



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Year 10 Maths in Trades

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### 150th Celebration

Meeting held tonight at 6pm in the school library to form a committee to organise and promote this celebration.

### P&C MEETING

Tonight's meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is on Monday, 15th September at 6pm in the common room.

### HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note that there will be no Homework Club this week.



*Pictured: Year 10 students working on their Maths in Trades projects*



Education & Communities

# Principal's Perspectives

Last week was my first week in the role of Relieving Principal at BCS. This was also the week that the world lost funnyman Robin Williams. I'd like to share 5 lessons we can take from him.

## Lesson 1: Find passion, be passionate and make your mark on the world.

*"The powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?" – Dead Poet's Society (1989)*

Members of the community met this week to re-establish the AECG in Balranald. Thank you to Smokey Murray, Paula Whyman, Lloyd Murray, Lorraine Jackson, Kay Dowdy and John Jackson for being involved. At the meeting there was a lot of positive energy about moving forward into the future. I'd like to encourage others to join this group to support Indigenous education outcomes and awareness across the school.

One person who will certainly make "her mark on the world" will be Miss Zoe Grace Bevan. Congratulations to Kellie and Adam Bevan on the safe arrival of your beautiful daughter!

## Lesson 2: Embrace creativity

*"You're only given a little spark of madness, you mustn't lose it." – Robin Williams*

It was a pleasure to go along to the Year 5/6 Dance lesson this week. The music played – and they DANCED up a storm. This is what learning and being at school is all about. Have fun and participate in as much as you can. Share your ideas about Vikings in your Year 7 History lesson; lead your peers as a member of the SRC giving notices on lines in the morning or even by realising the importance of sharing 'thank you' coffees on Wednesday.

## Lesson 3: Write, speak, and share your ideas

*"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." Dead Poets Society (1989)*

Stage 6 English students had to write about an important moment in their life that represented them moving "Into the World". It's always a pleasure to read personal stories where students let you into their lives through what they write.

Congratulations to Will, Keely, Sam and Sarah on the wonderful work that they're doing in the Creative Catchment Kids project. I look forward to reading their published work, "Frank Old: Organic Farmer".

## Lesson 4: Everything happens for a reason

*"You'll have bad times, but it'll always wake you up to the good stuff you weren't paying attention to." Good Will Hunting (1997)*

There have been moments this week that have stretched staff and students at BCS. It goes without saying that at school there are bad days as well as the good. And sometimes we don't always understand why things have the outcome that they do. If nothing else this opens our eyes to opportunities we weren't paying attention to, they're catalysts for the changes we need to happen, but didn't know. I'd like to congratulate the maturity and sound judgment shown by our students this week. This is something we are all proud of.

## Lesson 5: Life is too short – stop worrying so much and live it

*"Cast your eyes to the summer sky, when the stars are strung across the velvety night, and when shooting star streaks through the blackness, turning night into day, make a wish. Think of me. Make your life spectacular. I know I did." Jack (1996)*

The Variety Club Bash that passed through town at the end of the last week showed the importance of making your life spectacular, having fun and giving back to the world in the most generous way. The P&C hosted an extraordinary breakfast for the 'Bashers' – very VERY early in the morning. A huge thank you to the mums and dads who assisted with this very successful fundraiser. A special thank you to Mrs Kate Harper for her extraordinary efforts as both P&C President and as the driving force behind our school request for Canoes. Thank you to all staff at school who gave their time to prepare for the event and who made our visitors feel so welcome.

The Variety Club made the generous donation of 6 canoes, as well as many other sponsors also making significant contributions, including a Dick Smith \$500 Gift Card; books and backpack package; jacket; Digital Cameras; teddy bears; sports balls; a signed John Williamson picture book; a HUGE box of stationery items; and lots and LOTS of lollies ☺ We welcomed back Super Hubert and even had a helicopter land in the playground. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the wonderful people making a real difference in rural communities.

**"Carpe diem. Seize the day, BCS students. Make your lives extraordinary."**

# School Happenings

## VARIETY BASH RECOUNTS - YEAR 1 & 2

When I went to school it was Variety Bash day. The people gave us lollies and toys. When I was in the middle of the path looking at the cars, someone came and smiled at me. I let him through and he looked like a wicked clown. I saw Scooby Doo and someone was there with a water gun. There was a person with a bubble gun and we took a picture. When it was time to go we watched a show called Super Hubert and it was funny.  
*By Anna Scoleri*

On Friday I saw the Scooby Doo car. Some people had water guns. They had a lot of cars. They took pictures. They gave me toys. I saw the helicopter. *By Ryan Jackson*

The Variety Bash parked at the front of the school. I got some lollies. It was fun. *By Michael Gorman*

On Friday I saw lots of cars and pictures on the cars. There were water guns. I saw the Scooby Doo car, the bubble guns and rainbow man. I saw the helicopter. It was blue and yellow.  
*By Lachlan Camin*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. I got some lollies. *By Lajarna Dutton*

On Friday at school I saw lots of cars. A man gave me a mars bar. I got a lolly and a lady gave me dinosaur stickers and puzzle and a sticky hand. When all of them left school, there was a magic show and Super Hubert did it. When he left we went to class. At recess I saw a helicopter. It was yellow. We saw the helicopter leave. *By Halle Purtill*

On Friday at school I saw the Variety Bash cars and people. They gave us goodies and lollies. Super Hubert came to school and done a magic show. I saw a helicopter and it was taking off. It was windy. *By Prue Harper*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. I like the Dr Who car. I like the Scooby Doo car. I saw a helicopter at school. *By Chase Militto*

Today the Variety Bash came to school. I slept in the town house. I did not have breakfast because I would miss out on all the fun. There were a lot of people. There was a Scooby Doo car, a Harry potter car, a Wizard of Oz car and lots of other different cars. There were three Minions. They said that they were having a day off. I got a lot of lollies and toys in my bag. I had a Halloween bag, a green bag, and a black bag. They were all full of toys. When the variety bash went there was a magic show. The person who was doing the show was called Super Hubert. First he was in his nighty then he took his nighty off and underneath was a super hero outfit. *By Shelley Dalton*

Today the Variety Bash people came to Balranald and they gave us some bags. They gave me some good lollies. We saw a helicopter and saw some really, really good cars. Some were orange, black and red: heaps of different colours. Some of the cars had pictures on the sides. Some cars sprayed people. One

of them got Harry and I. We saw this man Super Hubert. He was a magician. He was funny. He gave out some lollies.

*By Grace Morton*

On Friday the Variety Bash was on and when the second bell went we saw a magic show. Every four years they come to Balranald. They gave us lollies and toys. There was a car that had the Wizard of Oz on it and there were people dressed in the costumes of Despicable Me. They had sirens on their hat. One of the people gave me a pencil case and there was a person that squirted water at my hair. There was a person in a car that let us beep the horn. At recess the helicopter was leaving and the wind was in my face. When the helicopter was leaving it turned around and then went up in the air.

*By Harry Ross*

Today at school the Variety Bash came. The Variety Bash was very funny. They have cool cars. The Variety Bash gave us lollies and toys. I saw a Scooby Doo car and the Despicable Me car. Someone had a water gun and they were squirting it. There was a magic show. The helicopter was yellow. Variety Bash is very cool. I love Variety Bash. Today I had lots of fun.

*By Max Ugarte*

Today at school I saw the Variety Bash. I saw the Scooby Doo car and the Minions car and the Lightening McQueen car. I saw lots of cars in front of the school. I won the colouring in competition and I won a digital camera. *By Tyrone Wickey*

The Variety Bash went to school and we saw a magic show. I got a show bag. We got goodies and we got toys. There were people dressed up as movies. I liked the movies Despicable Me. I saw bubbles and I popped bubbles. Tyrone won the colouring in competition. His prize was a digital camera.

*By Tahlia Hague*

## VARIETY BASH RECOUNTS - KINDER

I like the Sea Mermaid car. *By Sheridan Dalton*

I saw Despicable Me and I took pictures of some cars.  
*By Liam Butterworth*

The Variety Bash has lots of cars. My favourite was Despicable Me. *By Mollie Calleja*

I like the Sea Mermaid Car. *By Rhiannon Lanteri*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. I got a sticky hand. *By Kadison Dalton*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. My favourite car was the Scooby Doo car. I got a rugby ball.  
*By Leo Gaston*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. I like the Dr Who car. It had a dalek on top of it. *By Nicholas Davies*

On Friday lots of cars parked out the front of the school. I like the Minions car. I got lots of stuff. *By Kayla Harding*



# VARIETY BASH





# Students of the Week

For Week 6  
Term 3, 2014



Year K/1/2 Max Ugarte  
Year 3/4 Alex Calleja  
Year 5/6 Bonnie Jolliffe



**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**6pm at the Football Oval**

*BCS Dad's take on*  
*St Joey's/Clare Public School Dad's*  
**in a football match to end the football season!!!**

## FUNDING ROUND OPENS SEPTEMBER

Chances invests in the future of our children & young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential.

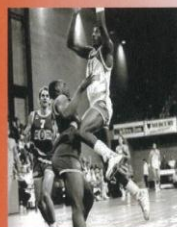
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## On The Ball

Free Holiday Program, Robinvale

24th & 25th September 2014



Joe Hurst



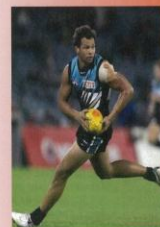
Katrina Hibbert

### LEARN BASKETBALL & AFL SKILLS

NBL Hobart Devils Legend  
**Joe Hurst**

North Melbourne and Port  
Adelaide AFL Champion  
**Daniel Motlop**

&  
WNBL Super Star  
**Katrina Hibbert**



Daniel Motlop

**THERE WILL BE  
COMPETITIONS,  
PRIZES & SHOWBAGS!**

When: **Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September**

Time: **09.15am - 11.30am (8 - 12 year olds)**  
**12.15pm - 2.30pm (13 - 16 year olds)**

Where: **Robinvale Leisure Centre**  
**Latje Road, Robinvale**

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED**

'On The Ball' is an exciting program providing an opportunity for young people to exercise, have fun and meet current and former Basketball and AFL players.

**The program is suitable for all skill levels.**

REGISTRATIONS: **Wednesday, 24 September**  
**09.00am (8-12 year olds)**  
**12.00pm (13-16 year olds)**

**Please bring along your parent/guardian consent form (or complete it on the day)**

For more information contact Lyn Lenehan at Stride

(03) 9602 3311

[llenehan@stride.org.au](mailto:llenehan@stride.org.au)

On the Ball is proudly supported by Portland House Foundation

## BALRANALD MOTORCROSS CLUB AGM

**Sunday, 7th September – 10am**

at the motorcross track

All positions declared vacant

Please come along and show your support!!

## **YEAR 7 2015 TRANSITION PROGRAM DATES**

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, Balranald Central School is providing a Transition Program for children venturing into Year 7 in 2015. This gives the children an opportunity to learn their way around the school, have the opportunity to meet with the secondary teachers and participate in various activities. In the past we have found that the children become very familiar with the new school environment, allowing them to settle in very quickly when they start secondary school the following year.

### **TRANSITION PROGRAM DATES**

**10.00 am to 3.00pm**

**Thursday, 4 September 2014**

#### ***Solar Car Challenge***

*Students will spend the day learning about solar energy and by the end of the day will have built and raced a model solar car. A barbecue lunch will be provided for all students on this day.*

**9.00am to 3.00pm**

**Thursday, 13 November 2014 (TBC)**

#### ***Pinnacle of Success***

*A day hosted by the Mildura Youth Training Adventures team. The focus for the day is a Pinnacle of Success program based on a series of activities involving trust building exercises, rock wall climbing, leap of faith and skills development.*

All Year 6 students from Balranald Central School will have the opportunity to interact with students from Euston Public School, Clare Public School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School when they visit the school on the above dates and participate in fun activities.

## **VARIETY BASH**

A big thank you to all those who helped with the  
Variety Bash breakfast;  
it was cold, but a great morning.

Thank you also to those who donated items  
towards the raffle and the egg collection.

### **Raffle winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Car 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Car 1000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Alex Calleja**

### **Colouring-in Competition Winners:**

**Year 3/4/5/6    1<sup>st</sup> Rylan Dalton**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lani Wilkinson**

**Year K/1/2    1<sup>st</sup> Tyrone Wickey**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lachlan Camin**

## TERM THREE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>18 AUGUST</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i> State Netball @ Dubbo	<b>21</b> Secondary Sports Day State Netball @ Dubbo Aspire Me Visual Art Camp @ Moulamein	<b>22</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Aspire Me Visual Art Camp @ Moulamein
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>25 AUGUST</b> <u>Exec meeting</u> 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> <u>Exec meeting</u> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>2</b> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>3</b> EDUCATION WEEK	<b>4</b> Secondary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK Yr 7, 2015 Transition	<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> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<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> <u>Exec meeting</u> P&C Meeting @ 6pm	<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

# Canteen Corner

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

### The Most Fun Special Ever!



**Build-your-own-Burrito \$4.50**  
*You get the wrap, mince & cheese 'n salad tub*  
*Pick out the bits you want...load it up, roll it up, and eat it up!*