



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

Year 9/10 Agriculture Lamb Marking excursion
due by 28 May

Stage 6 Visual Arts excursion to Swan Hill
due by 30 May

Moulamein District PSSA Athletics Carnival
due by 30 May

Under 16 Girls Netball
due by 30 May

Open Netball Carnival
due by 2 June

New star at BCS!!



This week has seen the addition of a new member of staff. It goes by the name of Squirt Shelby Franklin the First. Squirt Shelby Franklin the First has taken up residence in shared accommodation with Bob the fish in Room 10. We are not sure at this stage whether to call Squirt a Mr or a Miss. Squirt enjoys watching the students work and has been known to dine on blood worms, crickets and moths. Mrs Campbell is setting the menu at present.

Thank you to those students who helped raise the funds to purchase Squirt Shelby Franklin the First and who also provided the suggested names. Maddy Miliotto suggested Squirt (Paul Murray suggested Squirty) and Shelley Dalton suggested Shelby. Franklin seems to have just appeared. Paynton Jolliffe has led the charge to acquire a turtle and helped choose the name. Let's hope Squirt Shelby Franklin the First has many happy times at BCS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

WHEN YOU VISIT OUR SCHOOL PLEASE SIGN IN!

Whenever you visit the school, whether it is to attend an assembly, visit a classroom or the uniform shop, please call at the front office and sign the visitor's book. It is essential in case of emergency, for security and safety of the children that we know who is in the school buildings and grounds at all times.

AEROSOL CANS - REMINDER TO STUDENTS

We would like to remind students, that if they bring deodorant to school it **MUST** be roll on, **NO AEROSOL** cans are permitted.

Principal's Perspectives

Primary Assembly

Congratulations to K/1/2 students who hosted last week's assembly. Their work samples which were displayed are testimony to the comprehensive and explicit learning taking place in that classroom. The students and teachers are also congratulated on their "Happy" dance routine and thanks are extended to our aerobics team, who provided demonstration and to Mrs Bevan for her choreography skills.

The next primary assembly is in week 8 where Year 3/4 will be hosts. As previously identified, there are significant benefits for students when parents and friends are present to witness student performances. We very much hope that you are able to join us.

State Representation

This week I received a letter from the coach and manager of the Riverina AFL representative team congratulating Year 6 student, Drew Lloyd. Such letters are a delight for any school to receive. Please see a copy of this letter below:



Dear Principal,

The Management of the Riverina PSSA Australian Football team wishes to inform you of the outstanding achievement of one of your school's students, Drew Lloyd.

As a member of the Riverina PSSA Australian Football Team which finished 2nd at the State Championships, Drew is to be commended for his excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and cooperative behaviour on and off the field, whilst competing at the NSW PSSA Carnival in Ryde, recently.

Drew was truly a credit to his school and his family. We believe he showed himself to be an outstanding young ambassador for your school and our Riverina Region.

Please bring this letter to the attention of your Staff, School Council, together with his family.

Yours sincerely,

James Burgess

Coach

Eurongilly Public School

Jason Hallandale

Manager

Howlong Public School

KROP Audition

Students will today be filming their entry into this year's KROP (Kids Rapt on Performing) competition. We all have our fingers crossed that they will be accepted.

Professional Development

As with all professionals, the need to stay current and well-informed on latest theories, knowledge and practice is essential in maintaining quality performance and achieving high results. For those of us in rural locations, the pressure to maintain this is compounded by the tyranny of distance. Increasingly, technology is being used to bridge these gaps, but there are times, when teachers need to travel to meet with colleagues and engage 1:1 in professional development. We are extremely fortunate that our teachers are willing to give their time and energy to undertake such training.

This week, we have teachers travelling to Griffith, Wagga Wagga and Deniliquin to participate in professional development opportunities as well as video conferences which are scheduled for every day this week.

Many thanks to all the teachers at BCS who regularly demonstrate their commitment to the students, the school and their profession, by undertaking ongoing training and development in education.

Stage 6 Reports

These will be sent home this week for those students in Years 11 and 12. Parents and carers are reminded that they should contact the school to make an appointment with a teacher or year advisor if they wish to discuss report contents.

PSSA Cross Country

On Friday, those primary students who qualified to represent BCS at the district carnival will travel to Wakool Burraboi Primary School to compete. They will be accompanied by Mrs Stevens and Lloyd Murray and we wish them all swift legs and stamina whilst competing.

Quote:

There are 2 quotes discovered this week that relate to 'learning', and interestingly, both are many centuries old, yet still extremely relevant today:

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." — Socrates

"The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing." — Voltaire

Enjoy your week!

School Happenings

Primary Assembly

In week four we had our first Primary assembly for the term which was run by our K/1/2 class. It was a wonderful assembly with the K/1/2 students showcasing the great work they do, the dance made everyone in attendance feel very happy, with a rousing applause for the class at the end. Well done to the following students who received Assistant Principal Award:

Kadison Dalton for trying hard in reading
 Liam Butterworth for working hard to learn the alphabet
 Khy Jess for outstanding Gymnastic skills
 Mitchell Carmichael for excellent writing
 Keely Gaston for being a fantastic role model
 Sarah Grant for being a fantastic role model
 Faith Jolliffe for producing an excellent piece of creative art
 Samuel Simmons for fantastic knowledge in understanding the HSIE unit on Democracy

Our next assembly will be in week eight with our Year 3/4 class sharing some of the fantastic work they do in class. Hope to see you all there!

Moulamein District PSSA Cross Country

On Friday, 30 May some of our Primary Students will be travelling to Wakool–Burraboi to represent our school at the PSSA Cross Country. We wish these students the best of luck for their run on the day.

Home Reading

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. 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.

Biggest Morning Tea

On Wednesday, 21 May the Stage 6 Hospitality group hosted a "Biggest Morning Tea" for the staff at Balranald Central School and St Joseph's Primary School. A delicious array of sweet and savoury food was prepared and served along with 31 coffees and hot chocolates. All coffee money and donations came to a

grand total of \$252.35. A big thank you to the class for all their efforts on the day.

A big thank you also to Cafè Cassaro for their kind donation to the Hospitality group of a bag of organic, fair trade coffee beans.



Pictured: The Stage 6 Hospitality group

Students of the Week



For Week 5 Term 2, 2014

Year K/1/2	Grace Morton
Year 3/4	Skye Haigh
Year 5/6	Jackson Li

SHOWING UNTIL THE END OF JUNE
AT *THE GALLERY*

An exhibition of works by
LYN McDONALD

NATURES WAY

An exciting exhibition of work by Mildura artist Lyn McDonald is currently showing at The Gallery in Mayall Street.

Lyn began her creative path as a potter graduating from East Sydney Technical College in 1971.

She has since pursued a variety of creative directions and academic studies. Lyn is currently creating garments and abstract landscape textile works from fine merino wool and silk.

She finds the process of converting wool to felt a magical experience. Since 2007 Lyn has been teaching ceramics at Sunraysia TAFE to a group of indigenous elders and tutoring indigenous students through to their bachelor and honours of visual arts at Latrobe University.

The exhibition is free and if our flags are out we are open

Everybody is most welcome.

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?

WORKING BEE

Bright and early on Saturday morning, a group of enthusiastic students and teachers gathered at Balranald Central School eager to restore the primary area, and the basketball and netball courts, to their former glory.

Jordyn, Faith, Bonnie and Lauren were joined by Clare Public School recruits, Charlie and Jess and set about the back breaking work of repainting.

Thanks also go to Mrs White, Mrs Gaston and Mr Holland for volunteering their time to help out.





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12/05/2014

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

TERM TWO – 2014

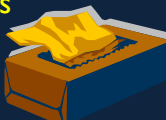
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 A	26 MAY <u>Exec meeting</u>	27	28	29 Secondary Sports Day Yr 7 – 10 Exams	30 Primary Sports Day Yr 7-10 Exams PSSA Cross Country
Week 6 B	2 JUNE <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u> Semester 2 Begins Yrs 7-12 Yr 9-10 Agriculture excursion to 'Glen Ewan'	3 Under 16s Netball @ Leeton	4 ICAS Science Competition Open Girls Netball @ Leeton	5 Secondary Sports Day	6 Primary Sports Day
Week 7 A	9 JUNE Queen's Birthday	10 Zone Athletics @ Deniliquin	11	12 Secondary Sports Day	13 Primary Sports Day 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 Primary Sports Day
Week 9 A	23 JUNE <u>Exec meeting</u>	24 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	25	26 Secondary Sports Day	27 Primary Sports Day Last Day of Term 2

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



TISSUES

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



Canteen Corner

Thursday 29th May



Rainbow Chicken Rice \$4.00

Don't forget....

RED DAY WEDNESDAY 28th