



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Music Workshop

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BCS 150th Memorabilia

We still have some books, pens, tea towels and mugs available for sale!!!



On Thursday students enjoyed participating in a free music workshop with Geoff Edmunds. Geoff runs Retrofit repairs in Tooleybuc where he repairs instruments; he also has extensive experience in playing a number of instruments. In the workshop he showed students how each instrument works. These instruments included saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Geoff would like to form a small group of students to play as a band.

PAVERS

This is the last week that you will have the opportunity to buy a paver!!! For \$30 you can have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record. The pavers are going to be put in the entrance of the school. If you are interested please come and fill out a form and pay at the front office by Friday, 6 November 2015.



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to week 5 of term 4.

Rebecca Free, a Certified Practicing Speech Pathologist will be providing a weekly service targeting Oral Language Skills in the P-2 grades here at Balranald Central School. Rebecca grew up in the Swan Hill district, completed a Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) at Charles Sturt University in Albury and has previously worked for the Catholic Education Office of Ballarat. Currently Rebecca is working for Eloquent Speech Pathology and Swan Hill District Health.



Last Wednesday Carol Mayerbach who is a Linker from Intereach Ability Links visited the school. Ability Links is a new approach to supporting people with disability aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers in their communities.

Ability Links assists people with disability to live the life they want to live as equal and valued members of their local community. Ability Links also supports those communities to be as welcoming and inclusive as possible.

Ability Links Coordinators, known as 'Linkers' work alongside people with disability to find out what is important to them, identify their dreams, goals and hopes, and help make these possible. Linkers work in

partnership with people with disability, placing them at the very centre of decision making about how they want to live their lives.

Community members, clubs, groups and businesses can also contact Linker for information or support to be as inclusive and welcoming for people with disability as possible.

Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

Each week a quiz is put somewhere in the Newsletter!!

Students need to cut out and return their responses to Mr Flagg by the Friday of each week.

Correct responses will be put in a hat and drawn on Monday mornings.

1st Prize \$5 canteen voucher
2nd Prize \$2.50 canteen voucher
MAJOR PRIZE AT THE END OF TERM

This week's quiz

Student's Name: _____ Year: _____



1. A document you need to travel abroad?

P _ _ _ _ _

2. Cars, buses, trucks, vans etc?

V _ _ _ _

3. A reference book containing lists of synonyms?

T _ _ _ _

150th Anniversary Celebration Thank You's

BCS would like to say a big thank you to the following people:

- 150th Committee – Richard and Michelle White, Aaron Flagg, Caryn Jones, Ellen Sendy, Helen Murphy, Emma Scott, Amelia Calleja, Deb Gaston, Pam Barker and Sharon Nelson
- Deliverers of activities during Friday – Caryn Jones, Carmen Woods, Amanda Chalk, Kate Harper, Alison Linnett, Billy Tea Bush Band and Michelle White
- P&C for many roles including helping sell tickets, serving food, donating half of cost of commemorative coins etc.
- Jamie Jackson for making the beautiful 150th cake
- The Greenham's for their wonderful music
- Lions Club – Particularly Woody and Pudd for cooking and carving the lovely roast meat
- Caryn Jones and Years 8&9 for making the coffees
- Sue Campbell and Ellen Sendy for making slices
- Mrs Connie Scalora and her mother Mary Ricevuto for making 100 chocolate mousse, Deb Gaston for making 100 meringues, Janelle Dalton, Sandra Christian and Michelle White for making desserts
- Rural Fire Brigade for loaning the sausage light for Friday evening
- Balranald Racing Club for loaning us chairs and gazebo's
- Miss Woods and Schools Spectacular students, families and SRC for selling cold drinks
- Sharon Nelson and Michelle White for producing memories book
- Pam Barker for scanning, printing and laminating all of the photos
- Pam Barker, Sharon Nelson and Deb Gaston for setting up memorabilia
- Nadine Matarazzo, Richard and Michelle White for finding photos for slide shows and Stobon Lloyd for making slide shows
- Sharon Nelson for taking photos throughout the celebration
- Vicki Kempton for opening the event
- Richard White for making the time capsule
- Drew Connellan and Loui Gervasi for getting the school grounds looking so nice
- Billy Moore for use of his cattle yards
- Jan Lawler for use of hessian and clips to display memorabilia
- Tim Purtill for the mural in the canteen and his helpers Michelle White, Keely Gaston, Shania Bax, Sarah Grant, Katelyn Allen, Jenae Johnston, Hope Militto and Denym Tebetebe
- Simone Carmichael for the use of Yanga National Park for campers
- Balranald Shire Council for their support
- Extra special help from Deb Gaston, Janelle Dalton and Wyneta Dalton
- Sam Lockhart for all her hard work on her day off
- Tearra Charles, Adam Simpson, Trent Nelson and Shania Bax who ran guided tours of the school
- Laurel Stevens for organising old trucks and cars
- Miss Woods, Keely and Logan Gaston, Samuel Simmons, Kiandra Dalton, Chloe Calleja, Isaac Lloyd, Drew Lloyd, Nicholas Zotov and Tom Connellan for musical performances
- To the many people who kindly contributed a vast array of memorabilia for us to display
- Lisa Jolliffe for loaning us the mobile cool room
- Mick and Phil for the bush band

- Peter Christian for always going above and beyond his required role
- Bruce and Jo Salau, Wyneta and Nigel Dalton, Aaron Flagg, Peter Christian, Dave Mann, Richard and Michelle White, Jamie Jackson and Kim Lloyd for cooking breakfast Saturday morning
- Front office ladies for willingly doing heaps of extra jobs to a really high standard
- To our wonderful families who donated a plate of food which was used on Saturday morning for morning tea
- Staff and community members for welcoming everyone and making the event such a fantastic success!!

HOPEFULLY WE HAVEN'T MISSED ANYBODY FROM THIS LIST! IF WE HAVE WE ARE VERY SORRY, AS WE TRULY ARE THANKFUL TO EACH AND EVERYONE WHO ASSISTED IN SOME WAY!!!!

150th Anniversary Celebration Congratulations Received

BCS has received the following congratulations:

To Balranald Central School,
Congratulations to entire school community, students, staff and parents of Balranald Central School with 150th Anniversary!

All the best and many thanks

From Slava Zotov and Nadia Zotova

To Sharon and all of the Organisation Committee of the recent BCS 150 year celebrations,
What an absolute fantastic couple of days. You should all give yourselves a huge pat on the back for a wonderful achievement.

There was such a complete buzz in the town. It was fantastic!!!

Regards Marg Butler (Albury)

The Back to Weekend was a heart-warming experience, beyond all expectations. Everyone I spoke to was full of praise for the organisation and cheerful assistance given by all, especially the students.

Such pleasant surroundings (the school looked the best I've ever seen it) and relaxed atmosphere made the reunion with so many teachers and students an emotional and rewarding experience.

So, thank you for all the hard work and congratulations to all concerned. Special thanks to Michelle and Richard White.

Sincerely Anne Barrett

I would like to convey my sincerest congratulations and a huge thank you to all Balranald Central School participants involved in the organisation and functioning of your most successful 150th anniversary celebration.

I found the experience of attending the reunion to be an absolute thrill. To be able to meet up with so many students and staff from the era of my teaching session (1967-1971 inclusive) was something I'm sure I will enjoy recalling for many years to come.

It still amazes me that the innocent faces of the 12 to 15 year olds I and others taught "back then" are still clearly present in the older and wiser faces being sported by their owners today. A difficulty I experienced in this is that "my little grey cells" are not as functioning, or lively, as they once were and a couple of eager participants must have felt a little 'let-down' when I struggled to mind-slot them into the big jigsaw puzzle of my time in Balranald. I am truly sorry if they were disappointed. I'll try to improve matters by the 175th reunion!!

Since moving from Balranald in January 1972 my family and I have revisited on numerous occasions, as we have developed some life-long friendships, but recent discussions have shown that many of my former students have, one might say, "been scattered to the wind" and have needed something like this reunion to get back to their roots.

This is one exercise that I am quite sure my now departed wife, Maryanne ("Miss Greene") would have thoroughly enjoyed. As a former Home-Science (aka Food Tech) teacher, she would have had kittens admiring facilities now present in your school. Maryanne loved her time in Balranald. The reconnections with so many of her former students would have been a real highlight. Never mind this was not to be.

Many thanks, in appreciation Gus Robinson

P.S. Without putting 'too fine a point on it', don't place too much credence on some of the things some students have a habit of recalling in respect to Mr Robinson and the use of the cane. I am fully aware of the "exaggerations of time."

150th Anniversary Celebration Congratulations Received

Dear Committee Members

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS for all your interest, enthusiasm, dedication and hard work to make last weekend's 150th Celebrations such a special and memorable time for all of us. You could not have done a better job and all your efforts are appreciated by all I have talked to. The fact that 10 of the 1960's teachers returned as well as 7 of the 1970's, along with a large representation of the classes was terrific.

The book is a "Collector's Item" and I hope all the Memorabilia sales went well. My wife Gail and I had a wonderful time meeting up with past and present Teachers, Staff and Parents and Pupils and all my "cronies" expressed the same sentiments.

There is something unique to Central Schools and the behaviour, enthusiasm and "bearing" of the pupils is the same as it was for me nearly fifty years ago!

Yours sincerely, Mike Gemmell

Dear Staff

To see the Staff involved in all aspects of the celebrations was fabulous and much appreciated. I valued the contact I made with many of the staff (many of whom I had taught in years gone by!) The only "down point" was getting a "hiding" on the Golf Course from Whitey in the 38 degree heat!

I would like to have my "thanks" expressed to Trent Nelson (Year 10) for the patient and enthusiastic way he conducted his tour of the School..... what tolerance he showed to all the "exaggerations" he heard on the Tour!

Yours sincerely, Mike Gemmell

Dear Aaron

As you would know by now Balranald had a hugely successful weekend on 9-11 October with the Central School's 150 year celebrations and the fifth 5 River's Outback Festival. Retailers were run off their feet and the town was buzzing with excitement as hundreds of people converged for the festivities.

It takes a huge amount of time, energy and funding to stage an event like this and impossible without the huge effort of supporters and sponsors such as yourself. Thank you very much for your support, please find enclosed a certificate as a small token of our huge appreciation, we hope you display it with pride.

Mon Carmichael (Festival Fundraising Coordinator) and Helen Murphy (Balranald Inc. Chairperson)



Pictured: BCS Staff both past and present!!!!

Year 9/10 Visual Arts students visit Melbourne

Students in Year 9/10 Elective Visual Arts visited Melbourne on Wednesday. They took photographs of the city for their unit of work *The Built World*. They will use the photos taken on Wednesday and manipulate them using the apps *Procreate* and *Paper Camera*, to create a series of artworks based on the built environment.



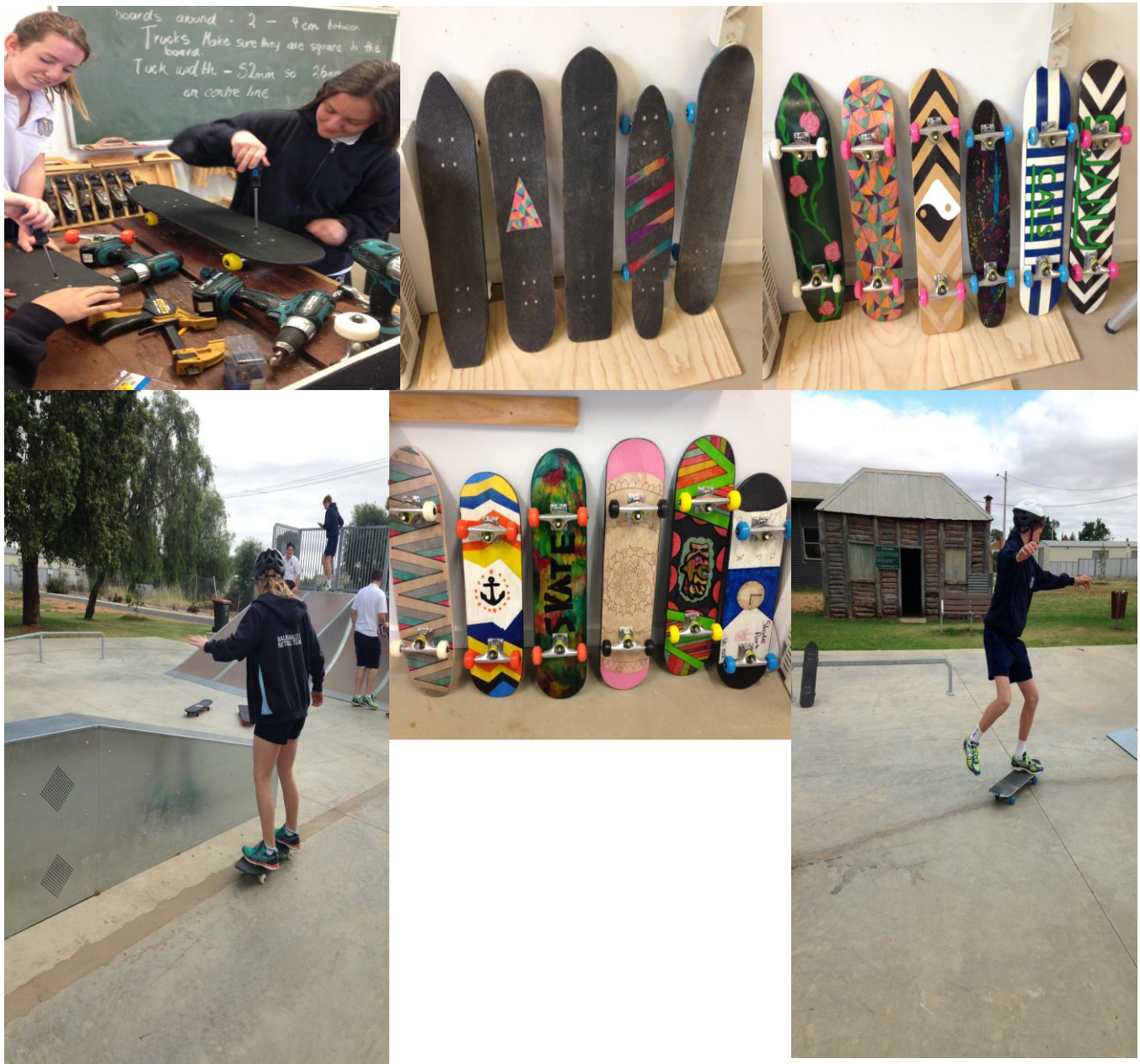
HEAD LICE FACTS

- Head lice are an unavoidable fact of life for all school-aged kids.
- Head lice and nits only live on human heads.
- They don't care if the hair is long or short, clean or dirty.
- Kids with head lice don't always scratch. The only way to rule out infestation is to look carefully through your child's hair.
- White specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.
- The best and cheapest way to remove them is with inexpensive conditioner and a nit comb.
- You will need to re-treat your child several times before all the eggs will be gone

Could we please ask all parents to check their child's hair for head lice on a regular basis?

Year 8 Technology Mandatory students visit the local Skate Park to test out their creations

This semester Year 8 Technology students have been busy designing and making their own skateboards. They have built their boards from scratch, learning how to bend and form timber, to create individual designs and styles. After forming their boards, students were also required to apply a graphic design and attach trucks and wheels, to create a fully functioning skateboard. As part of the design process, students also had to test their boards, and what better place than the new skate park. Students have done an excellent job and seem to have fun learning the new skill of skateboard riding.





Balranald Central School

Achieving a quality education for all students in a caring environment

Children participating in these visits need to be accompanied by their parent/carer for the duration of the visit unless they have filled out enrolment forms.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISITING DATES

Visit 2

9.00 am to 10.30 am

Monday, 2 November 2015

This visit will comprise of activities in the K/1 room with K/1 students.

Visit 3

9.00 am to 11.00 am

Monday, 9 November 2015

This visit will comprise of activities in the K/1 room with K/1 students and recess (supplied by the School.)

Visit 4

9.00 am to 12.00 pm

Monday, 16 November 2015

This visit will comprise of activities in the K/1 room with K/1 students and recess (supplied by the School.)

**THESE ORIENTATION DAYS ARE SEPARATE
FROM THE ORIENTATION DAYS THAT ARE
ORGANISED BY THE EARLY LEARNING
CENTRE**

Student
Engagement

Quality
Teaching


Positive
Relationships

*For more information contact
Balranald Central School on (03) 5020 2222*

Students of the Week



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) - Jacob Lister, Adam Simpson, Abbey Baird
Centre Row (L to R) - Anna Scoleri, Isaac Lloyd, Bonnie Jolliffe
Front Row - Sheridan Dalton*



**Ratbagz
Presents**

The 2015 BCS & St Joseph's
combined schools fundraiser






Rock Legends don't always get to Heaven ...
they have to earn it at the ...

Dead Rock Hotel

over 18's only

FRIDAY 27 NOV
6:30PM TIL LATE
at the Theatre Royal
\$500 lucky door prize

Tickets available from Westpac
Bank & Balranald Central &
St Joseph's Schools

DRESS UP (IF YOU WANT!) AS YOUR
FAVOURITE ROCK
STAR OR IN YOUR
BEST 70s OR 80s
GEAR!

TICKETS \$65 per person includes a 2 course meal, show & band and entry into the lucky door prize!!
Why not get together with a group of friends or book for your work Christmas Party





COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MAJOR RAFFLE

Balranald CWA women are holding a major raffle.

1st PRIZE: Two night holiday at a Rydges Hotel and Resort of your choice throughout Australia and New Zealand for 2 adults and 2 children in a standard room including daily full breakfast. Can be used over the School Holidays. **Valued at \$750.00**

2nd PRIZE: Apple iPod Shuffle 2GB. **Valued at \$60.00**

Tickets can be bought from CWA members: Sharwyn Foote, Fiona Scott, Carmen Woods, Janaya Gaston, Carla Steel, June Spinks, Kylie Moss or Dawn Conway.

Prizes to be drawn at 7:00pm on the 14th of November, 2015 at the St Joseph's School Fete, Church Street, Balranald, NSW.



TERM FOUR – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 B	2 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> BOSTES – visit Years 10-12	3	4	5 K-12 Sports Day	6
Week 6 A	9 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Yr 7-10 Exams	10 ESSA Yr 7-10 Exams	11	12 K-12 Sports Day	13
Week 7 B	16 NOVEMBER <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Yr 10 Work Experience Stage 6 Work Placement Year 8&9 Gold Coast Excursion	17 Yr 10 Work Experience Stage 6 Work Placement Year 8&9 Gold Coast Excursion	18 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i> Yr 10 Work Experience Stage 6 Work Placement Year 8&9 Gold Coast Excursion	19 K-12 Sports Day Yr 10 Work Experience Stage 6 Work Placement Year 8&9 Gold Coast Excursion	20 Yr 10 Work Experience Stage 6 Work Placement Year 8&9 Gold Coast Excursion
Week 8 A	23 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	24 Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing School Spectacular	25 School Spectacular	26 K-12 Sports Day School Spectacular	27 Gold Awards due for processing Dead Rock Hotel (P&C Theatre Restaurant) @ 6.30pm
Week 9 B	30 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	1 DECEMBER <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	2 <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	3 K-12 Sports Day <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	4 <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>
Week 10 A	7 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona</i>	8 K-12 Presentation Night	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Week 11 B	14 DECEMBER <i>Merit Award Excursion</i>	15 Yr 6 Graduation Assembly	16 <i>Last day of school for students</i> <i>Primary Class Parties</i>	17 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	18

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

Balranald Swimming Club Inc



Swimming Training will commence on **Tuesday 3rd November**

Sub-Juniors: 4.15pm to 4.45pm

Juniors: 4.45pm to 5.30pm

Seniors: 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Fees

\$50 Singles \$85 Family

Orders for **swimmers** will also be taken.

For more information contact:

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Lou Bruton 5020 1134/0409 026 881

Lisa Papa 5020 1190/0409 460 336