they had to work as a team. More pictures can be found on page 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Some in our school community may already be aware that Mr Erich Riesinger has received a transfer from Balranald Central School to Mungindi Central School, which is located on the NSW/QLD border, north-west of Moree and approximately 470 km from his home in Lismore. Whilst it is sad for Balranald to be losing a Principal who has brought stability, commitment and dedication to the school, its staff and students, we all send our congratulations to him on this new appointment and our very best wishes for success and happiness in his new role.

As a result of this transfer, DEC staffing confirmed last week that the position of Principal at Balranald Central School will go to merit selection. Director of Schools for Deniliquin, Ms Vicki Kempton, will very shortly be convening a selection panel to oversee this process. The P&C have been informed, as have staff.

Congratulations to the students in Year 3/4 and to Mrs Harper on their recent successful running of the primary assembly. The items prepared and presented were very entertaining and demonstrated the breadth of curriculum offered to our primary students. Those present at the assembly now know what Mrs Lockhart has!

Primary students enjoy the opportunity to be acknowledged and to perform, and they relish doing so for an audience; especially when parents, carers and those special to them are witnesses. I very much encourage those who are special in the lives of a child to attend assemblies whenever they can, but particularly when their class is presenting. Our next primary assembly is on Wednesday, 2 April at midday and our K/1/2 class will be presenting. This is our last assembly for this term and I look forward to seeing many parents and carers there!

Best wishes and happy travels to Kayla and Elizabeth Bell who are currently representing Balranald Central School at Stewart House in Sydney. We are confident they will have a great time and 'do us proud'.

Well done to Will Scott and Drew Lloyd who travelled to Barooga last Friday to participate in further AFL selection trials. Congratulations to Drew who has made it to the next level. Drew has been busy, as he also represented the Moulamein PSSA in tennis.

Last week, many of our Stage 6 students embarked on work placements. This offers exciting opportunities for them to receive experience and accreditation in their chosen fields of study. We know that these students will also represent our school proudly.

A huge congratulations to Ms Jones and the members of the SRC on their recent organisation of a fabulous 'Inclusion Week' agenda. The activities planned for last Thursday Sport including a Just Dance Wii challenge, basketball challenge, bobbing for apples, juggling balloons etc. were well received and student participation was outstanding. Check out the great photos in this newsletter!

Last week, the committed and dedicated P&C team catered for the visiting Solo's Rally and Senior Citizens Day. They were very ably assisted by some of our hospitality students and we hope that P&C and student efforts have been rewarded with profit and social interactions.

Today, many of our secondary students are undertaking 'White Card' training with Mr Holland, whilst others have travelled to Barham to participate in bowls and tennis tournaments with Mr White. On Wednesday, Ms Lloyd is accompanying students to an Engineering Expo in Melbourne and on Thursday, Ms Wood is taking some Visual Arts students to Albury for an HSC Visual Arts day. We are very fortunate that our teachers are prepared to make themselves available to travel and that they will go to the extra effort required to organise opportunities and experiences for our students.

Many thanks to all those who responded to our request to deliver our newsletter electronically, by providing their email address. As indicated, communication with parents and the community is vital, and hard copies will be provided to those who requested this option. Printed copies will continue to be delivered to local business houses and uploaded onto the school's website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school with your email address to ensure our newsletter is delivered directly to your 'inbox'.

Last week, I was privileged to participate in NSW PPA State Council meetings held in Sydney. The days were very full and the meeting well attended by Directors and executive members of DEC head office departments, as well as the Minister for Education. In the face of significant reforms within the department including the new Australian curriculums, organisational restructures and, student performance and well-being assessment and engagement, it is important that we keep an eye on our core business - that of teaching and learning. Something that we work hard to do well at Balranald Central School!

Primary Ponderings

Riverina Football Trials

On Thursday 21 March, Drew Lloyd and William Scott travelled across to Barooga to represent our PPSSA in the tryouts for the Riverina team. The boys represented our school with pride and are commended for the effort they put in. Well done to Drew Lloyd for making it to the next level.

Year 5/6 Easter Egg Raffle

The Year 5/6 six students have started to sell their tickets with many on their second or even third book. A big thank you to all the people who have contributed eggs and baskets – the Year 5/6 students really appreciate it, as the proceeds of this raffle go towards the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion.

Homework Club

This was extremely well supported last Tuesday and will be held again this week. Starting at 3pm and with teachers there to assist, this is a great opportunity for additional support or just a dedicated time to complete set tasks.

Students of the Week

For Week 9 Term 1, 2014



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| Year K/1/2 | Rhiannon Lanteri |
| Year 3/4 | Zahlia Field |
| Year 5/6 | Samuel Simmons |

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Year 5/6 are holding the annual Easter Egg Raffle. Proceeds go towards the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion.



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 are on sale for 50c – 1 ticket



DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Motivating lazy children

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/motivating-lazy-children>

Homework for little kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child's teacher.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/homework-for-little-kids>

Why active kids are less likely to be cyberbullied

We all know that getting kids off the computer and outside to play is important for their health. But researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/kids-who-are-less-likely-to-be-cyberbullied>

ICAS

Don't forget to put in your entry form for the 2014 ICAS assessments. This is a great opportunity for students to experience test conditions with every student receiving a certificate.



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: / /

FOR SALE



Large Fresh Farm Eggs
\$3.50 per dozen

Limited number available

Can be picked up at the front office

**Student Banking is
Wednesdays!!**

PRIMARY EASTER PICNIC

All classes K-6 are having an
Easter Picnic in the playground on
Friday, 11 April 2014 at 12.00pm.



Invitations will go out this week!!

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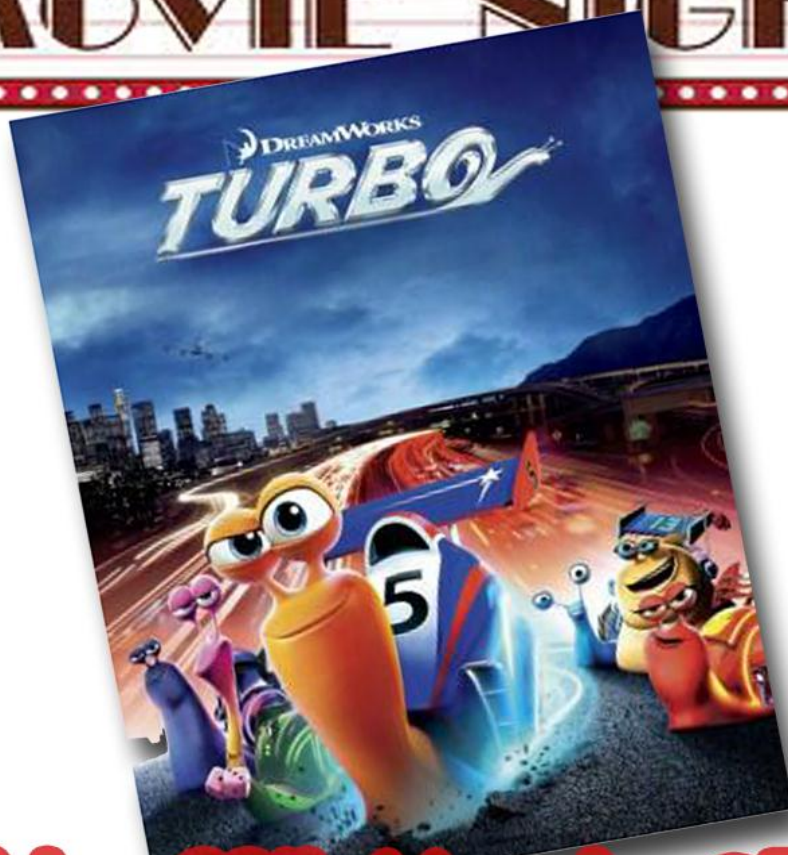
'HOT SHOTS' PERFORM FOR THE SOLO's RALLY

On Friday, 21 March 2014, our Hot Shots Aerobics Team performed their routine at the Football Sheds for the Solo's Rally. It was a bit warm, they were one member short, but the girls did a great job!! Those in attendance enjoyed the performance and the Solo's kindly donated \$50 to the team.





Balranald Central School P & C invites you to.....



● **Friday 28th March** ● **7pm**

- BCS School Hall
- \$5 each / \$17 family ticket
- Drinks, popcorn & lollies available
- Lucky door prize
- *You're welcome to bring a beanbag or comfy chair!*



"A speedy snail? Now that's strange!"

TERM ONE – 2014

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Week 9 B | 24 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Whitecard Training @ BCS</i> | 25 | 26 Engineering Expo @ Melbourne | 27 Secondary Sports Day 5 A Side Soccer @ Swan Hill HSC Visual Arts Study Day @ Albury 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 Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term 1, 2014 |

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

Canteen Corner

WEDNESDAY 26th RED DAY

Ice Cream Cup or Cone with Sprinkles 50c!!

Bag of Red Frogs \$1

Bag of Wonka Twists \$1.50

Furry Friend/Chomp/Curly Wurly \$1

Thursday 27th March

Roast Beef and Gravy Roll \$4.00



As we are nearing the end of Term (yippee) please pay all canteen accounts, Thank You!