



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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K-12 Cross Country
Tuesday
6 May, 2014

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Wednesday, 7
and
Thursday, 8 May
Gifts from \$3 - \$7



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Anzac Day March



100 years ago young men from all over Australia answered the call to enlist in the First World War. On Anzac Day a very respectful group of Balranald Central School student's marched in the footsteps of our local heroes. Together these students began a special journey of remembrance as a nation. Students from Kinder to Year 12 represented BCS and are to be warmly thanked for giving up time in their holidays to honour the fallen and acknowledge the significance of Anzac Day.

The Anzac spirit was proudly shown by Jordyn Jolliffe and Maddy Militto who lead the parade with the (very large!) Bass drum and the Snare drum. Aden Harding and Kate Norton read beautifully at the service at the Cenotaph, whilst Kelly Gaston and Drew Lloyd showed their respects as they laid the school wreath.

Governor-General Peter Cosgrove said that he's *"immensely proud of how this Anzac spirit lives on in the hearts, minds and actions of Australians today"*. We are all proud of all students who attended the march last Friday.

Next year's Anzac Centenary will be an opportunity to contemplate, reflect, understand and reaffirm the values demonstrated a century ago- our Anzac values of courage, mateship, selflessness and dedication. We hope to see BCS students continue this tradition and march again in 2015.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to all students and parents to what is shaping up to be another very busy term in our school. Term 2 is a 9 week term and has been further shortened by two short weeks: this week due to our staff development day yesterday and week 7 with the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Term 2 will finish on Friday 27 June.

Events for Term 2 include secondary exams, NAPLAN, Student Reports, sporting events and so much more. Please keep an eye on information in the newsletter to ensure you are up to date with school happenings!

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy) testing will take place in Week 3 for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. The Language Conventions and Writing tests will take place on May 13. The Reading test will be on May 14 and the Numeracy test on May 15.

Students with a disability may access some special provisions for these tests. A reader can only be used to read instructions and not for reciting the sample texts in the Reading Section or numbers and symbols in the Numeracy test. A scribe can only be assigned to students with specified disabilities and needs to be applied for through BOSTES.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries regarding the NAPLAN testing.

ANZAC Services

Many thanks and congratulations to those students who represented Balranald Central School at the town's ANZAC Day March last Friday. Special thanks are extended to Mr Matthew Ferris for the donation of an ANZAC commemorative book for our library. Thanks also to those teachers who attended the March and special acknowledgement to all those responsible for making our school drum beat strong and true after a re-skinning was completed by the Balranald Men's Shed members. It is special when different elements of a town come together for a common cause!

Our school service was held today, where Mr Noel Camin was our guest speaker. The assembly was led by primary and secondary school captains and special thanks are extended to Mrs Matarazzo for her organisation of this special event.

PBL Reward Excursion

'The Lego Movie' and McDonalds were enjoyed by those students who participated in the PBL reward excursion in the last week of last term and what a special way to end first term!

Special thanks to Ms Jones and Mr Longford, who accompanied these students!

Cross Country Carnival

This is scheduled to be run on Tuesday next week and will involve all students K-12. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information next week.

Primary Easter Picnic

What a fantastic way for primary students to rejoice the end of first term and the forthcoming Easter ceremonies! Thank you to all those parents, carers and friends who were able to join the students and teachers at the end of last term and congratulations to all those who put in a magnificent effort in making creative and celebratory hats to wear in the parade.

Raffle Winners

Thanks are extended to all those who purchased raffle tickets in support of the 5/6 excursion later in the year and congratulations to all the winners of chocolate!

Primary Ponderings

Welcome back to term two, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and have returned energised for term two. We have a very busy, productive and exciting time ahead of us over the next nine weeks as the Primary staff join their students in continuing their learning journey.

Easter Parade

Thank you to all those parents and community members who were able to join us for the Easter Hat Parade, Easter Raffle and Picnic on the last day of term one. It was great to see so many people in attendance to witness the creative hats on display from our talented students. The students enjoyed their visit from Easter Bunny which made the day even more enjoyable.

After our raffle was drawn students joined their parents for lunch on a pleasant autumn day. Parents and community members were also treated to the Art display put on by the Year 5/6 students with the theme of 'Horses'.



Primary Organisation Term Two 2014

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

*** Please note that Mrs Linnett is on long service leave for the first five weeks of term and we are delighted to have Mrs Bevan working as part of the K/1/2 team during this time.*

Students in K/1/2 will attend the Library on Tuesdays, Year 5/6 on Wednesdays and Year 3/4 on Thursdays for borrowing. Primary Sport will be held on Friday afternoons in term two. 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.

Home learning

Home learning activities will continue to 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 the same as in term one.

Home Reading

Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning. 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. Don't forget to sign in the signature column. 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. Please make sure your child has all the equipment they need to start the term, 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 would like to thank those students who have already provided a box of tissues for classroom use.

Primary Assembly

This term we will have two assemblies to be held in week four and week eight. These will be on Wednesday with our K/1/2 class hosting the week four assembly and Year 3/4 running our week eight assembly. We would like to see you at the hall at 12pm on these days to help celebrate the wonderful learning that occurs in our school.

School Jumpers

With the advent of colder mornings, I would like to remind parents to make sure their students clothing, particularly their school jumper, has their name clearly marked. When the days warm up, students take their jumpers off during the day and on occasion leave them in the playground. A name clearly marked enables us to return them to their rightful owner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS OF THE YEAR 5/6 EASTER RAFFLE

1. Kobe Lloyd
2. Woody
3. Lani Dalton
4. Hope Militto
5. Yarra Pappin
6. Sarah Grant
7. Billy Barker
8. Khy Jess
9. Merle Gillbee
10. Alison Linnett
11. Alayna Dalton
12. Nungarra Kelly
13. Kim Lloyd
14. Jenny Pollard
15. Charlie Ross
16. Shelley Dalton
17. Lani Dalton
18. Kim Lloyd
19. Sarah Grant
20. Elizabeth Bell
21. Rob Smyth
22. Darcy Spinks
23. Billy Barker
24. Jordyn Jolliffe
25. Sarah Grant
26. Khy Jess
27. Laurel Stevens
28. Sterling Ray
29. Billy Barker
30. Mon Carmichael
31. Gavin Lloyd
32. Dominic Gervasi

Stewart House

When I went to Stewart House on the bus I saw 10 dead animals and there were five cows on the road and Dean our bus driver had to honk for thirty minutes in total.

When we finally got there it was 6:00pm and we had fish and roast potatoes for dinner. After dinner we had tutti frutti ice-cream for dessert and before we watched a movie we had supper, which is like dessert but different.

Day 1 at Stewart House we went up all 61 stairs to go to school at assembly. Every day we watched 'Round the Twist'. We had to vote between 'Frozen' and 'Round the Twist'. 'Frozen' won but the teachers put 'Round the Twist' on instead.

Day 2 while at Stewart House we went to Taronga Zoo for free and we saw all the reptiles, wetlands, dry lands and tree animals on the sky safari.

Day 3 at Stewart House we stayed at school doing a placemat, drawing, wood work and making ourselves comfy.

Day 4 at Stewart House we went to the beach and we met Home and Away stars.

Day 5 at Stewart House we had no school so we just played in our cabins until dinner time.

Day 6 at Stewart House we went to the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre where we played for 3 whole hours.

Day 7 at Stewart House we went to the park and then we went back to our cabins to pack our stuff.

Day 8 at Stewart House we played bingo.

Day 9 we had a picnic at the Rocket Park.

Day 10 we said good bye to everyone.

Last day we woke up at 6am and hopped on the bus to come home.

By Lizzy Bell

PRIMARY EASTER HATS



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.

Years 2-12 are able to enter the Science, English and Mathematics Competitions, Years 3-7 are able to enter the Spelling Competition, Years 3-12 are able to enter the Writing Competition and Years 3-10 are able to enter the Computer Skills Competition. The sitting dates are marked on the calendar in the newsletter.



The entry fee per student is as follows:

Closing Date	Cost
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:

- ☐ 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: / /

SRC

Thank you to the SRC for cooking the barbecue lunch on the last day of Term 1!!



Mother's Day Classic

Greenham Park
 Sunday, 11th May
 9.30am Registration
 10.30am Start
 4km walk

BBQ lunch by Lions Club available

Balloons – Raffles – Field of flowers –
 Children's activities

All proceeds to Breast Cancer Research
 Contact Fiona Scott 0437 206 901

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Near Greenham Park, Church Street

BALRANALD

Friday, 2 May 2014

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

For more information, go to **humanservices.gov.au** and search for Mobile Service Centre or call **132 316**.



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TERM TWO – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 A	28 APRIL School Development Day <u>Exec meeting</u>	29 Students K-12 start	30	1 MAY CHS AFL U15's trials @ Narrandera	2 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 2 B	5 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	6 K-12 Cross Country	7	8 Secondary Sports Day	9 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 3 A	12 MAY <u>Exec meeting</u>	13 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 Uni experience excursion	14 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 Uni experience excursion	15 Secondary Sports Day NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 Uni experience excursion	16 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 4 B	19 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	20 ICAS Computer Skills Competition	21 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12 pm</i>	22 Secondary Sports Day	23 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 5 A	26 MAY <u>Exec meeting</u>	27	28	29 Secondary Sports Day	30 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 6 B	2 JUNE <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u> Semester 2 Begins Yrs 7-12	3	4 ICAS Science Competition	5 Secondary Sports Day	6 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 7 A	9 JUNE Queen's Birthday	10	11	12 Secondary Sports Day	13 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly
Week 8 B	16 JUNE ICAS Writing Competition	17 ICAS Spelling Competition	18 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	19 Secondary Sports Day	20 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 9 A	23 JUNE <u>Exec meeting</u>	24 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	25	26 Secondary Sports Day	27 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 2

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