



# 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

**NO HOMEWORK CLUB THIS WEEK!!**

### P&C Meeting

Tonight at 6pm  
in the Staff  
Common Room

## R U OK? Day



On Thursday, 11 September 2014 students wore orange in support of R U OK? Day and raised a total of \$607.10 that will go to Beyond Blue!! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser ☺ See report on page 5 of this Newsletter.



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# Principal's Perspectives

Yes! It's the last week of Term 3. The warm sunny days match the full calendar of fun events at BCS. There's definitely a LOT to SING about at school at the moment.

## RUOK Day

*Because I'm happy*

*Clap along if you know what happiness is to you*

*Because I'm happy*

*Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do*

A huge thank you to Ms Caryn Jones for organising the RUOK? Day at school last Thursday. I'm certain that she will be icing cupcakes in her sleep! Secondary students were involved in a number of wellness activities that were lead by staff and members of the community. Days like this are successful because of the help given so generously to the school - thank you Jo Simpson, Lisa Jolliffe, Gavin Lloyd, Helen Murphy and Mrs Ellen Sindy for leading activities. As we can see by events this week in the news, mental health issues are very much evident in small rural communities. There was a lot of valuable information delivered by the SRC in sessions after Recess. This is a wonderful event and is, I believe, the most important day that we have each year at BCS.

## Master Fabrication Competition

*All alone, I have cried*

*Silent tears full of pride*

*In a world made of steel*

*Made of stone*

Ms Stobon Lloyd travelled over to Swan Hill on Friday with the students involved in Stage 6 Metals & Engineering to take part in this competition at Swan Hill TAFE. Students from a number of schools competed in a hotly sought after top spot and the BCS "team" are still waiting for results of the competition as the newsletter goes to the press. Well done to the team!

## Footy Colours Day & Grand Final Week

*Me, I like football*

*And there's a lot of things around*

*But when you line 'em up together*

*The footy wins hands down*

BCS was happy to support the Footy Colours Day that was organised by the Balranald Health Services on Friday.

Students wore the colours of their favourite teams and a very enthusiastic group of Year 3/4 students went up to the Hospital to display their footy prowess in a number of games. This was a wonderful event to be included in and we'd like to thank the hospital staff. We had a great time.

As the blue and white streamers start to appear in town we'd like to wish members of the U14s all of the best in the Grand Final match. Good luck Will, Edward, Jack, Loui, Kane, Terrance, Jack, Drew, Harrison and Kobe (as assistant coach). We're all so very proud of you!

## Assembly

*There's a party goin' on right here*

*A celebration to last throughout the years*

*So bring your good times*

*And your laughter too*

*We gonna celebrate your party with you*

The whole school assembly will be held this Tuesday at 11. A number of families will have received an invitation for the presentation of Bronze and Silver Awards whilst Senior students are busily preparing campaign speeches for 2015 school captain elections. Please listen carefully to what is being presented by these nominees and consider what really makes a strong school leader. A student who is able to roll up their sleeves to help, speaks confidently on behalf of the school, shows maturity as a strong role model for others, as well as being an enthusiastic participant in all BCS activities will be the best person to fill this role.

## Bike Week

*I'm riding along on the pushbike, honey*

*When I noticed you*

*I'm riding downtown in a hurry, honey*

*Down South Avenue*

Students across NSW will be participating in Bike Week activities and we are joining with St Joseph's on Wednesday afternoon to learn the finer points about road and bike safety. Primary students are encouraged to bring along their 'road-safe' bikes, and helmets, and to participate in activities lead by staff and the local police. K/1/2 will practise their skills over at St Joseph's, and the 3/4/5/6 group will test out the course under the hangar.

All primary students will then have a “ride around the block” to end the afternoon.

#### Talk like a Pirate Day- Arrrrr!!

*Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for me.  
We pillage, we plunder, we rifle, and loot,  
Drink up me hearties, yo ho.  
We kidnap and ravage and don't give a hoot*

Mr Bruce Scott has turned the planning of this last day of school activity over to an enthusiastic group of Year 6 leaders. A number of pirate-themed games and activities as well as dressing like a pirate AND talking like a pirate will ensure all students will enjoy a “swash-buckling” good time to end the term. The organising group is to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and maturity in this leadership role.

#### Year 12 final week

*Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road  
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go  
So make the best of this test, and don't ask why  
It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time  
It's something unpredictable, but in the end is right,  
I hope you had the time of your life.*

The final week of school has finally come for students in Year 12. Ask any person returning for school reunions each year what was the highlight for them at school. Invariably this is the closeness that they've enjoyed with the smaller year groups at our school as well as the great relationships they've developed with staff. This is certainly the case for the Class of 2014 as well. Reaching the end of your school life is an important milestone to be proud of. It is also a wonderful starting point for all that lies ahead of you in the future. Good luck Aden, Amy, Crystal, Lachlan and Madison. May you think back fondly on your time at school and use what you've learnt to propel yourselves to greatness ☺

#### Deni Ute Muster Writing Competition

*She's got holes in the muffler  
And a gear-box clunk  
I've cursed her and called her a piece of old junk  
When the work's been done at the end of the day  
She's my Ute I'll keep it that way  
She's my Ute and she's here to stay*

Students in Years 3-6 wrote some very entertaining pieces based on the Deni Ute Muster site, ahead of the Muster this weekend. Competition was fierce (and the winner has been a fiercely guarded secret, especially from Mrs Harper!). The BCS winner for 2014 is...Charlie Ross. Mention was made of her “Vivid descriptive words

and details used to create imagery”. Thank you to all students who participated! Perhaps these writing skills could be used again in entries for the upcoming 5 Rivers Festival Poetry Competition in October.

#### Relieving Role

*Risin' up, back on the street  
Did my time, took my chances  
Went the distance  
Now I'm back on my feet  
Just a man and his will to survive*

I'd just like to take a little space in this week's newsletter to say how much I have enjoyed my role as Relieving Principal for the past six weeks. I have learnt a lot! And that's not just the stuff about new forms, where to sign my name, which person to call or where things are filed away. I've learnt a lot about a school that I've been at since 2003. There's a great deal of talking in this position, so it helps that I'm never lost for words, but it means that I get to stop and chat about what's really working at school and to communicate with people who are looking to make positive change each and every day.

I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the primary area of school. Just as Mrs McGuiness learnt a great deal about how Secondary school works during her time at BCS, I've learnt about life in K-6. I've also been able to congratulate students across the school for being great role models and speaking up when something is amiss. It's nice to know that there are such mature and respectful students in our BCS community.

Thank you to the wonderful and very supportive SAS staff who have answered my many...many questions over the past few weeks. Your invaluable support has been the reason I'm smiling at the end of every school day.

I have watched teachers get very excited to see tremendous growth in students through their NAPLAN results and the same level of enthusiasm from staff who lead whole school events that celebrate student achievements and provide new and exciting learning opportunities. Students have enjoyed sporting, academic and cultural successes this Term – and most students (!!) have earned a well-deserved break! Enjoy every minute of the holidays.

I wish Mr Flagg and his family all of the best as they settle into life in Balranald. I'm certain that they will enjoy their time as part of the BCS community.

Nadine Matarazzo



# School Happenings

## RU – OK and Footy Colours Day

It has been a very fun week for our Primary students, which started by the whole school dressing in orange on Thursday as part of RU-OK day. They then donned their Footy Colours on Friday. Our students looked very colourful over the two days with a large variety of teams being represented.

## Footy Colours Day Hospital Visit

Students from year 3/4 visited Balranald District Hospital on Friday as part of Footy Colours Day. They participated in a handball competition and then engaged in a very traditional footy tradition - eating meat pies.

## Talk Like a Pirate Day

On the last day of School Primary students will be participating in Talk Like a Pirate day. Throughout Australia, Talk Like a Pirate is dedicated to raising awareness of the impact childhood cancer has on families and raises vital funds for a great cause. Our Captains have been busy organising activities for the day, working with teachers to put on engaging activities for all the groups. One of the activities is to design your own eye patch which each student can wear on the day. Students can dress up like a pirate on the day if they like or wear their patch and casual clothes. A gold coin donation will go to Childhood Cancer Support.

## Students of the Week

For Week 10

Term 3, 2014



Year K/1/2	Kayla Harding
Year 3/4	Zella Mason
Year 5/6	Denym Tebetebe

## STUDENTS RECEIVING AWARDS AT WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

### Bronze Awards

Dominic Gervasi  
Mitchell Carmichael  
Charlie Ross  
Mason Dalton  
Zahlia Field  
Khy Jess  
Anna Scoleri  
Faith Jolliffe  
Michael Gorman  
Hannah Morton  
Alex Calleja  
Rylan Dalton  
Mikayla Bax  
Keely Gaston  
Chloe Gorman  
William Scott

### Silver Award

Hannah Morton

## Canteen Corner

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

No Marinated Chicken Burgers

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SPECIAL**

*Please make sure your canteen account is paid  
**BEFORE the END of TERM***

*Thank you for your understanding if some items are  
unavailable during the last week of school*

## R U OK? DAY

On Thursday Balranald Central School celebrated R U OK? Day. The day's events included talks from community members, personal training sessions, health and beauty demonstrations, a whole lot of focusing on the positive aspects of our lives and reminders to take care of ourselves and others.

Members of the Student Representative Council organised an information session for the other students, so that they would know how to recognise the signs of anxiety and depression in themselves and others. During this presentation they gave tips on how to cope with difficult situations and suggestions on who to speak to if they, or a friend, need help.

R U OK? Day is an annual day in September dedicated to remind people to ask family, friends and colleagues the question, "R U OK?", in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference and even save lives.

If you feel that you, or someone you know, could use some help, or you would like more information, please take note of the websites and phone numbers below. You can access these organisations anonymously to get more information, but you should also consider talking to someone about your concerns.

### **beyondblue**

[www.youthbeyondblue.com](http://www.youthbeyondblue.com)

### **Kids Helpline**

[www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)

1800 551 800

### **Lifeline**

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

13 11 14

### **headspace**

[www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

1800 650 890

### **BiteBack**

[www.biteback.org.au](http://www.biteback.org.au)

### **reach out**

[www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)

### **QLife**

[www.qlife.org.au](http://www.qlife.org.au)

1800 184 527





## Thank you to the P&C

The new table and chairs purchased by the P&C have been put together and are being enjoyed by students. They cost a total of \$3,300!



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS!

**Please note: The Uniform Shop will now be open by APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

(We will no longer be open on Wednesdays as we have done so previously.)

*“How do I purchase a uniform??”*

To purchase a uniform, simply fill out an order form which is readily available from the front office, Balranald Newsagency, or attached to the newsletter. Drop your order at the front office with attached cheque or correct money, and your order will then be packed and sent home with your child.

*“But what if I don't know what size to order??”*

If you make an order and the size is wrong, simply return to the school within 14 days with all tags still attached and we can swap for the correct size. If you would still prefer to take your child and try on a size you are welcome to make an appointment to visit the uniform shop. Simply text or ring Lisa on 0428 995 489.

*“Why can't the Uniform Shop just be open all the time?”*

While this would be ideal, unfortunately we just don't have the volunteers to man the shop. We also realise that there is never one day that is suitable for all parents. If the P & C had to start paying wages to keep the Uniform Shop open and accessible to everyone at all times, we would have to reflect this in the pricing of the uniforms. This would also be the case if the uniform was sold from an existing shopfront.

Thank you for your support in this matter! We are happy to be able to offer you a uniform that is of good quality and great price!

## TENNIS

OCTOBER TENNIS CAMP - Balranald 2014

**Thursday 2nd, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Advanced -

Group 1 start 8.30am – 10.30am daily

Intermediate -

Group 2 start 10.00am – 12.00 daily

Beginner -

Group 3 start 11.30am - 1.00pm daily

**Cost \$50 for the 3 days**

Camp includes – Coaching, Match play, Group games, prizes to be won and a tennis racquet to be won.

*Bookings essential!*

*So come along and have some fun!!!*

*Any enquiries call*

*Kevin Murphy (Jnr) 0417 359 721 or*

*Kim Lloyd 03 5020 1889*

*Private lessons available \$25/half hour*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Cond/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please bring this along with payment on first morning for sign in at 8.15 am)

**BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

	SIZE (Please circle)							Price (\$)	Quantity	Sub-total (\$)
White Polo Top	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$20		
	S	M	L	X-LGE	2XL	3XL	\\\	\$25		
Blue Sports Polo Top	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$30		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	2XL	3XL	\\\	\$34		
Girls Navy Skort	4	6	8	10	12	14	\\\	\$27		
	10A	12A	14A	\\\				\$27		
Girls Navy Sport Skort	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	\$15		
Girls Navy Pleat Skirt	4	6	8	10	12	14	\\\	\$31		
	10A	12A	14A	\\\						
Unisex Navy Taslon Sports Shorts	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$13.50		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	\\\			\$15		
Unisex Navy Gaberdine Cargo Shorts	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y	\$18		
	SML	MED	LGE	X-LGE	\\\			\$24		
Navy Scrunchies (pack of 2)								\$2		
BCS School Bag		SML			\\\			\$55		
		LARGE			\\\			\$65		
School Navy Bucket Hat (Primary Only)		SML 55cm		MED 57cm		LGE 59CM \\\		\$11		
School Navy Cap (Secondary Only)		One Size Fits All						\$11		
White Ankle Socks Unisex		Size 9-13		Size 13-3		Size 2-8		\$4		

**PAYMENT**

- ☐ I've enclosed a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to "Balranald Parent and Citizens Association".
- ☐ I've enclosed cash for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enclose the correct amount as Uniform Shop is unable to provide change.)

**DELIVERY – When your order is ready, are you happy for it to be sent home with your child?**Yes ☐ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_No ☐ Please call me when order is ready to be collected: Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

To make an appointment, to exchange an item or for more information please call Lisa on 0428 995 489.

## Balranald Early Learning Centre



### Holiday Fun Program

School children aged 5 to 12 years

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

8.30am to 1pm

(Children are welcome to stay for the afternoon)

Activities will be available to suit all interests  
in a safe and supportive environment.

Salt dough creations

Cook mini pizzas for lunch

Science experiments

Make a boat that floats

Make a wind chime

Plus much more!!

CCB and CCR are available to reduce fees. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested.  
That's right! Most families are actually eligible for fee relief.

We require minimum of 8 bookings by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September to run the program.

Call today to book your place 5020 1221

St Joseph's P&F - Clare P&C - Balranald Central P&C

## The Dads' Footy Game

Combined Schools Fundraiser



6.15 pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Greenham Park Oval

Entry to Game \$5 per Adult - Kids Free

Dinner \$25 per Family

Please Come and Support our Local Schools



*A Great Night of Family Fun Guaranteed!*



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## TERM THREE – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>15 SEPTEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <b>P&amp;C Meeting @ 6pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am</b> Secondary 2015 Captain Speeches First Aid Course - Senior Students	<b>17</b> Bike Week activities	<b>18</b> Secondary Sports Day Yr 12 Formal Assembly	<b>19</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Last Day of Term 3

## TERM FOUR – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 B</b>	<b>6 OCTOBER</b> Labour Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>10</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 2 A</b>	<b>13 OCTOBER</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>17</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 3 B</b>	<b>20 OCTOBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Primary Assembly</i>	<b>23</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>24</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 4 A</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>31</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <b>NAIDOC Day event</b>
<b>Week 5 B</b>	<b>3 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion 2015 Begins!!!	<b>4</b> Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion	<b>5</b> Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion	<b>6</b> Secondary Sports Day Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion	<b>7</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
<b>Week 6 A</b>	<b>10 NOVEMBER</b> <b>Gold Awards due for processing</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion	<b>11</b> ESSA Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion	<b>12</b> Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion <i>Primary Assembly</i>	<b>13</b> Secondary Sports Day Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion Year 7 2015 Transition Visit	<b>14</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> Year 8/9 Myuna Bay Excursion
<b>Week 7 B</b>	<b>17 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>21</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i> <b>Saturday, 22: Yr 12 Formal</b>
<b>Week 8 A</b>	<b>24 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Secondary Sports Day	<b>28</b> <i>Primary Sports Day</i>
<b>Week 9 B</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>2</b> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>3</b> Primary Intensive Swimming <i>Primary Assembly</i> <i>Primary 2015 Captain Speeches</i>	<b>4</b> Secondary Sports Day <b>Maths in Trade Olympiad</b> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>5</b> Primary Intensive Swimming
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>8 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>9</b> Primary Intensive Swimming <b>K-12 Presentation Night &amp; Art Exhibition</b>	<b>10</b> Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>11</b> Secondary Sports Day Primary Intensive Swimming	<b>12</b> Primary Intensive Swimming
<b>Week 11 B</b>	<b>15 DECEMBER</b> Gold & Silver Award Excursion	<b>16</b> Year 6 Graduation	<b>17</b> Last day of school for students Primary Class Parties and Pool Day	<b>18</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	<b>19</b>

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