



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**PLEASE CHECK
YOUR CANTEEN
ACCOUNT IS
FINALISED
BEFORE THE END
OF THE TERM**

**PRIMARY
ATHLETICS HAS
BEEN POSPONED
TO MONDAY, 4th
AUGUST and
SECONDARY
ATHLETICS HAS
BEEN POSTPONED
TO TUESDAY, 5th
AUGUST**

**STUDENTS
RECEIVING AWARDS
AT WHOLE SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY ON
TUESDAY, 24 JUNE**

Bronze Awards

Ryan Jackson
Shelley Dalton
Harry Ross
William Scott
Drew Lloyd
Brodie Kepa-Williams
Bonnie Jolliffe
Matthew McIvor-Kepa
Charlie Ross

Silver Awards

Macy Lloyd
Courtney Gorman
Hope Militto

TWO BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS AWARDED TOP PRIZE

Congratulations Tamara and Jessica

Federal Assistant Minister for Education and Member for Farrer, Sussan Ley, today congratulated two students from **Balranald Central School** who have been awarded one of the nation's top prizes for Year 12 students.

2013 school leavers, **Tamara Bax** and **Jessica Leggatt**, are among 500 students to receive the Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP) to the value of \$2000 which recognises the skill, commitment and achievements of school students who take on vocational education in their final year.



"Tamara and Jessica are not just ambassadors for their school but for the first-class career opportunities high-quality Vocational Education and Training in School (VETiS) can provide," Ms Ley said.

In congratulating the Balranald students, Ms Ley noted "the future prosperity of our economy very much depends on a highly-skilled workforce with this generation given an opportunity to pursue a trade or training while at school and deciding on a future career". (Media Release 18 June, 2014, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Federal Member for Farrer, Assistant Minister for Education)

Jessica Leggatt completed her traineeship with Balranald Shire Council at "Bidgee Haven" and completed a Certificate III in Aged Care and is currently undertaking nursing studies at the University of Wollongong.

Tamara completed her traineeship with the Balranald Early Learning Centre and completed a Certificate III in Children's Services and is now working in administration at the Balranald Hospital.

A big thank you to the Balranald Shire Council and Balranald Early Learning Centre for allowing these students to undertake their traineeship with them. Both of these employers have been loyal supporters of our "Believing in Balranald Youth" School Based Traineeship and work experience programs over the last few years.

Both students worked hard for this prize and deserve the reward.

WELL DONE ladies and all the best for your futures!!!

**Term 2 finishes on Friday, 27 June.
Students return on Tuesday, 15 July for Term 3**



Education &
Communities

Principal's Perspectives

Yet again, there is much happening in our school this week, with no relenting, as we charge towards the mid-semester break. It is very much hoped that all students and their families have a safe and restful break, ready to tackle the new term with energy and commitment.

Public Speaking

Today, we welcomed Mr Graeme Minnis from the Barham-Koondrook Lions club to our school. Mr Minnis is here to adjudicate the in-school public speaking competition for student in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. The winners in these two sections, will represent BCS at an inter-school competition being hosted by the local Lions Club next term. This national public speaking competition is providing an opportunity and audience for students to develop their skills in public speaking, acknowledging that it is a life skill worth developing.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are currently very busy finalising Student Reports of Progress for Semester 1, which will be sent home at the end of this week. Parent-teacher-students interviews will be conducted on the Wednesday afternoon/evening of the first week back at school. Forms to book interview times will be sent home this week. All parents are encouraged to meet with the teachers of their children and to work together with the school in helping all students reach their full potential. Education is a partnership!

Primary Assembly

Many thanks to those parents who were able to join the primary students at their assembly last week. The 3/4 class was extremely impressive in the presentation of their gymnastic skills and Mrs Harper is congratulated on developing these skills so well. The art work and public speeches which were also presented were entertaining and demonstrated the time and effort devoted to them.

Whole School Assembly

A warm welcome is extended to all parents and community members to attend this term's whole school assembly on Tuesday 24th June, commencing at 11.00am. It is hoped that you will be able to join us.

Environment Day

Last Wednesday, we welcomed representatives from the Environmental Education Centre in Dubbo and the Botanical Gardens in Sydney to our school. Students in Years 3 to 7 participated in a range of workshops and the general consensus was that the sessions were very valuable and extremely enjoyable. Special thanks to Mr Bruton for

coordinating this visit and to the students who helped out with the BBQ.

Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday this week, we will welcome students from St Joseph's school to participate in a soccer gala day. This is a very collegial way to end the term and our students have been honing their skills – keen to be equal with our Soccerroos. They will have to imagine that Balranald is Brazil!

Regional Athletics Carnivals

Parents and students should have been notified that both the primary and secondary athletics carnival which were scheduled to be held in Albury this week have been postponed due to expected inclement weather. The revised dates are Primary, Monday, 4th August and Secondary, Tuesday, 5th August.

Operation Art

On Thursday, Ms Woods and Mrs Stevens with students in 5/6 will be travelling to Griffith to participate in Operation Art workshops. This is a wonderful opportunity, not usually extended beyond the city, for students to participate in a range of art activities.

Badminton Assessment

On Friday, Ms Uzzell will be accompanying students in Year 9 and 10 to Swan Hill so that a formal assessment of learnt badminton skills can be made in purpose-built facilities. Special thanks to Ms Uzzell for making the effort to ensure BCS students are given every opportunity!

Looking Forward

This is the final week of term 2. Students are expected to be at school until Friday, when the holidays commence. School will resume for Term 3 on Tuesday, 15 July for all students. All staff will be attending professional development days in Deniliquin and Barham on Monday 14th July, so the school will not be open for enquiries. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

This Week's Quote:

Education forms part of all communities **and** the interdependent world referred to below:

Our mission in this new century is clear. For good or ill, we live in an interdependent world. We can't escape each other. Therefore, we have to spend our lives building a global community of shared responsibilities, shared values, shared benefits.

~ [Bill Clinton](#)

Please enjoy your week and the break!

School Happenings

End of Term 2

As we draw to the end of another busy term, I would like to congratulate Primary Students on the fantastic effort they have made in their learning this term and throughout the first half of the year. Students have participated in a variety of activities and have always tried their best. Of course these activities would not have happened without the contribution of our wonderful teachers and support staff. Thank you for the effort you put in (in and out of school) to make the learning journey an enjoyable one for our students.

During the term, we have had students compete in sports carnivals with many of them continuing on to the next level in Cross Country and Athletics. We have had a large group of our Year 5/6 students audition and be accepted into Kids Rapt On Performing (KROP). These students will travel to Griffith for the performances in term three. We had Drew Lloyd represent our school as part of the Riverina team in the AFL. Four of our Year 5/6 students are in the process of writing a book that will be published and held in our library as part of the Creative Catchment Kids program. All of our students participated in Basic Resuscitation/Resuscitation depending on their year level with Mrs Stevens. A completion award will be handed out to all participants by their classroom teachers.

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe break and I look forward to seeing you in term three as we begin the second half of the year.

Primary Assembly

In week eight, we had our second Primary assembly for the term which was run by our Year 3/4 class. We were treated to a very well timed gymnastics display with students performing a variety of movements in synchronization with their partner. However, the Year 3/4 students didn't stop there, after wowing the audience with their agility they then gave speeches about places to visit in Australia. They gave a very detailed information report about the species of the schools turtle and showed some fantastic art work. Well done to all the students in the Year 3/4 class. You should be very proud of what you have achieved this term!

Well done to the following students who received Assistant Principal Awards:

Tahlia Haigh for improvement in Reading
 Max Ugarte for fantastic Mathematics
 Alex Calleja for trying hard in Reading
 Charlie Ross for working hard in all subjects
 Hope Millito for improvement in Reading
 Darcy Carmichael for outstanding effort in Creative Art
 Ryan Jackson for being helpful when in the Library
 Harry Ross for being a fantastic helper during ICT

We look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly to be hosted by Year 5/6 in Term 3.

Home Reading

We have two more students who have completed one hundred nights of home reading. Well done to Nicholas Jackson-Davies (K) and Prue Harper (Year 1) for your commitment to reading. Both students chose a book and received an achievement award in recognition of the effort they have made. Please remember to encourage your students to read every day during the holidays. Newspapers, magazines and comics are an acceptable reading material to provide some variety, particularly for students in senior primary. When participating in home reading students may read on their own quietly, on their own but out loud, share the reading with an adult or be read to/read with an adult. Remember to record the reading in your Home Reading Record!!!

School Jumpers

We would like to remind parents to make sure their child's clothing, particularly their school jumper, has their name clearly marked. When playing, particularly during lunch, students take their jumpers off and on occasion leave them in the playground. A name clearly marked enables us to return them to their rightful owner.

Students of the Week

For Week 9 Term 2, 2014



Year K/1/2 Halle Purtill

Year 3/4 Matthew McIvor-Kepa

Year 5/6 Wyatt O'Halloran

ENVIRONMENT DAY



SRC DISCO

On Friday, 13th June, we had many students arrive at school in creepy and horribly scary costumes for our disco. Some of the teachers caused a scare as well. As with most superstitions, people fear Friday the 13th but the children all had fun scaring each other and dancing the night away.



Snagitude Wednesday

Snags with attitude is the theme for an extraordinary BBQ on Wednesday 25th June at lunch time. KROP will be raising funds with this themed sausage sizzle.

Sausage sangers for \$2 plus 50cents for toppings such as fried bacon and onion, chilli, cheese, coleslaw.

Drinks will also be available for \$2.

Note: This is in addition to the BBQ on Friday 27th June.



Fundraiser BBQ and Free Dress Day

Friday 27th June 2014

Gold Coin donation for free dress
\$2 soft drinks
\$2 sausage in bread
\$5 chicken steak sandwich

Sheep Lose Coats

Year 9 and 10 Agriculture students were involved in the shearing of the school sheep flock. Sam Matarazzo stepped back in time as he renewed his acquaintance with the handpiece. Sam took the time to show students the finer points of wool removal and helped several students to try their hand. Fleece throwing and skirting the fleece were other skills taken on board by the students. The Agriculture class would like to thank Sam for his efforts on the day. Also thanks to Chris Camin for supplying the shearing unit.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

BARGAINS

Girl's Ponte Pants – \$10!
Zipper jackets (without hood) – \$20!
ONLY WHILE STOCKS LAST!

In other Uniform Shop news, we have all sizes of Navy Hoodies back in stock. Grab an order form from the front office or text Deb on 0427200167.

'P&C FRIENDS' we need your help!

FOOTBALL GATE

Mums, Dads, Grandparents of BCS students, on Saturday 5 July 2014 we are manning the gate at the football but we need more helpers!! Please text or phone Amelia on 0400 165 393 if you are available on this day. Various time slots are vacant. All proceeds from the gate raffle will go to the P&C.

VARIETY CLUB BASH BREAKFAST

The P&C are providing breakfast for the Variety Club when they stop over in Balranald on Thursday, 14 August. Any help on this morning would be greatly appreciated. This is a fantastic fundraiser for the P&C.

VARIETY CLUB BASH RAFFLE

We will be holding a raffle to coincide with this event. As a Variety Club condition, we need to have all prizes donated. We would like to put together some hampers and are asking if anyone would like to donate any nibbles/packaged items (chips, nuts, biscuits, fruit, drinks etc) to please take them to the Year 3/4 classroom before August 5th. Any donations of eggs to be used at the breakfast would also be very helpful.

Canteen Corner

Please Note:

Tuesday 24th June NO Marinated Chicken Burgers

Wednesday 25th June ***RED DAY***

Warm Jam Donut \$2
Chomp/Furry Friend/Curly Wurly \$1
Bag of Frogs \$1 * Bag of Wonka Twists \$1.50

Thursday 26th June: Marinated Chicken Burgers



Plain \$4.00 Salad \$5.00

Friday 27th June

Canteen **NOT OPEN** for lunch orders
(yummy BBQ under the hanger)

TERM TWO – 2014

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|---|---|
| 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 Primary Sports Day Yr 9 & 10 PDHPE Excursion @ Swan Hill Last Day of Term 2 |

TERM THREE – 2014

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Week 1 B | 14 JULY Staff Development Day <u>Exec meeting</u> | 15 Students K-12 start | 16 | 17 Secondary Sports Day | 18 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 2 A | 21 JULY Merit Awards due for processing <u>Exec meeting</u> | 22 | 23 | 24 Secondary Sports Day | 25 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 3 B | 28 JULY <u>Exec meeting</u> EDUCATION WEEK | 29 EDUCATION WEEK | 30 EDUCATION WEEK | 31 Secondary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK Cadets Graduation Assembly @ 10am | 1 AUGUST Primary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK |
| Week 4 A | 4 AUGUST Merit Awards due for processing <u>Exec meeting</u> | 5 | 6 | 7 Secondary Sports Day | 8 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 5 B | 11 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u> | 12 | 13 | 14 Secondary Sports Day | 15 Primary Sports Day Variety Bash |
| Week 6 A | 18 AUGUST Merit Awards due for processing <u>Exec meeting</u> | 19 | 20 | 21 Secondary Sports Day | 22 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 7 B | 25 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u> | 26 | 27 | 28 Secondary Sports Day | 29 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 8 A | 1 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> | 2 | 3 | 4 Secondary Sports Day | 5 Primary Sports Day Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly |
| Week 9 B | 8 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> | 9 | 10 | 11 Secondary Sports Day Master Fabricator Competition | 12 Primary Sports Day |
| Week 10 A | 15 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> | 16 Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am | 17 | 18 Secondary Sports Day | 19 Yr 12 Formal Assembly Primary Sports Day Last Day of Term 3 |

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