



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

**Moulamein District
PSSA Cross Country due
by 23 May**

Uniform Shop

Open every
Wednesday
from 10.30am
to 12.30pm

Year 6 Shirts



Last week Year 6 students were very excited when their Year 6 shirts arrived. They all look very smart.

Students of the Week

For Week 4 Term 2, 2014



Year K/1/2 Harry Ross
Year 3/4 Mason Dalton
Year 5/6 Darcy Carmichael



Education &
Communities

Principal's Perspectives

Flu Season

With the colder weather comes the cold and flu season. Students are regularly reminded to 'cover' coughs and sneezes, as it is important to restrain any contagious outbreaks from spreading through classes and the school.

Therefore, parents and carers are asked to be conscious of sending students to school if they are unwell. If students are sick at school, despite our best efforts, viruses will spread, causing increased absences amongst students and teachers.

In an effort to keep immune levels high to ward off sickness, good nutrition, adequate rest and suitable protective clothing for cold weather is recommended.

We thank everyone for their co-operation.

Sydney

Last week, Ms Lloyd and a group of 5 senior students had the privilege of flying to Sydney to participate in 4 days of tertiary education experiences. Sponsored by the Country Education Foundation, Macquarie University and University of Technology Sydney (UTS), this is a wonderful opportunity for our country students. Please watch out for next week's newsletter where a report from Georgie O'Halloran, Joseph Gervasi, Aaron Gervasi, Sam Renfrey, and Felicity Bartlett and photographs will be included.

Increasingly, our world seems to be getting smaller and, as we endeavour to prepare students for the 21st century, we need to be extremely conscious of exposing them to the world beyond our small town, enabling them to venture out with confidence. Students today will travel to the other side of the world in the same way that previous generations have caught a bus or a train. Our students cannot be limited in their opportunities and to this end, excursions and field trips provide valuable learning in a safe and secure way.

Huge thanks to teachers who do the planning and preparation necessary, as well as contributing their time and energy, in order to provide such opportunities for our students!

NAPLAN

Last week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed these examinations which are mandated by the Australian government and administered through the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Parents will receive notification of their children's results later in the year.

Department of Fair Trading

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 participated in a session last Thursday with representatives from this government department and received some valuable insight into their rights and responsibilities regarding Consumer Law.

The support of other government agencies, which make themselves available to help educate our students on a broad range of 'life skills', is greatly appreciated.

State Representation

Our best wishes go with Year 6 student, Drew Lloyd, as he participates in his State AFL responsibilities this week. From across the breadth of the Riverina, students are selected into these highly sought after and limited positions. We know that he will do himself, his family, his school and his community proud! Good luck, Drew!

Quote:

After reflecting on the benefits of excursion and broadening horizons, this quote is worth considering:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream, Discover." – Mark Twain

Enjoy your week!

School Happenings

Primary NAPLAN

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for the fantastic effort they made during the NAPLAN assessment. The three days of NAPLAN can be very confronting and draining for our students as they put on paper all they have learnt during their learning journey so far. A great effort by all!

Primary Assembly

Please come along on Wednesday at 12pm as K/1/2 host our first assembly for the term. Our assemblies are always a fantastic celebration of the activities that have been undertaken in the classroom and we would like to see as many community members there as possible.

Year 6 Shirts

Our Year 6 shirts arrived this week much to the delight of the students. The students were very quick to try them on and even treated our Year 5's to a quick fashion parade. Students in Year 6 are able to wear the shirt as part of their Monday to Thursday school uniform with Friday being sports uniform.

Welcome Rocky!

Welcome Rocky to BCS. Rocky was purchased from Hay War Memorial High School. He is a black faced Dorper and will enjoy the opportunity to put a smile on the faces of the ewes on the school farm. He is well behaved and enjoys a scratch under the chin and behind his ear. All the best to Rocky!



NSW Fire Service Cadet Program

Last Thursday students participated in interesting and challenging training that showed them the need for skills such as leadership and teamwork. They thoroughly enjoyed working with the hoses.



Raising Money for the Mother's Day Classic for Breast Cancer

At Balranald Central School we had to bring in 5c pieces for the Mother's Day Classic for Breast Cancer. While Year 3 students were doing NAPLAN the Year 4 and K/1/2's weighed the 5c pieces. We guessed how much it would weigh first by hefting the 5c pieces. Mungo guessed it would weigh 8kg and Yanga guessed 9kg. Mungo actually weighed 2 ½ kg and Yanga actually weighed 3kg.

We got into groups and Year 4 were the leaders of the group. In the groups we counted how much money we had by using 5c pieces. Mungo guessed that they had \$45 but when we counted, Mungo had \$49. Yanga guessed that they had \$59, and when we counted they did have \$59. Altogether, Mungo and Yanga had \$108.

By Mason Dalton and Mitchell Carmichael

One day while Year 3 students were doing NAPLAN, Year 4 had great fun with K/1/2. First we had to guess how much the Yanga and Mungo weighing buckets weighed with all the money from each team. After that, we weighed it on the scales. Mungo's coins weighed 2 ½ kg and Yanga's weighed up to 3kg.

Next, we had to get into groups and count how many 5c pieces in a dollar. Once we did that we had to put them in stacks of dollars.

When we finished stacking the coins, we guessed how much money we raised. Alex guessed there was \$45 for Mungo and Mason guessed that there was \$58 for Yanga. We raised \$108 all up.

By Lizzy Bell and Matthew McIvor-Kepa





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The Westpac Balranald branch along with Balranald Central School and the Parents & Citizens Association would like to offer a new school student banking system. We can offer the following services-

- Weekly school banking processed on the same day collected.
- Westpac Kids/Youth Reward Saver account.
- No monthly service fee if under 21 years of age.
- Parents to sign if child under 12 years of age.
- Bonus interest with one regular deposit of any amount every month.

This is a great way to teach your kids how to save their money and watch it grow.

Account opening forms are available at the school's front office as well as the bank, which can be completed and returned to the branch with a copy of your child's birth certificate or a letter of ID from the school.

If you would like more information please contact Donna or Ashlea at Balranald branch on 5020 2600.

Donna Renfrey
Bank Manager

CWA

Ladies of Balranald and surrounding areas

Your local CWA branch needs you to become active members so we can continue.

The current committee wishes to retire from the committee in October 2014.

We do not have enough participating members to elect another committee of three people.

PLEASE come to our next night meeting on Wednesday, 21 May at 6.30pm.

If you are bringing children, please bring some toys.

All women and girls of all ages are welcome.

You do not need a personal invitation to attend.

Mother's Day Classic Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser

"Line Up for a Cure"

Mungo v Yanga

On Monday, 12th May, 2014 we lined up all the 5c pieces students brought in to see which house would raise the most money for breast cancer research.

Mungo raised \$119.60

Yanga raised \$104.85

Thank you to all students who participated in this fundraiser and well done **Mungo!!**

Chances for Children



Connecting Kids with Community Fund is a fund that provides support to children and young people to 'have a go' and participate in an activity that connect them with the wider community.

The fund allows children and young people to participate in an extra-curricular activity that otherwise they would not be able to undertake due to their parent's financial circumstances.

The hope is that by participating in an activity like sport, dance, scouts or learning a musical instrument, recipients will feel more connected with their community and have the opportunity to widen their friendship circles and increase their individual wellbeing.

If you would like any further information with regards to Chances, please do not hesitate to contact a team member on 03 5021 7480.

DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Study help for high school

It's often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don't feel bad, teachers' own children do exactly the same thing.) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

TERM TWO – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Yr 7-10 Exams	29 Secondary Sports Day Yr 7 – 10 Exams	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 Zone Athletics @ Deniliquin	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

Canteen Corner

Thursday 22nd May



Tasty Chow Mein \$4.00