



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**PRIMARY
ATHLETICS**
Monday, 4th August

**SECONDARY
ATHLETICS**
Tuesday, 5th August

**Parent/Teacher
Interviews**
Monday
28th July
starting at
3.30pm

NEW SCHOOL BUS



We are very excited to have taken receipt of our new school bus. The school endeavours to turn these vehicles over whilst there is enough value in the vehicle to warrant a reasonable change over price. Huge thanks to Peter Christian for the extensive hours spent investigating alternative purchase options.

As all parents are aware, a significant cost for our students to access experiences, educational opportunities and sporting events, etc., is transport. The school allocates a significant amount of money in our budget to ensure we own a bus and all roadworthy, insurances, maintenance and repairs are in accordance with departmental regulations.

School ownership of this bus also allows us to provide transport to students at a significantly reduced rate, as we do not need to pay drivers, nor do we need to sustain a profit margin. Parents can appreciate that if wages and business profits were factored in, the range of experiences we would be able to offer to our students would be drastically curtailed. Our operational costs are covered by student contributions on a user-pay basis. This is by far the most equitable way to cover basic running costs.

Students of the Week

For Week 2 Term 3, 2014

Year K/1/2 Liam Butterworth
Year 3/4 Elizabeth Bell
Year 5/6 Courtney Gorman



Principal's Perspectives

School bag App

Apologies for the delay in KROP bus returning from Griffith last Thursday. The delay was school related and unavoidable and all students are congratulated for their patience and flexibility - skills much needed as adults. The schools notice board was updated with the revised ETA for the bus, but we are constantly endeavouring to improve the way we communicate.

This delay in students returning from trips is an example of how the recently purchased school bag app for mobile devices can be hugely beneficial in helping communication between the school and community.

There is no cost involved for parents downloading this app and, when information is uploaded by the school, it is shared immediately with relevant parents. Please check in this newsletter for instructions on how to download this app onto your mobile device.

P&C meeting Monday night

The P&C is the most effective way to keep informed and involved in school happenings. New faces are always welcome and parents are encouraged to come along to tonight's meeting at 6pm in the staff room.

Please don't hesitate to contact President, Kate Harper, if you have any questions.

Parent information

A subject selection evening for parents and students entering stage 6 in 2015 will be held this Wednesday evening commencing at 6pm. It is very important for students, as well as their parents, to get information and to start to develop an understanding of what is involved in senior curriculum offerings. Special thanks to those teachers who are offering their own time to attend this meeting.

Education Week

We had planned to celebrate Education Week in week 3 of this term with Grand friends Day being scheduled for Friday 1 August. As this date clashed with our school's KROP commitments, we are changing the date of this special school event to Friday 5 September, which is in week 8. This is when Balranald Central School will celebrate Education Week with a range of activities for both students and the community. Please keep reading our newsletter for future announcements.

Parent-student-teacher interviews

Parent-student-teacher interviews are scheduled for Monday 28 July and notes have already been sent home with all students. These are a vital part of your child's education and parents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity - especially in light of student progress reports which were sent home at the end of last term.

As always, parents are invited to contact the school at any time they have concerns and to make appointments to speak with teachers or the school executive. Issues and concerns can usually be resolved through open communication.

Best wishes to all for an enlightening and enjoyable third term.

This week's quote, after considering our school's involvement in KROP:

"Sometimes, you just have to clear your head and get out to see other things. It is very important to be nourished. I love to go to museums and galleries; I like to see theatre, film, and dance - anything creative. It doesn't promise you inspiration, but it nourishes your creative soul, and that's good."

Marc Jacobs

School Happenings

Welcome to Term 3

Welcome back to what I am sure will be a very busy term. This term we welcome Miss Jessica Head to our school. Miss Head is from CSU and will be working with the Year 5/6 students for the remainder of the term as part of her final University Placement.

KROP

Last week I travelled to Griffith to attend the rehearsals for this year's KROP performance. As a committee member I am lucky enough to see all the schools rehearse allowing me to see how different schools perform their number. There were a large variety of different acts, each telling their own story. On Thursday I was very proud to watch the students from Balranald Central School take the stage for their rehearsal. Our students utilised the time they were given, taking on board suggestions from the KROP committee and (as always with BCS students) giving their best. I would like to congratulate all the students on the effort they have put in and acknowledge Miss Jones for the time and effort she has put in to provide our students with this great opportunity. I look forward to seeing our number in week three with the full effect of stage lighting and theatre sound.

Primary Assembly

Primary assembly will be held in week three and week six of term three. Our Year 5/6 class will run our first assembly to be held on Wednesday, 30th July. This will be the last opportunity for our KROP students to rehearse before they travel to Griffith. Please come along and see our students celebrate all of the great work they have been doing in the classroom.

School Essentials

As we start a new term can you please make sure your child has all the equipment they need to successfully engage in their learning. Students require writing equipment, pencils or pens (depending on their year level), glue sticks etc.

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.

Canteen Corner

Thursday 24th July

Dreamy Creamy (lite!) Potato Bake

served with Chicken Drumsticks

\$4.50



*A friendly reminder...the canteen has a **no booking-up** policy....if you would like your child to purchase items without the hassle of sending coins each day, it's a new term so NOW is the time to top up your account with lots of credit.*

Thank you very much!!

VARIETY BASH



The Variety Bash is coming to Balranald in August.

They have already kindly donated \$ 4,500 worth of canoes/paddles and life jackets to the school. That is 6 canoes.

The Year 11/12 Industrial Technology boys are building a trailer to house the canoes with money donated from the Balranald Central School P & C.

The Variety Bash is also running a Colouring Competition for Balranald Central School primary students. There are two categories; Kindergarten to Year 2, and Year 3 to Year 6. First prize is a digital camera for both categories. Students will be sent home their colouring in sheet this week. It is to be completed and handed back to your classroom teacher ASAP.



The P & C Association are also hosting breakfast on Friday 15th August. We are catering for approximately 350 Bashers. If you are able to help with the breakfast please give Kate Harper or Kim Lloyd a ring.

The P & C Association are also running a raffle and are after donations to make up 3 snack/food hampers. If you are able to donate a bag of chips, lollies, biscuits, chocolate, cans of soft drink please drop of at the Year 3/4 classroom.

GOLF LESSONS

**Golf lessons will be held on
Friday, 25th July
from 3.30 – 4.45!!**



FIRE CADET PROGRAM

Thursday, 26 June 2014 was the last day for students participating in the Fire Cadet Program. All students have thoroughly enjoyed doing this program and will have their Cadet Graduation on Thursday, 7 August at 10am at Balranald Central School.





Attention Parents and Students

Balranald Central School now has 'Skoolbag'. This is a free App that will help with communication between the school and parents/students. You can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Balranald Central School in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see Balranald Central School appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", Balranald Central School will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Balranald Central School, using suburb name will help.
3. Click Balranald Central School when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Balranald Early Learning Centre Inc

Cleaner

Permanent Part-time Position

12.5 hours per week

(2.5 hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri)

The successful applicant should be reliable, flexible and able to work without supervision.

A job description is available from the Balranald Early Learning Centre.

Please direct applications to:

Balranald Early Learning Centre
P.O. Box 109
Balranald 2715

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

Appointment is subject to a working with children check.

For further information please contact the Balranald Early Learning Centre on 5020 1221.



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GUITAR & UKULELE LESSONS AVAILABLE TERM 3 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

Will Eldridge is currently living in your area and he is now teaching one-to-one guitar and ukulele lessons during school hours at Moulamein and Balranald schools. Will is qualified to teach guitar, ukulele and banjo.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity then please contact us at South West Music Regional Conservatorium, Deniliquin, immediately and we will send you an enrolment package. Parents pay for the lessons and the school provides the teaching space.

South West Music Regional Conservatorium

The Department of Education & Communities funds South West Music. We are based in Deniliquin and we currently employ 7 teachers who deliver programs in guitar, drum kit, vocals, piano, brass, flute, ukulele, banjo, double bass and music theory. We also deliver lessons via videoconference in violin and cello.

TERM THREE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 A	21 JULY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	22	23 Stage 6 Subject Selection evening Yr 8 English excursion to Swan Hill SRC Excursion to Deniliquin	24 Secondary Sports Day	25 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 3 B	28 JULY <u>Exec meeting</u> PARENT/TEACHER EVENING	29	30 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	31 Secondary Sports Day	1 AUGUST <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 4 A	4 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>PSSA Athletics @ Albury</i>	5 Regional Athletics @ Albury	6	7 Secondary Sports Day Cadets Graduation Presentation @ 10am HSC Industrial Technology Major Work due	8 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 5 B	11 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u>	12	13	14 Secondary Sports Day	15 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Variety Bash
Week 6 A	18 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	19	20	21 Secondary Sports Day	22 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 7 B	25 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u> HSC Visual Arts Major Work due	26	27 Trial HSC Exams	28 Secondary Sports Day Trial HSC Exams	29 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Trial HSC Exams
Week 8 A	1 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> EDUCATION WEEK	2 EDUCATION WEEK	3 EDUCATION WEEK	4 Secondary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK	5 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> EDUCATION WEEK 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 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
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 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 3

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

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ADD/ADHD/ASD??

Tanya Bott is the Regional Care Co-ordinator of Autism spectrum and developmental disorders. Tanya will be at the Balranald Health Service (meeting room 3) on Wednesday 23rd of July from 12.30pm - 1.30pm, and will be discussing the following:

ASD - Autism spectrum disorder
ADD/ADHD and medication use
Services available in our area for children and their families

All welcome!!