



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

Under 16's Netball Team due by 18 August

## NSW Rural Fire Service Cadets Graduation Presentation



*Pictured: Graduating Cadets with Scott, the Program Co-ordinator, and local Volunteers Rex Scott, Bertie Lansdown, Brett McNiven and Barbara Heil.*

Twelve enthusiastic and proud Junior Fire Cadets graduated last week at Balranald Central School after undertaking an intensive cadetship program lead by the volunteers of the Balranald Rural Fire Brigade. This program saw students grow as individuals and really fostered their teamwork and community skills. The program provides Year 9 and 10 students with an insight into fire safety and prevention, whilst developing practical life skills and a general appreciation of community service and volunteerism.

The aim of the program is to:

- Develop an interest in the NSW RFS and its traditions
- Provide cadets with knowledge of fire safety and preparedness
- Develop the qualities of leadership, self-discipline, self-reliance, initiative and team work
- Encourage cadets to continue service in the NSW RFS or other community service organisations
- Provide training that can contribute to NSW RFS fire-fighter and other specialist training.

These skills can be used in later life, whether it's for work or for joining a volunteer rural fire brigade.

The students worked with dedicated local community volunteers who were impressed with the students' dedication to the program and enjoyed seeing their confidence and skills grow throughout the program. Four students have been inspired by the program to join the local Rural Fire Service and give something back to the local community. They have given up a little of their time on a Sunday to help maintain the local Volunteer fire station and equipment.

It is hoped that the program will run again next year as the benefits to the school, students and community cannot be measured. Balranald Central School are very proud of our cadets and we thank the Rural Fire Service for providing our students with such a fantastic opportunity.

2014 Graduating Cadets are: Sterling Ray, Dante Gervasi, Adam Simpson, Trent Nelson, Shania Bax, Jacob Lister, Tom Salau, Ciana Field, Caitlyn Simpson, Maddy Militto, Jamie Simpson and Gabriella Ryan.

# Principal's Perspectives

Welcome to week 5 of this term.

## Term 3 Organisation

Our new school principal, Mr Aaron Flagg, visited BCS briefly last week to have a school tour and meet with staff. He was very impressed with the site and was able to introduce himself to some classes as well. Mr Flagg will be making additional planned visits to the school during the remainder of this term. As previously advised, he will take over full time from term 4.

For the last 6 weeks of this term, Mrs Nadine Matarazzo will be fulfilling the role of relieving principal. I am confident that Mrs Matarazzo will receive the same support that has been afforded to me during time at this school.

## Farewell

It is with considerable sadness that I farewell the staff, students and community of Balranald Central School. I have very much enjoyed and appreciated my time in this community and would like to extend my thanks to everyone connected with the school for making me feel so welcome and valued during the past 7 months. I am moving on to Edward Primary School in Deniliquin, where I will be the relieving principal for the remainder of the year.

## Athletics Carnivals

Congratulations to those primary and secondary students who participated in the regional athletics carnivals in Albury last week. They were outstanding ambassadors of our school and are congratulated on their successes. Special congratulation is extended to Jada Phillips who has qualified to participate at the State Athletics Carnival being held in Sydney later in the year in Shot Put and Discus. Extra thanks are extended to those parents who transported the students to Albury and supported them throughout the day.

## Variety Bash

On Friday, the Variety Bash will be coming through town and we are very grateful for their inclusion of BCS in their organisation. Parents and carers need to be aware that there will be a significant number of vehicles (estimated at around 100) in front of the school on Friday morning until around 9am. Please remind all students who walk to school and enter via We Street to be especially careful on Friday morning.

## Major Works

Congratulations to all those senior students who have completed their major projects for the HSC last week. Mr Holland provided a guided tour of the items constructed by our students, which were all exceptionally impressive and a credit to these students and their teacher! HSC markers will be visiting the school in the next few weeks to allocate grades to these items and 'fingers crossed' they will be equally impressed. We are indeed fortunate at BCS to have the outstanding facilities that we do in order to support the quality teaching and learning that takes place.

## This week's quote for your consideration:

This quote has been chosen after considering the reasons we say good bye and move on to the next challenge in our lives, as I am doing this week.

*"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."* — [Lyndon B. Johnson](#)

**Have a great week and best wishes for the future!**

# School Happenings

## KROP

Last week, I travelled to Griffith to attend this year's KROP performance. As a committee member, I am involved in the organisation and production of the show. This year, KROP celebrated its tenth year and it was the second year that students from BCS performed. Throughout what were two very busy days, I had the opportunity to see our students and was to be impressed with the behaviour that they displayed. Every student is congratulated for their effort and a big thank you goes to Miss Jones for the time and energy she has put in to our school contribution and Mr Murray for driving our students.

## Primary Assembly

In week two, we had our first Primary assembly for the term, which was run by our Year 5/6 class. Students shared poetry they had written, our four participants in the public speaking competition shared their speeches and our KROP group performed. The year 5/6 students finished the assembly by sharing a book by Allan Baillie titled 'Drac and the Gremlin'. The students were read the book in class and had to make their own illustrations. The contrast of these illustrations to the book, were very interesting to observe.

Well done to the following students who received an Assistant Principal Award:

Rhiannon Lanteri for working hard in English  
 Grace Morton for great writing  
 Mason Dalton for outstanding reading  
 Rylan Dalton for fantastic poem writing  
 Jackson Li for working hard and presenting quality work  
 Mikayla Bax for an improved effort in her application to learning



## Public Speaking

On Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, four of our students participated in the Lions Club Public Speaking competition. They all spoke extremely well, and our 5/6 students were unphased in delivering impromptu speech. The students all spoke very well

on the night and are commended for representing our school so well. Thank you to the Lions Club for promoting and hosting this event!

## Home Reading

We have a few more students who have completed one hundred nights of home reading. Well done to Harry Ross (Year 1), Lachlan Camin (Year 2) and Grace Morton (Year 2) for your commitment to reading. The students chose a book and received an achievement award in recognition of the effort they have made. Please endeavour to encourage your students to read every day. Remember students may read books from school or home. At school, resources are found in the library and in the classrooms. At home, books can be those from the public library, family library or even those borrowed from friends. 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!!!

## Students of the Week

For Week 5  
Term 3, 2014



Year K/1/2	Sheridan Dalton
Year 3/4	Chloe Gorman
Year 5/6	Dominic Gervasi



# P&C

Helpers are needed for the Variety Bash breakfast from 7am to about 9pm. If you are able to help please contact  
Kim Lloyd or Kate Harper.

Donations of hamper goods (chocolates, chips, lollies, nuts) for the Variety Club Bash are also needed and can be dropped off into the Year 3/4 classroom.

Thank you.

## BALRANALD MOTORCROSS CLUB AGM

Sunday, 7 September – 10am  
at the motorcross track

All positions declared vacant

Please come along and show your support!!

## ORDER FORM

# KROP 2014



A DVD recording of the 2014 KROP concert is available to the schools and students who are involved in a performance. This DVD is made for the purpose of private domestic viewing only.

**MIDSTATE VIDEO  
PRODUCTIONS**

To order a DVD

direct deposit \$35 into the Midstate Video account  
Westpac Bank BSB 032 750 account 133 490  
then send all the details needed below in an email  
to [midstatevideo@bigpond.com](mailto:midstatevideo@bigpond.com)

include date of depositing funds and reference name  
OR fill out the details in the spaces below and post  
a cheque to: PO Box 2400 Griffith NSW 2680  
The cost is \$35 including GST and postage.

Name .....

Postal address .....

Town ..... Postcode .....

School .....

Date..... Paid \$.....

Any questions re KROP DVD call Vince Bucello 02 6964 5555

PAID: Cheque ..... Direct deposit..... Cash.....

# Canteen Corner

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Baked Spud \$4.50**

*topped with Diced Bacon, Grated Cheese & Lite Sour Cream  
add Coleslaw 50c*

(today only add yummy coleslaw to any other lunch order too!)



**TERM THREE – 2014**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 5 B</b>	<b>11 AUGUST</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>15</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <b>Variety Bash</b>
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>18 AUGUST</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	<b>21</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>22</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>25 AUGUST</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> HSC Visual Arts Major Work due	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Trial HSC Exams	<b>28</b> Secondary Sports Day Trial HSC Exams	<b>29</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Trial HSC Exams
<b>Week 8 A</b>	<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>2</b> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>3</b> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>4</b> Secondary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK	<b>5</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> EDUCATION WEEK <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly</b>
<b>Week 9 B</b>	<b>8 SEPTEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Secondary Sports Day Master Fabricator Competition	<b>12</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>15 SEPTEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>16</b> Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am First Aid Course - Senior Students	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>19</b> 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

# 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

A meeting will be held at school on  
**Monday, 18th August 2014**  
 at the Balranald Central School Library  
**at 6pm**  
 to discuss the celebration of 150 years of education at BCS.

A committee will be formed to organise and promote this celebration.

If you wish to be involved or have ideas to offer, please come to this meeting.