



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**WHOLE
SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY**
Tuesday, 16
September at
11.00am

**Year 12
Formal
Assembly**
Thursday, 18
September
at 11.00am

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!

School Book Fair
Wednesday, 3 September 2014
From 9.30 to 5pm
In the Library



THIS WEEK IS EDUCATION WEEK AT BCS!

*On Wednesday 10.30am there is a
morning tea (please bring a plate to share)
followed by open classrooms and performances
from Primary in the hall.*

*There will be a BBQ lunch at 12.40pm.
1.20pm Maths in Trades students are in the Trade Training Centre*



Education &
Communities

Principal's Perspectives

Welcome to Education Week at BCS! Don't forget to come along to our Open Day on Wednesday. Visit any of the primary or secondary classrooms in the morning and join us for morning tea before the primary assembly/showcase. Stay for a BBQ lunch hosted by the SRC and see the Maths in Trades program and Industrial Tech/Visual Arts major works on display in the Seminar Room. Mr Aaron Flagg will be at BCS for a second visit to school and is looking forward to this showcase of BCS talent at the Open Day!

We will also be hosting our first major **Transition into Year 7 Day** on Thursday. It will be uniquely special this year with a Solar Car challenge as the focus for the day. I'm sure you can still book a ring-side seat for the big race after lunch!

Education Week is a time to reflect on the wonderful things that happen in our schools and to appreciate how lucky we are to have access to so many learning opportunities. Take some time to spot the celebrities in THEIR school photos below. See how far they've come from the days of packed lunches, maths problems and English textbooks! ** Answers to the match the celebrity challenge appear somewhere in the newsletter!*



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This week is also special in that it's **SASS week**. Our admin staff at school (Peter Christian, Sharon Nelson, Michelle Gervasi, Sue Campbell, Pam Barker, Drew Connellan, Vicki Lister and Lloyd Murray) play an integral role in the smooth running of our school. Students from across the school will sit down and chat with the SAS staff this week to see what THEY think of working at BCS. Stay tuned for next week's newsletter with its

special investigative report! On behalf of everyone at school we thank them for all that they do each day.

Creativity has been running HOT at school last week. Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 have been busy with entries for the **Deni Ute Muster writing competition**. I must offer up a special congratulation to the 3 students in Mrs Harper's class who spent some time working on their entries with me. Well done to Lani, Khy and Charlie. I'm looking forward to spending time with Year 5 and 6 this week.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

proved a good excuse for students in Year 1 to Year 7 to carry a **Poem in my Pocket** during the week. Most poems survived the washing machine (!!) and it was a real pleasure to have eager students rush up to share POETRY AT LUNCHTIME. Without coercion or bribery. Well... red frogs were a reward

rather than a bribe! A shared reading of Sunday Chutney and guessing which book belonged to the teacher rounded off Friday's activities. As I said to the students, poetry is the BEST sort of writing because there are no rules!

I must correct one of my points made in last week's column. A very enjoyable visit was made by staff to **Kandeer School** in Albury, where staff spent a lot of time with the very dynamic Principal Mr Peter Ellison. Just ask Mr White who he reminded him of. The mission of the school is, "To make a positive difference in the lives of our students by empowering them to make appropriate choices." It's always a very valuable experience to meet with different schools and see varying practices in place to enhance learning.

A number of Stage 6 students will be out on **Work Placement** this week. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the various local workplaces who offer this placement to students. I'm sure that all of the students will put their many skills to good use and enjoy the week of work.

I hope to see many BCS families in at school this week to celebrate as a community. Fingers crossed that you're reading this newsletter to the sound of rain falling on the roof top ☺



School Happenings

RU OK? Day Cupcake-o-Gram

Anonymously send the gift of a cupcake to someone you think could use a boost (or something delicious to eat)



\$2/cupcake

All proceeds go to [BeyondBlue](#)

Orders must be in by Tuesday, 9 September 2014.

Name the person/s you wish to send a cupcake to and your order will be delivered on RU OK Day.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Quiz Answers

1. Adam Sandler
2. Selena Gomez
3. Kim Kardashian
4. Brad Pitt
5. Barack Obama
6. Cameron Diaz
7. Beyonce
8. Ashton Kucher
9. Megan Fox
10. Taylor Swift

Students of the Week

For Week 8
Term 3, 2014

Year K/1/2	Tyrone Wickey
Year 3/4	Zahlia Field
Year 5/6	Sarah Grant



R U OK? Day

Wear orange and show your support!
Gold coin donation

Inspirational Speakers
Wellness Activities
Health professionals

Thursday September 11

100% of donations go to BeyondBlue

Cupcake-O-Gram

BBQ Lunch

A conversation could save a life.

Canteen Corner

**Thursday 4th
September
NO SPECIAL**

Education Week is looking a little busy with Morning Tea & BBQ's a-plenty!!

Why not try something fresh & light from the menu...

- * Fish Burger
- * GF Chicken Breast with a Fresh Salad Tub

Outstanding Achievement

SWAN HILL EISTEDDFOD

Winners & Grinners!



Congratulations to the following students for their successful performances at the Swan Hill Eisteddfod on 26th August.

Nicholas Zotov 1st place in Under 11 Years Piano Solo
 1st place in Under 11 Years Piano Solo Jazz/Blues/Rag
 1st place in Under 11 Years Piano Solo Australian Composer
 Honourable Mention in Under 11 Years Piano Solo NPPF

Logan Gaston 1st place in Under 11 Years Piano Solo NPPF
 2nd place in Under 11 Years Piano Solo

Keely Gaston 2nd place in Under 13 Years Piano Solo Jazz/Blues/Rag
 2nd place in Under 13 Years Piano Solo Australian Composer
 Honourable Mention in Under 13 Years Piano Solo

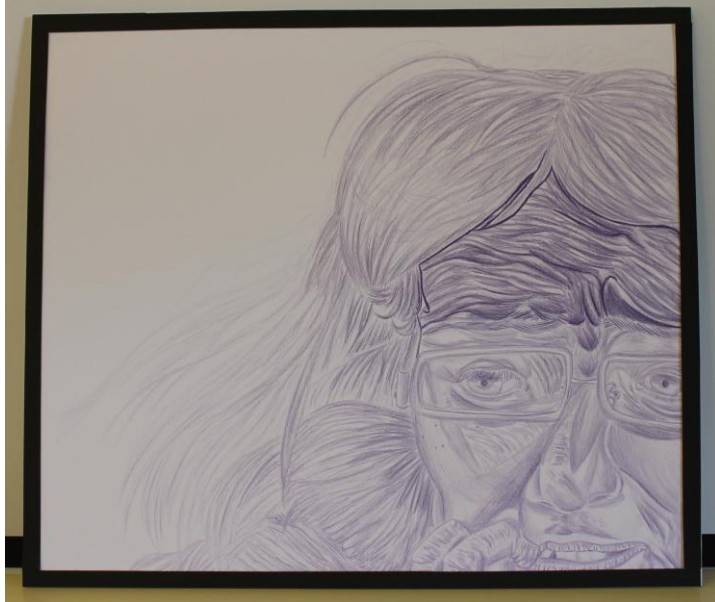
Kiandra Dalton 1st place in Under 15 Years Piano Solo Jazz/Blues/Rag
 2nd place in Under 15 Years Piano Solo Australian Composer
 Honourable Mention in Under 15 Years Piano Solo

Keely & Logan also received a 1st place in the Under 13 Years Piano Duet, and Kiandra and Keely also took out 1st place in the Under 15 Years Piano Duet!

An immense amount of hard work, patience, practice (and reminders from their parents to PRACTISE) was completed to get to this level. Well done and thank you to their dedicated teacher, Merle Mitchell of Swan Hill.

HSC Visual Arts Major Works

On the 25th of August HSC Visual Arts students completed their body of work. Over the last two terms the students have been developing their own ideas for making a series of artworks. Sally Cocks has been photographing the eye to create a work about the different emotions the eye expresses. Felicity Bartlett has created seven self-portraits of her exaggerated emotions in coloured pencil. Amy Campbell has used watercolour to create three paintings that relate to her memory of the day of her auntie's wedding, and Crystal Cumberland has explored the connection she has for her family through painting. It is great to see the works finished and the effort that has gone into creating these works.



HSC Industrial Technology (Timber) Major Works

On the 26th of August, markers from the Board of Studies came and marked the Industrial Technology (Timber) students' major works. The students put in a considerable amount of time and effort on their projects and can be proud of their pieces of furniture.



K-1-2

During Maths on Thursday Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 ventured into the sand pit to explore measurement. We took a variety of measuring containers and chose a smaller container to fill the large container. First we had to estimate how many times the small container would need to be filled to fill the larger container. Then we filled the smaller container and poured the sand into the large container, counting how many times we filled it. We tried this with different containers and compared their capacity. We all enjoyed exploring, measuring and comparing in the sand pit.



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 8 A	1 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> EDUCATION WEEK	2 EDUCATION WEEK	3 EDUCATION WEEK 10.30 – Morning tea 11.00 – Open classrooms 11.50 – Class performances 12.40 – BBQ lunch 1.20 – Maths in Trades	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 Yr 12 Formal Assembly	19 <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 3

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

P&C Father's Day Stall

On Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th September the P&C will be holding their Father's Day stall. With loads of cool things available you are sure to find something for your dear Dad!

All primary classes will be taken over in the morning to choose out a little gift and the stall will be open at Recess on both days for any Secondary students who love their Daddy!

If you'd like your child to buy something, send a little money in with them on the day. All gifts are under \$5.

Happy Father's Day!

