

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM **BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL** 7 DECEMBER 2015 ISSUE 31

School Spectacular

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ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Tuesday, 8 December At 7pm

Could every parent please bring in a plate of food for supper after the presentations!! Thank you.





Isaac Lloyd, Ben Johnstone, Lizzy Bell and Zahlia Field travelled to Sydney to perform in the primary choir for Schools Spectacular. Schools Spectacular is a huge concert performed annually at the Sydney Qantas Credit Union Arena with over 3,000 students from across NSW public schools. The students worked hard all term to learn a variety of songs based on the theme of 'This is Our World'. Students had to practise for two longs days when they arrived in Sydney and performed with enthusiasm for another two days in four performances. The performance was televised on

Channel 9 on Saturday night to over 30,000 people. They are to be congratulated for getting into the Schools Spectacular and doing a fantastic job! Thank you to the parents (Stobon Lloyd and Bianca Johnstone) who helped on the trip! A big thank you to everyone who supported the students through the various fundraisers that led up to the event and thank you to Graham Longford for supervising.

The audition process will begin again in Term 1 next year. It would be great to see our Balranald students back in it again!





PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

On Friday 4th of December in Sydney, Kobe was awarded a New South Wales Combined High Schools **Sporting Association State Blue in the sport** of Australian Football. A Blue Award is presented to representatives who have performed at an elite have demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and leadership as a NSW combined High Schools representative. Kobe has joined an elite group including Ian Thorpe and Steve Waugh. Kobe will also travel to Wagga Wagga on Friday the 11th for Riverina School Sports Association Luncheon. Kobe has been selected in the U15 All Australian Schoolboys that will tour South Africa in January.



Pictured: Kobe with his Mother Kim Lloyd and his Blue Award!

Congratulations to our Cricket team who travelled to Dubbo for the State finals last week. Making the state finals is a great achievement. From all reports our students displayed fantastic sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Mr Richard White for the organisation. A full report will be in this newsletter.

On Friday 27th I was fortunate enough to travel to Sydney to watch the New South Wales State Schools Spectacular at the Qantas arena (Sydney Entertainment Centre). Balranald Central School had four representatives in the combined choir. Ben Johnstone, Isaac Lloyd, Elizabeth Bell and Zahlia Field. This was truly an amazing spectacle as it is the pinnacle of the NSW Public Schools performing Arts students and to have four of our students play a part in the combined choir was certainly a proud moment. Thank you to Miss Carmen Woods and Mr Graham Longford for their organisation.



In 2016, Balranald central School will be introducing a new and fresh Merit and Award system that formally recognises all students from K – 12 for achievement, effort, participation and the many contributions that students make towards school life and culture. The new system is broken up into five merit categories – Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Community and Values. Based on merits received students will progress through the five award categories of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Opal and Platinum. See the flow chart in this newsletter.

The Wednesday afternoon study centre will be closed for the remainder of the year.



Balranald Shire Council is





seeking nominations from the community for the Australia Day Awards. <u>To date,</u> the Council has

not received a nomination for/from a Balranald resident. We are sure that there are quite a few candidates that could be nominated for sporting achievements.

The website link to the Australia Day page is http://www.balranald.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Australia-Day-2016-Nomination-form-for-20151.pdf

Council is seeking nominations in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Special Achievement Award
- Sportspersons of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year

So come on Balranald residents, put pen to paper and fill out the Australia Day Nomination Form!!

If you are unable to download and print the form you can pick one up from the Council's office.

Nominations must be in writing on the official nomination form and submitted to the General Manager, Balranald Shire Council, PO Box 120, Balranald NSW 2715 by **no later than 5pm on Monday, 14th December**.

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

	udent's Name:	Year:
	What does an entomologist study	
2.	What is chocolate made from?	
3.	How can you tell if a shape is symi	metrical?
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ADVANCE NOTICE

Balranald Junior Football Club

AGM

Thursday, 18th February 2016

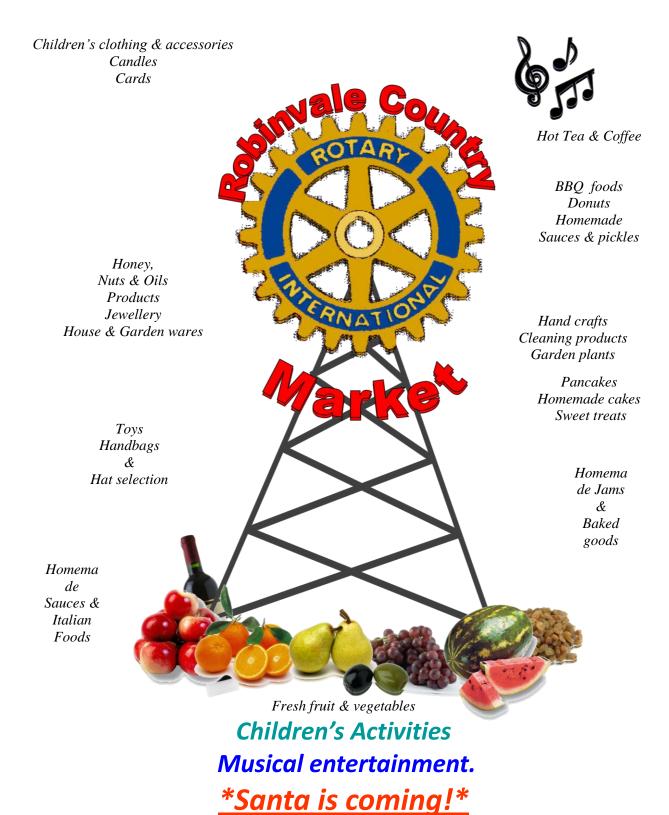
@ 6 pm

Junior Football Clubroom All positions declared vacant All welcome

NEW 2016 AGE DIVISIONS

Under 12s Under 14 ½ Under 17 ½





Market held on the 2nd Saturday of each month Saturday December 12...2015 at

Caix Square 8.30am -12.30pm

Enquiries Ph. 0438 363 095



BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL 2016 BOOK LIST

KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2

- reader folderlibrary bagglue stick
- school bag
 school hat
 smock supplied

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

- pencil case
- colour and lead pencils
- textas
- blue and red pens

- glue stick
- ruler
- eraser
- reader folder

- library bag
- school hat
- old shirt for art
- school bag

Writing Equipment/Stationery (YEARS 7 TO 12)

Students require the minimum: lead pencils, blue or black pen, red pen, ruler, eraser, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighters, plastic sleeves, scissors, glue stick, geometry set and scientific calculator (which may be purchased for \$20.00 from the school).

ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS NEED A USB (AT LEAST 5GB) AND THEIR OWN HEADPHONES

PLEASE DO NOT USE MULTI-SUBJECT BOOKS.

YEAR 7 & YEAR 8

ENGLISH 96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

MATHEMATICS 96 page A4 exercise book, geometry set, 300 mm ruler, scientific calculator

SCIENCE 96 page A4 exercise book, 300 mm ruler

HSIE 96 page A4 exercise book PD/H/PE 48 page A4 exercise book

VISUAL ARTS A3 Visual Arts diary, coloured pencils, lead pencil, eraser

ICT48 page A4 exercise bookDRAMA48 page A4 exercise bookTECHNOLOGY MANDATORY48 page A4 clear display folder

YEAR 9 & YEAR 10

ENGLISH 96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

MATHEMATICS 96 page A4 exercise book, geometry set, 300 mm ruler, scientific calculator

SCIENCE 96 page A4 exercise book, 300 mm ruler

HSIE 2 x 96 page A4 exercise book **PD/H/PE** 2 x 48 page A4 exercise book

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY 48 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

FOOD TECHNOLOGY 48 page A4 exercise book

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

ART

A3 Visual Art diary, coloured pencils, lead pencil, eraser

WORK EDUCATION 48 page A4 exercise book

YEAR 11 & YEAR 12

STANDARD ENGLISH96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folderENGLISH STUDIES96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folderMATHEMATICS2 x 96 page A4 exercise book, scientific calculator

GENERAL MATHEMATICS 96 page A4 exercise book

BIOLOGY 96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder PD/H/PE 96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder

EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD 96 page A4 exercise book **SPORT, LIFESTYLE & RECREATION** 96 page A4 exercise book

HOSPITALITY A4 lever arch folder, A4 loose leaf paper, plastic sleeves, dividers

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folderINDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)96 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folderMETALS & ENGINEERINGA4 lever arch folder, A4 loose leaf paperPRIMARY INDUSTRIES48 page A4 exercise book, A4 clear display folder



IT'S FREE, IT SAVES LIVES AND..... IT'S COMING TO BALRANALD!



So book now and take the opportunity to have your **FREE** screening mammogram while we are in **Balranald.**

We will be located at the

Theatre Royal (Market Street)

January 2016.

CALL 13 20 50 TODAY

FREE screening mammograms are available for all women aged **50-74** years.

EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION

Cricket Finals Day 1 Balranald V Trundle Central School

The setting was the McGrath fields in Dubbo and a team from the inner bush was playing a team from the deep bush. Once again we were greeted with a green top,(apparently it's how all the synthetic wickets look), and our tosser, 'Globe' Lister called correctly. 'Globe' has been in sparkling form with the bat and was keen to switch on, and this thought process influenced his decision to bat. We had the services of an umpire of some distinction from Bathurst to officiate our games. Casey White was keen to utilise his skills and had experience at the Central Schools State finals.

Our batting order changed from our last game and we rewarded good net form by promoting Loui 'Loly' Gervasi from last in to first in to assist 'Twisties' Donehue at the top of the order. 'Twisties' was keen to make amends for his second ball duck last dig, so chose to face the first ball. I have to say, I have seen a lot of cricket, but I have never seen a batter do what 'Twistie' did to the first ball of the innings. Admittedly the ball was moving quick, and it did swing, but 'Twistie' just casually stepped inside it and let it knock out his middle peg. Good start, 1 for none. Jack 'Sparky' Gervasi was next in. It was decided 'Sparky' was better suited to the number 3 role and he had the look of confidence that comes with scoring a run in your previous game. He looked solid as he saw out the first over. 'Loly' Gervasi was now to face his first agget and he had that look of invincibility that is associated with being undefeated in his last dig. Three balls later we had the unusual situation of having both openers, both with new bats, back on the sidelines without troubling the scorers. Great start, 2 for none. Stick around and knock the shine off the new ball for a couple of overs were the instructions to the openers, but I thought they may have used their bats, not the stumps.

Our Captain, Jacob 'Globe' Lister was next in and did we need a captain's knock. When 'Globe' hits the switch, anything can happen. We needed the other batters to stick around if we were to build a reasonable total. 'Sparky' was the perfect foil with his solid defence and unflappable demeanour. The partnership lasted 5 overs and when 'Sparky departed the score was 3 for 22. 'Sparky' made 2 but his contribution was much greater.

The Trundlers had their backs up and were keen for more blood. Rhys 'Slogga' Gervasi was next in with memories of his brilliant innings last game still fresh in his mind. This time, however, things were different and after defending a couple and surviving for a couple of overs 'Slogga' trudged off with only a single to his name. All was not lost though, as Connor 'The Italian Connection' wandered out to face the music. Connor is a very underrated batsmen, mainly by himself, but he possesses survival skills that match that Pommy bloke Bear Grills. 'The Connection' looked solid for his 2 runs but he was dismissed just as he looked set to get going. At 5 for 37 we were in relatively deep do do's but with the ace in the pack, 'Donuts', 'SOK' (son of Kim) strolling out to join his cousin, we looked like we could still be in the game. 'Donuts' has a lovely technique, and is polite to go with it, so the expectations were high. On his second delivery, the opportunity to run a couple of byes looked inviting. Things went well for the first run, but with the effect of the head wind, the added effect of short legs combined with a good throw from the outfield found 'Donuts' just short of his ground. A donut for 'Donut' was not what was needed but sometimes thems the breaks.

At 6 for 38 Jordyn 'Muscles' Jolliffe found her way to the crease. 'Muscles' was very nervous and felt out of place at this standard of cricket. We needed 'Muscles' to hang around with Jacob and allow the score to build. She showed real character at the crease and handled everything the Trundlers threw at her including some clever sledges such as 'you hit like a girl'. Although scoring only 2 runs, 'Muscles' put on 21 valuable runs with the captain before mistiming a lofted drive and being caught at mid-off. It was now 7 for 59 and a score was developing. Next in was a young fellow with limited experience with the willow. Wyatt 'Sherriff' O'Halloran had joined the team prior to this tour and we weren't sure what skills he offered. When he strode out confidently to bat he sure looked the part, but his indecision as to which side of the stumps to stand showed he still had some learning to do. His first ball was a vicious, inswinging Yorker that a more experienced batter would find difficult and the 'Sherriff' was on his way.

One person's misfortune often provides opportunity for another and Brandon 'Rarebit' Soraggi recognised his opportunity to establish himself in this strong batting order. 'Rarebit' knocked a couple around for a bit and allowed Jacob to build his innings. With the score on 69 'Rarebit' missed a straight on and lost his castle for a well compiled 3 runs. Last man in was Sam 'Strings' Simmons. This lad was good with a guitar and a song, but with a wood instrument in his hand he looked slightly unsure. What he did however, was hang around for 4 overs allowing 'The Globe' to build his innings. 'The Globe' was starting to go the tonk and quickly took his score past 70 with some lovely drives and pull shots. 'Strings' meanwhile played a beautifully timed and directed snick through the slips to bring up his first boundary in BCS colours. Sam was in for the long haul and was planning how to celebrate his half century when 'The Globe' holed out at the other end.

This last pair had added 31 for the last wicket to provide a reasonable score to defend. At this level you never know what is a good score. If we bowled and fielded well we were in with a chance. By only using 22 of our 40 overs though, we had missed an opportunity.

As the Trundle openers trundled out to start their innings the final preparations to our defence had started. Line and length was needed and hold your catches was the call. 'Sparky' and 'The Globe' started our bowling and it wasn't long before we realised that 106 runs may not be enough. The Trundlers threw caution to the wind and swung like a rusty gate, bludgeoning our attack into submission. A couple of dropped catches didn't help, but we seemed powerless to stop the carnage. When the first wicket fell to some great bowling from 'Sparky' Gervasi, the Trundlers were already 41 runs in the 6th over. The Gervasi brothers



combined in the same over when the Trundler captain, Watt, didn't get enough charge in an attempted pull and provided a well taken catch. Any hope we had at 2 for 46 was dashed as Rossiter and the Zac Jolliffe look-a-like, Wills Wells, (what were his parents thinking about), put our bowlers to the sword. 'Twistie' and 'The Italian Connection' took over the bowling with the result remaining the same. The Trundlers passed our score after 13 overs leaving us to lick our wounds and decide how to fill a now empty afternoon. More training and a spot of fishing seemed to satisfy the troops and that is how we ended day 1 of our cricket tour.

Day 2 Balranald V Barraba Central School

Clear skies and a strong breeze greeted the start of our second game. We were greeted to a damp pitch, courtesy of the sprinklers being on during the night. King Jacob, maintained his inconsistent approach and lost the toss. 'The Globe' Lister has been in great coin tossing form and was surprised to not call correctly. We were sent in to bat on a seaming wicket that was going to offer plenty early on.

Our openers today were Jack 'Sparky' Gervasi and 'The Italian Connection', Connor Soraggi. Our opening partnerships had been fairly short leading into this game so we were looking forward to a change in luck. Both 'Sparky' and Connor started well and looked comfortable defending the good ball and also defending the bad ball. Seeing off the opening bowlers was going to be a great achievement but with 2 balls to go in the 8th over, 'Sparky' missed a straight one and was bowled for 4 after an opening partnership of 14 runs. This is what the team had been missing and set us up for a chance to score big. Next in was the little dynamo himself, Drew 'Donuts' Lloyd. He was keen to bat early, and avoid being run out chasing runs. 'Donuts' is no more. He is now 'Sachin' after a master class of batting lit up the damp McGrath field cricket pitch. 'The Italian Connection' was batting beautifully and crafting the best innings he has played when a call of yes, no, wait, oh sorry Connor, resulted in 'The Connection' being run out for a very important 14 runs. At 2 for 31 our early batters had done a terrific job at setting up the innings.

The stage was set for 'The Globe' to shine after his impressive 73 the previous day. He had moved to 6 effortlessly when disaster struck. 'The Globe' blew as he received a wicked delivery which moved both ways in the air, hit the seam before collecting the edge of 'The Globe's' bat. The Barrabarians were understandably excited as they were aware of the reputation of this batting maestro from Balranald. At 3 for 39 it was now up to the little master, 'Sachin' to build our score. He was joined by his little mate, 'Rarebit', who had been promoted up the order as reward for some excellent sledging of Umpire, Casey White at the dinner table the previous evening. He was unable to take advantage however, and succumbed to a fuller pitched shot ball and had his castle rearranged and was gone for a duck. Our disappointment was short lived as the legend we call Loui 'Loly' Gervasi confidently approached the wicket. 'Loly' had one of the new, school cricket bats and was determined to actually hit the ball this innings. We are never sure what will happen when 'Loly' Gervasi is at the crease, but one thing was sure, that with 'Sachin' at the other end, there were not going to be any quick singles. It was important for the boys to form a partnership and 18 runs later things were looking good. 'Loly' was batting with the steely resolve of Steve 'Tugga' Waugh, so it came as a surprise when he missed a straight one. He had made 4 runs but had been in for 6 overs which was a real confidence boost for the lad from Ballandella Street.

The departure of 'Loly' Gervasi meant the arrival of the swash buckling, Rhys 'Slogga' Gervasi. Anything was possible now with the bowlers tiring and the smell of runs in the air. Young 'Sachin' must have had a blocked nose because after a marathon innings he was caught for an excellent 28 runs. 'Sachin' found the boundary 3 times in his innings and these were the only boundaries of our innings. As the little master departed the enigma that is Tristan 'Twistie' Donehue arrived at the crease. 'Twistie had not had a lot of luck with the bat playing for the school but he thought a big score was just around the corner. Unfortunately 'Twistie' turned too early and was unlucky to be adjudged LBW. When you stand in front of the stumps and refuse to use your bat, these sort of dismissals can happen. 'Twistie' had now batted 3 times, facing 5 balls for zero runs. Not good stats, but a platform to build from.

'Muscles' Jolliffe was next in and had promised big things this game. She started well with a slash through mid-wicket that should have gone for a boundary, if it was hit harder and a fielder wasn't in the way, and followed it up with a nice drive past mid-off. 'Slogga' was having trouble finding the middle but was finding the gaps and building his score. With the total on 85 'Slogga' was bowled for 9. He shows some promise this lad, but the best part is, he remains quiet at the crease. We were all hoping he would bat a little longer. A couple of balls later 'Muscles' was also on her way with 2 runs next to her name. With one over remaining, the interest was whether Sam 'Strings' Simmons and Wyatt 'Sheriff' O'Halloran could score a run. These boys were excited just to be on tour, so to be taking centre stage was just awesome. Both boys were able to put bat to ball, but knowing what to do next is another thing. With the crowd yelling at the boys to run eventually there was some movement in the middle. This scenario was repeated as Sam 'Strings' Simmons also got off the mark. At the end of the 30 overs, the team had made 88 runs with both 'Sheriff' and 'Strings' disappointed to miss the opportunity to score hundreds. All batters had made a contribution and a score of 88, while not high, was still a defendable score.

Jodie Gervasi, mum of 'Sparky' and 'Slogga' had organised some Gatorades for the boys and girl during the innings break and we hoped this would be the difference. It was a master stroke from Mum Gervasi and we just hoped it would pay off. The Barrabarian openers were big lads, made to look even bigger when 'Globe' gave the new nut to young 'Sachin'. Not much usually happens on the first delivery, unless 'Twistie' is facing, but big Barrabarian, Phillips knocked a catch straight to 'Slogga', and



whilst in the middle of a yawn, still managed to pouch a relatively simple catch. 1 for 0 and the boys were up and about. Do you reckon 'Sachin' Lloyd was excited?

Things settled for a while as 'Sparky' Gervasi found a beautiful line and length from one end while 'Sachin' continued to stir things up from his end. After 6 overs the Barrabarians were 1 for 18 and cruising. 'The Globe' is captain for a reason and his next move turned the game on its head. When he threw the ball to 'Slogga' Gervasi I thought he was just going to give it a shine but when 'Slogga" gave his cap to umpire Casey White, I was positive a mistake had been made. There was no way Rhys 'Slogga' Gervasi, of the Ballandella Street Gervasi's, was ever going to bowl. Rhys had decided early on that he couldn't talk and bowl at the same time, so he wouldn't bowl.

The second ball 'Slogga' delivered drew a false shot and young 'Sachin' did the rest, snavelling a difficult chance low down to his left. 2 for 18 and we are still a chance. 'The Globe' came on at the other end and bowled some slow crappy stuff off a couple of paces. In 'Slogga's' second over, 'Twistie' came into his own with an excellent catch at mid-off. 'Twistie' has really improved his fielding and catching and this was a difficult catch. It happened so quick he didn't have time to worry about dropping it. 3 for 25 turned into 6 for 31 in the space of 3 overs as 'The Globe' switched on and claimed 3 wickets in the one over. His second dismissal was quite unusual. He bowled a full straight one and caught the batsman on the pad, plum in front. No-one appealed but Jacob asked Umpire Casey in a very non-descript way "How was that?" Nobody knew what had happened but the batsmen had to disappear from the scene.

Next on was 'Twistie' and 'Loly' Gervasi. We had the game in our grasp at this stage and these two bowlers kept it under control without being able to take the next wicket. These two Barrabarian batters looked under control without damaging the scoreboard. The breakthrough came in 'Loly's' final over when the batsman flicked one around the corner and was brilliantly caught by 'Twistie' Donehue. This was another one that 'Twistie' had no right to catch, but somehow it just stuck. 'Twistie' will admit he is not the best catcher in the team, he said once it took him three attempts to catch a cold, but his catching in this game was superb. At 7 for 45 we were well under control so the captain brought on young 'Rarebit' Soraggi for his first bowl in Balranald colours. At the other end Wyatt 'Sheriff' O'Halloran was rolling his arm over. These boys had shown promise in the nets and deserved their opportunity in battle. In 'Rarebit's' second over he had their number 9 completely bamboozled and the celebrations started as the stumps went everywhere. A bit of extra pace and extra bounce may have been the answer. 8 for 56 chasing 89 to win and the boys from the bush were well in control. The 'Sheriff' bowled a brilliant first over, but dropped a little short in his second. This was enough for the Barrabarian number 8 to smack 4 boundaries through mid-wicket. In the middle we had no idea of the score so Captain 'Globe' Lister kept giving everyone a bowl.

Next up was 'Muscles' and Sam 'Strings' Simmons. 'Muscles' came through with the goods in her first over when she had the big hitting number 8 out caught in the deep. Miracles do happen and this catch was an example of one. 'Loly' Gervasi cannot catch. He tries and tries, but they just keep bouncing out. (Sorry 'Loly, but I have to build this up.) 'Loly' was on the boundary and had to wait for eons while the ball was in the air. He took 5 or 6 quick breaths, closed his eyes, and hoped for the best. The rest of the team did likewise. THE BALL STUCK. The whole team was yelling and whooping and carrying 'Loly' on their shoulders congratulating him on his efforts. 'Loly' in his humble way, admitted it was a great catch but the law of averages said that one had to stick eventually. We didn't know they were 9 for 76, but while they kept sending out batters, we would keep bowling. Their number 10 and 11 looked pretty ordinary so we were not concerned when 'Strings' Simmons bowled numerous wides in his over. 3 to win was the call and the Captain went straight to 'The Italian Connection' Soraggi to finish it. We needed 1 wicket and they needed 3 runs. You could write a book about what happened next. They hit the 3 runs and won the game.

It had been a great experience for all these boys and girl and the Barrabarians really appreciated being allowed to win and sportsmanship shown by all.

The tour was a great experience and a big thankyou goes to Mrs Jodie Gervasi who drove her vehicle, cooked us tea, posted regular scores on facebook and organised my birthday cake. A big thankyou also to Casey White for travelling across from Bathurst and umpiring both games. We will have another crack next year.

Cheers

The Cricket Coach.





TERM FOUR - 2015

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weel A	k 10	7 DECEMBER Exec meeting Yr 5/6 Excursion to Woonona	8 K-12 Presentation Night	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Weel B	k 11	14 DECEMBER Merit Award Excursion	15 Yr 6 Graduation Assembly	16 Last day of school for students Primary Class Parties	17	18

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

Students of the Week - Week 9

Pictured: Back Row (L to R) - Chloe Grant, Jacob Lister, Javen Ricevuto Front Row (L to R) - Chase Militto, Kayla Harding, Maggie Finch