



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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SCHOOL BOOK FAIR



Thursday, 5 June
at 2.45pm
in the Library

Industrial Technology



Pictured: Students working on their various timber projects.



Education &
Communities

Principal's Perspectives

NCCD

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with a disability. This data is already available in the school and relates to support that is being provided. There is no additional testing involved and the data collection will have no direct impact on students. Its purpose is to ensure additional support and learning modifications are provided where required and will allow Governments to plan better for students with disabilities.

This data is being collected by NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and will be passed on to the Australian Government. There will be no individual student identification in this process.

If parents, carers or community members are looking for additional information on this program, it can be found on the DEC website:

<http://education.gov.au/natioally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

New Semester

This week sees the beginning of semester 2 for students in Years 7 to 10. Examinations were conducted last week and teachers are now accessing the results of these, together with class assessment tasks, lesson evaluations and observations to facilitate reporting to parents. These formal reports will be sent home at the end of this term.

PSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to those primary students who travelled to Wakool last Friday to compete in the district cross country carnival. It has been reported that all students represented themselves and their school proudly. Additional congratulations are extended to the 6 students who will represent Moulamein PSSA at the regional cross country.

Bookfair

It is hoped that the school community will support the Bookfair being held in the library after school this Thursday. If too early to start putting things away for Christmas, there are always birthdays to shop for!

School Disco

It shows true dedication and commitment when teachers sacrifice their own time on a Friday evening to run and supervise a school disco! How extremely fortunate our students are to have teachers willing to do this. Friday 13th is a great disco theme and it is hoped that many students will be able to support this special social event. Huge thanks to those teachers involved!

Central Schools Netball

Best wishes to those secondary girls selected to participate in this carnival on Tuesday (U16) and Wednesday (Open) in Leeton. We shall look forward on relaying the results in next week's newsletter. Thanks to Mr White, Ms Uzzell and Ms Jones for accompanying these students.

Suni TAFE Opening

On Thursday, our VET Metal Students have been invited to attend the opening of the new Trades facilities at Sunraysia TAFE in Swan Hill. Students will be accompanied by Ms Lloyd.

Rural Fire Cadetship

Cadets continue to be very enthusiastic about this unique program operating in our school and this week will be treated to a local field trip where they will gain an insight onto local operations.

PSSA Athletics Tooleybuc

Good luck is extended to those primary students who qualified to represent BCS at the athletics carnival on Friday. These students will travel to Tooleybuc, accompanied by Mrs Stevens and we wish them speed, strength and stamina!

Quote:

With such a heavy focus at BSC on sport at the moment, with cross country, athletics and netball dominating his week, these quotes seem relevant to share:

"The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man's determination." Tommy Lasorda

"Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them—a desire, a dream, a vision." Muhammad Ali

Enjoy your week!

School Happenings

Reporting and Assessment

Teachers have been very busy assessing students in preparation for their Semester 1 reports. It is a very hectic time of the year with students completing assessment tasks in Math and English. When this information is added to the class activities completed so far this year, it provides a picture of where each student is at in their learning journey. Reports will be sent home in the last week of term.

Moulamein District PSSA Cross Country

On Friday, 30 May 18 of our Primary Students travelled to Wakool–Burraboi to represent our school at the PSSA Cross Country. The students all did their best in their respective age races and from all accounts by Mrs Stevens, a great day was had by all.

Year 5/6 Poetry

Year 5/6 have been looking at different types of poetry this term. They have worked in groups to write a poem using random sentences as their stimulus.

I can see
The people passing
Wind in Autumn
In a flash of summer lighting
As in painting a dream
For me there is no time
Only peace and quiet.
Hannah, Dominic, Wyatt and Nungarra

Through the darkness of the night
I took a trip to Mildura
It was pouring rain and there was crackling thunder and lighting
And strong wind carried the trees away.
Faith, Paul, Abbie, Hope and Dartanian

Falling
Slowly to the end
Through the mist
I saw water
For me there is no time
Only peace and quiet.
William, Lauren, Sam, Darcy and Drew

I saw water
In a flash of summer lightning
As in painting a dream
Slowly to the end
Through trees of forest
I can see
The people passing
Come to me
Little friend of mine
Let's play
For me there is no time
Only peace and quiet.
Denym, Courtney, Brodie, Jackson and Macy

I can see
Evening sun on a single tree
The snail climbs
A rainbow
Through the mist
The thunders has stopped
Only peace and quiet.
Mikayla, Bonnie, Keely, Sarah and Lani

Students of the Week

For Week 6 Term 2, 2014



Year K/1/2

Year 3/4

Year 5/6

Prue Harper

Rylan Dalton

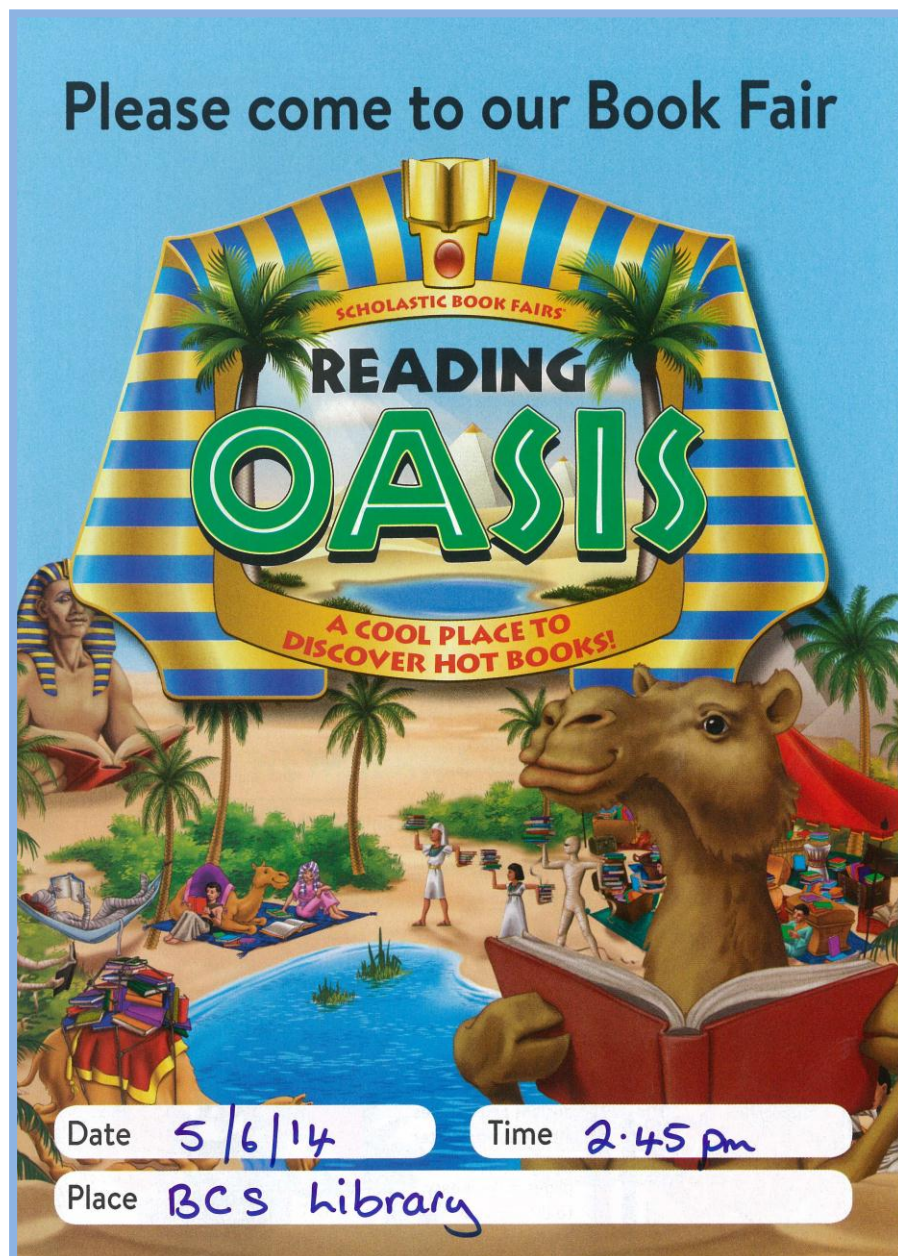
Denym Tebetebe

P&C News

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Mothers' Day Stall. I'm sure Mum's were spoilt rotten with the beautiful gifts chosen by their children!

We are asking any 'P&C FRIENDS' who might be available on the **5th July** to help man the footy gate. We are able to have a raffle on the day with all proceeds going to the P&C. If you are able to help, please text **Amelia on 0400 165 393**. The more helpers we get, the shorter shifts we can have.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 June** at **6.00pm** in the Staff Common Room. Please attend to see what we are up to and what we have planned for the future!!





29 May 2014

MEDIA RELEASE

Balranald Students Experience University in the City

Students from Balranald Central School recently travelled to Sydney to experience university life, courtesy of the Country Education Foundation (CEF), the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Macquarie University.

Felicity Bartlett, Georgie O'Halloran, Aaron Gervasi, Joseph Gervasi, and Samantha Renfrey were invited by the Balranald Country Education Fund and their school to attend the University Experience Program, as part of the Foundation's membership with CEF.

On 13 May, local students flew to Sydney and stayed at the Sydney Central Youth Hostel along with students from nine other rural NSW schools. They visited Macquarie University campus in North Ryde enjoying science, robotics and music workshops; and a tour of the college accommodation and sporting facilities.

At the UTS Broadway campus students took part in faculty workshops of their choice, spent time with current UTS university students and toured the self-contained student accommodation.

CEF CEO, Sarah Taylor said the Sydney visit was a great opportunity for Balranald students to learn about career and course options. "Rural and regional students deserve the same opportunities as city kids and this annual trip is all about helping them to find out more about what's on offer," Ms Taylor said.

Macquarie University Manager for Widening Participation (Social Inclusion) Ruth Tregale, said Macquarie University recognised that students from rural areas don't have access to the same resources that metropolitan students have.

"Bringing this group of students onto campus and engaging them in a range of academic and non-curricular activities is very important to us," Ms Tregale said.

UTS Widening Participation Coordinator Sophie Andreadis said UTS was committed to encouraging aspiration for university study among rural students.

"Through faculty workshops that give them a taste of what they will study at university and interaction with UTS students and staff, we hope to inspire them to pursue their interests and think big about their future."

The four-day trip also included a visit to the Powerhouse Museum, ice-skating, sailing on Sydney Harbour, and new dining experiences, tasting cuisines like Malaysian and authentic Chinese.

Samantha Renfrey, a year 10 student from Balranald Central School, said of the University Experience Program, "It was a great experience and it has given me an understanding of what universities are really like."

CEF receives generous funding from UTS and Macquarie University for this annual university experience program that has been exposing rural students to university life since 2008.

About the Country Education Foundation (CEF)

CEF is a national not-for-profit organisation which works to ensure that as many young people as possible from rural Australia have the opportunity to pursue their chosen post high school education, training, or vocation aspirations by providing them much needed financial assistance and support.

We do this by establishing local Education Foundations across rural and regional Australia which raise funds to provide grants to local students so that they may be able to make a successful transition from high school into the next phase of their life.

We currently have over 40 Education Foundations across Australia and are continually working to increase our footprint across rural Australia.

CEF Grants for rural students are not awarded on the basis of academic success.

The local Education Foundations select recipients based on criteria that determine the applicants' dedication to achieving their goals and financial need. They also support a diverse range of pursuits including apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, degrees, diplomas and certificate level studies.



THE NATIONALS

JOHN WILLIAMS, MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY-DARLING

MEDIA RELEASE

30 May 2014

JOHN WILLIAMS ENCOURAGES LOCAL APPRENTICES TO APPLY FOR \$15,000 TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling, John Williams today encouraged local first year apprentices who are experiencing financial hardship to apply for a \$15,000 scholarship from the NSW Government.

John Williams said the scholarships are part of a new \$2.4 million scholarship program to assist apprentices who need additional financial support.

“The NSW Government is offering 40 scholarships, each worth \$15,000 over three years, for beginning apprentices who have demonstrated financial hardship in completing their qualification,” John Williams said.

“Apprentices are vital to the economic growth and development of NSW. We recognise that some students need additional financial support to help them achieve their training qualification.

“The 40 first year recipients will receive \$5000 each year, for three years. To get the program going, we are also offering scholarships to 40 second year and 40 third year apprentices, worth \$5000 for each year of study remaining. In total 120 new scholarships will be awarded this year, at a total value of \$600,000.”

Education Minister Adrian Piccoli said the scholarships are designed to assist those apprentices who face significant challenges in completing their qualification, particularly those students with a disability, Aboriginal apprentices and women in non-traditional trades.

“The scholarships are named in honour of the NSW Apprenticeships Ambassador, Bert Evans AO, who has spent a lifetime supporting vocational education and training and apprentices in NSW,” Mr Piccoli said.

“These scholarships are in addition to the existing Country Apprentice Scholarships program, which supports up to 30 students each year to cover the additional costs that are faced by apprentices in rural and regional NSW.”

Information on the scholarships is available from State Training Services Regional Centres on 13 28 11 and at www.training.nsw.gov.au

TERM TWO – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 School Book Fair @ 2.45pm	6 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <i>PSSA Athletics @ Tooleybuc</i>
Week 7 A	9 JUNE Queen's Birthday	10 Zone Athletics @ Deniliquin	11 Stage 6 Visual Arts Excursion to Swan Hill Art Gallery	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 P&C Meeting @ 6pm	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 Yr 5/6 Art Workshop @ Griffith	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 5th June



Scrumptious Shepherd's Pie

served with garlic bread **\$4.50**