



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

Swan Hill Eisteddfod due by 25 August

The Right Balance performance due by 26 August

Certificate II in Automotive Expression of Interest due 29 August

Runner Up State Netball Champions



Pictured: (L to R Back Row) Madison Jess, Isabella Harding, Paynton Jolliffe, Maddy Militto, Samantha Renfrey, Chloe Militto and Ms Uzzell (Teacher). (L to R Front Row) Lisa Jolliffe (Coach), Kiandra Dalton, Jordyn Jolliffe and Shania Bax.

Congratulations to our girls Under 16 Netball team who travelled to Dubbo last week and played against Boorowa Central, Lake Cargelligo, Tooleybuc, Dunedoo and Uralla and won five out of the six games, making them Runners-Up for 2014.

Below are some of the girls' memories of their trip to Dubbo:

They beat Tooleybuc Central School and also broke a record by demolishing one of the teams, with a 53-4 score line!! They only lost by 4 goals overall!! Paynton won not one, not two but three MVP Awards!! According to the girls the highlight of the trip was beating Tooleybuc!! Apparently Lloyd's precision driving skills could see him lining up at Bathurst, although he is banned from Forbes after he beeped the horn at a golfer taking a swing at the ball as they drove passed and the golfer missed!! They stayed at the Big 4 in Dubbo with a Jumping Pillow but sadly, it was broken... They shopped, ate at Hog's Breath and watched Jordyn show off her Ten Pin Bowling skills. Did we mention they beat Tooleybuc Central School??

NEXT WEEK IS EDUCATION WEEK AT BCS!

On Wednesday, 3rd September at 10.30am there is a morning tea followed by open classrooms and performances from Primary in the hall. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Principal's Perspectives

It's Literacy and Numeracy Week across schools in Australia. What better way to look at life at BCS than through the eyes of the literary master, Dr Seuss!

You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights

Congratulations to the girls who soared to the great height of 'Runners Up' in the Central Schools' State Netball Competition last week. What a fantastic cover photograph! You are to be applauded for your good sportsmanship and for being great ambassadors of our school. Thank you to Ms Uzzell, Mr Murray and parents for supporting the team in Dubbo.

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if only you try!

The Planning Committee for BCS's 150th Year celebrations kicked off with an enthusiastic and productive meeting last Monday. Oh the things that were planned! It will be a BIG year in 2015 – so watch this space. A special thank you to all of the people who show such pride in BCS, many years after they've left the school grounds!

Oh, the things you can think!

Mr Bruton generated a lot of "thinks" during Science Week at school. A big thank you to him for those activities. I was asked in an interview last week about past BCS students who've made their mark in the world of Science – and after having a chat over the lunch table it was amazing to see the long list that we came up with. Past students have excelled in research, medicine, health sciences, agriculture and education (just think of Ms Menta and Mr Bruton!). Science Week 2014 showed we have even MORE scientists in the making ☺

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

This rhyme shows that things get done in the world by people who care, who try, and who give their best to what they're doing. Many BCS staff members this week have been involved in Professional Development Training. From iPads & Excel to Boys & Literacy courses and Behaviour Management. A number of staff also got a chance to visit the Tirkandi Inaburra School at Coleambally. Aboriginal youth develop and draw on their own resilience in order to take responsibility for their own lives, develop strategies to deal with their problems and minimise the risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system. Tirkandi Inaburra means "to learn to dream", which is an empowering philosophy that we could all adopt at BCS.

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose

This is very much evident in the Subject choices currently being made by Stage 5 and Stage 6 students. Electives are offered in

technical, sporting, creative and humanitarian areas as well as School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships. Students have made good decisions based on what they want to achieve over the next few years at school. Thank you to Ms Lloyd for coordinating this really big process.

From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere

Not just funny things, but fun things. If you happened to be at the assembly hosted by K/1/2 you know that there was a lot to smile about. I'm still singing "Aaaaples...Aaaaaaples!" in my head, let alone being thrilled to be there when "Mr Clickety Came". Mr Flagg was able to present many students with some fabulous awards. Well done to everyone! ☺

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!

A great time was had by Will Scott and Mr Scott as they had a creative few days at the Aspire Me art camp. I'm hoping that my request for a "commissioned" original artwork was taken seriously!

Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you

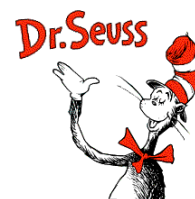
Another creative achievement this week was the final touches being put on Major Works for Industrial Technology and Visual Arts. Good luck Georgie, Shannon, Lachlan, Zach, Aaron, Bailey, Felicity, Crystal, Sally and Amy. We hope you can take great pride in producing work that is a reflection of your efforts over the HSC course.

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go

Leaders are readers, no doubt about that. Hopefully a lot of students will jump headfirst into a number of National Literacy & Numeracy Week (NLNW) activities planned for classes during this week. How does "A poem in my Pocket" sound? Or an Australian-wide shared reading of a picture book on Friday? Can you guess the teachers' FAVOURITE books? If you need to be convinced that Maths is FUN, go to the following link to see Maths ambassador for NLNW, Simon Pampena, in action <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0mNkJy-Q9s>

And will you succeed? Yes you will indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

This is the week when things start to get serious for HSC students ... The Trial Examinations. I wish the best of luck to ALL students in each of their exams. I hope you have studied hard (!) and use the experience, and the results, to guide you over the last few weeks before the HSC tests.



School Happenings

Primary Assembly

In week six we had our second Primary assembly for the term which was run by our K/1/2 class. Students shared some art work, read some information reports about frogs and entertained us with two songs. The students in K/1/2 did a fantastic job of running our assembly and should be very proud of their effort.



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

Yarramundi Pappin – improvement in reading and writing

Shelley Dalton – great work in Mathematics

Vinci Ugarte – improvement in all areas of schooling

Chloe Gorman – fantastic improvement in handwriting

Dominic Gervasi – improvement in Mathematics

Sarah Grant – beautiful and neat work in literacy



Swan Hill Eisteddfod

On Wednesday 27 August the students from Year 4/5/6 in the Primary Choir will be performing two numbers in the Choir section of the Eisteddfod. The students have been working very hard to learn a variety of songs and after much discussion, have chosen two songs that they feel they sing well.

Aspire Me Art Camp

On Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August Mr Scott accompanied William Scott to Moulamein for the Aspire Me Art. 38 students from schools in the Deniliquin area assembled at Moulamein to participate in a variety of workshops. William chose the clay workshop and toiled away to create a Mad Hatter themed teapot. All of the work will be on display later in the year in Deniliquin with every student who participated invited to the launch. Thank you to the five artists who attended for providing such engaging workshops. I would also like to thank Mrs Peach for letting us utilise her school.

Home Reading

We have a few more students who have completed one hundred nights of home reading. Well done to Halle Purtill (Year 1) and Shelley Dalton (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 remember to encourage your child to read every day. Remember children 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 children in senior primary. When participating in home reading children 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 7
Term 3, 2014



Year K/1/2 Anna Scoleri
Year 3/4 Mason Dalton
Year 5/6 Will Scott

BALRANALD MOTORCROSS CLUB AGM

Sunday, 7th September – 10am

at the motorcross track

All positions declared vacant

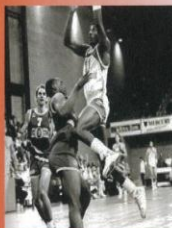
Please come along and show your support!!



On The Ball

Free Holiday Program, Robinvale

24th & 25th September 2014



Joe Hurst

LEARN BASKETBALL & AFL SKILLS

NBL Hobart Devils Legend

Joe Hurst

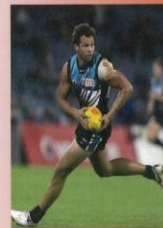
North Melbourne and Port
Adelaide AFL Champion

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

Katrina Hibbert

'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 Lenahan at Stride

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On the Ball is proudly supported by Portland House Foundation

Education Week at Balranald Central School

Balranald Central School will be celebrating Public Education from the **1st September to 5th September** with a variety of student activities and invite **Parents, Carers and Grandfriends** to come along and celebrate on the following days:

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

10.30am – 11.00am
11.00am – 11.40am
11.50am – 12.40pm
12.40pm – 1.20pm

Primary

Morning Tea (please bring a plate of food to share)
Open Classrooms
Classroom performances in the Hall
BBQ Lunch

1.20pm – 3.00pm

Secondary

Maths in Trades in the Trade Training Centre

Thursday, 4 September 2014

All day

Year 7 Transition – Solar Cars

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.

YEAR 5/6

FIVE RIVERS ART EXHIBITION 2014

This term Year 5/6 have been investigating and studying famous artists such as Cubists, Picasso and Barque. Students have been given the opportunity to investigate various old musical instruments and the changes made over the years. This unit is based around still-life art works that include musical instruments eg. 'The Wine Bottle, Still Life with Guitar' and overlapping within the artwork.

Year 5/6 has been asked to present a modelled musical instrument made out of recycled materials to present in the art exhibition at the Balranald 5 Rivers Outback Festival this term. It can be as little as a wind chime or as big as a banjo. The musical instrument does not need to play; it just needs to be an art piece.

Miss Woods and I would appreciate it if students would present their works as soon as possible. Their work will be on display at the Balranald Art Centre along with the Metal Art Work.

Thank you

Laurel Stevens

TERM THREE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 B	25 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i> 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 <i>Exec meeting</i> EDUCATION WEEK	2 EDUCATION WEEK	3 EDUCATION WEEK	4 Secondary Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK Yr 7, 2015 Transition	5 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> EDUCATION WEEK Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly
Week 9 B	8 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	9	10	11 Secondary Sports Day Master Fabricator Competition	12 <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
Week 10 A	15 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> P&C Meeting @ 6pm	16 Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am First Aid Course - Senior Students	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

Canteen Corner

Thursday 28th August

Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread \$4.00



**** RED DAY WEDNESDAY 27th ****

Bag of Frogs/Chomp/Curly Wurly/Furry Friend \$1 ** Bag of Wonka Twists/Jelly Cup \$1.50

!! NEW PRODUCT !!

Delicious **Frozen Banana Smoothie** with Real Fruit Chunks \$2.60

