



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

9 FEBRUARY 2015

ISSUE 1

## INSIDE

- **Principal's Perspectives**  
(page 2)
- **Primary Ponderings**  
(page 3)
- **Term 1, 2015 Calendar**  
(page 11)

## P&C AGM

Monday, 16  
February  
in the BCS  
Staff Common  
Room  
at 6pm  
All positions  
declared vacant.

*Please come along and  
support our P&C which  
supports our school and  
students!!*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



**Wednesday, 4 March**

Information and  
Envelopes will be sent  
home shortly.

## Welcome to our Kindergarten Students



Welcome to our Kindergarten students who started school on Friday, 6 February 2015. The Kindergarten students are pictured with their classroom teachers, Mrs Sam Lockhart and Mrs Michelle White.

## Combined Primary and Secondary Twilight Swimming Carnival

The annual combined Primary and Secondary  
Twilight Swimming Carnival  
is being held at the Janelle Masters Memorial Swimming Pool on  
Thursday, 12 February 2015 from 3.30pm

**Students can wear their house colours on this day.**  
**NO THONGS OR SINGLETs ALLOWED**

*Due to the arrangements for the Swimming Carnival, students are not  
required to come to school on Friday, 13 February 2015.*

*The P&C will once again be providing chicken burgers, steak sandwiches,  
sausages in bread etc. Any helpers would be welcome!!*



Education &  
Communities

# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to another year of quality education. In the first few days I have been incredibly impressed by the visual impact of having all students in the same uniform on the same days. What a fantastic impression that makes when observing the playground during breaks. I have also been impressed with the cleaning of classrooms, buildings and the maintenance of gardens and lawns during the Christmas break. Students and staff walking into a clean, fresh, as new environment are essential for quality teaching and learning.

We are blessed with the services of two new teachers this year. Firstly, Ms Amanda Chalk has been permanently appointed to Balranald Central School from the Central Coast as our TAS teacher. Ms Chalk brings a high level of enthusiasm and a wide range of skills to the position. Congratulations to Ms Amanda Chalk on her appointment. Secondly, Mr Peter Woof has a temporary appointment at Balranald Central School from Ulladulla as our Maths teacher. Mr Woof brings a high level of experience and knowledge to the position. Staff and students are looking forward to working with both Ms Chalk and Mr Woof.

A very warm welcome to all new students and families to Balranald Central School, many of whom are new to the town. I am confident that you will be embraced by the friendliness of Balranald, just as I have. To all current and new families, just a reminder that I am available for appointment's which can be made through the administration office.

In 2015, I am looking forward to spending time in classrooms and getting to know our students better. I am sure our Primary students are currently enjoying settling into classes and learning routines whilst secondary students are becoming familiar with new timetables, teachers and subject requirements. I encourage all students' to have high expectations, work hard and strive for academic excellence.

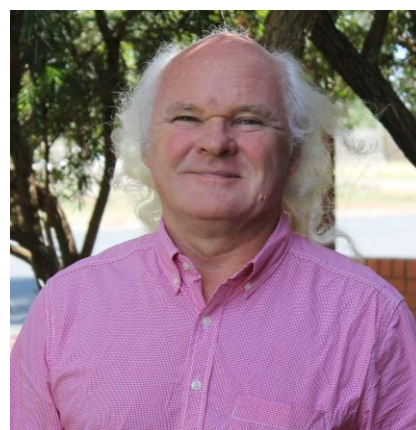
Our Study Centre will open every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm – 4.30pm in the Library. The study centre will be supported by numerous staff every week. It is an opportunity for all students to work quietly on homework, assessments, general study and reading. Staff will maintain a study environment while supporting students with extra help.

It was encouraging to work closely with staff on Balranald Central School's future plan and direction earlier last week. It was an opportunity to bring forward new ideas that may be incorporated into a future plan; it was also an opportunity to remind ourselves of current quality practices that should and will be maintained. The enthusiasm from staff was pleasing. I look forward to working with staff, students and the broader school community in enhancing the learning opportunities at Balranald Central School.

Aaron Flagg



*Pictured:  
Ms Amanda Chalk*



*Pictured:  
Mr Peter Woof*

# Primary Ponderings

Welcome everyone to 2015 and the beginning of a new school year. I envisage that we have a very busy, productive and exciting time ahead of us as the Primary staff join their students in beginning or continuing their learning journey. We had a wonderful start to the year and it was very pleasing to see the happy faces of our students energised for another year of learning. During our short first week it was evident that school has well and truly started with our new students, Kindergarten and those new to our school, settling in well. Teachers have had the chance to implement their teaching and learning program with the students all engaged in the various activities with enthusiasm.

## Primary Organisation 2015

For 2015 we will run four primary classes:

- \* K/1 – Mrs Lockhart (Monday - Thursday) and Mrs White (Friday)
- \* Year 2 – Mrs Stevens
- \* Year 3/4 – Mrs Harper
- \* Year 5/6 – Mr Scott
- \* Reading Recovery – Mrs Stevens
- \* Teacher RFF – Miss Woods, Mrs Linnett and Mrs Gorman (Library, Creative Art, Science, PDHPE etc.)

Parents of primary students will receive letters from their classroom teacher informing of the class routines and expectations shortly.

## Primary Sport

Primary Sport will be held on Thursday afternoons. Students can wear their sports shirt on this day along with their sneakers, on the other days we expect students to be in their white school shirt and black school shoes.

## Library

Students in K – 4 will attend Library classes with Mrs Gorman and Year 5/6 will go with Mr Scott. During this time students will be provided with the opportunity to borrow a book from the fabulous range in our School Library. Students will attend library on the following days:

- K/1 - Tuesday
- Year 2 - Wednesday
- Year 3/4 - Wednesday
- Year 5/6 – Friday

## Home learning

Home learning activities will be sent home by the class teacher each week. These activities allow students to revise content covered in the classroom and further their understanding of concepts taught. The days that the home learning activity will be sent home and due back will be organised by the classroom

teacher. This information will be contained in the information letter from the classroom teachers.

## Home Reading

Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning. We will be encouraging all students to participate in home reading each night. Each child will be given a reading journal or diary to record their reading with a section for their parents to sign. Teachers will regularly check that the students have been reading at home.

Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a merit certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275 and 300 nights of reading. When a student has read for 100 nights they also receive a book in acknowledgment of their effort.

## Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch & Sip encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

The Crunch & Sip break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

Our school now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day during the morning session. You can help your child participate in the following ways:

Please provide your child with a clean water bottle (with their name clearly marked). Students will also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at their desk. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit (such as apple, chopped melon, fruit in tubs in natural juice or sultanas\*), or vegies such as celery or carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes. No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch & Sip.

*Please remember fruit for your child each day as part of our crunch and sip program - its powerful brain food!*

*\* Note: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth increasing the risk of tooth decay therefore fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.*



# SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW BCS STUDENTS!!!!



*Staff and students would like to welcome the following new students to Balranald Central School: Jorja Finch, Jack Helgeland, Maggie Finch, Ben Johnstone, Nicholas Allen, Molly Finch, Molly Helgeland, Katelyn Allen, Jenae Johnstone, Isabella Scalora, Abbey Baird, Usha Chalk, Tearra Charles, Tanisha Allen, Tristan Donehue, Brandon Soraggi, Andrew and Ian Charles.*

*Pictured: Bob Helgeland*



## LIBRARY TIMES

Tuesday K/1  
 Wednesday 2 and 3/4  
 Thursday 5/6

**Don't forget you need a library bag to borrow books!!**

### Bell Times

	Start	Finish
	8.50	9.00
Period 1	9.00	9.50
Period 2	9.50	10.40
Recess	10.40	11.00
Period 3	11.00	11.50
Period 4	11.50	12.40
Lunch 1	12.40	1.00
Lunch 2	1.00	1.20
Period 5	1.20	2.10
Period 6	2.10	3.00

## BCS STUDY CENTRE



**Open every Wednesday from  
 3.15pm to 4.30pm  
 starting 11<sup>th</sup> February**

***Students will be given the  
 opportunity to have a sandwich  
 and some fruit when they  
 finish school at 3pm before  
 they start their study!!***

## COMBINED TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child/children, as listed below, to participate in the Combined Primary and Secondary Swimming Carnival to be held at the Janelle Masters Memorial Swimming Pool on Thursday, 12 February 2015. I understand that I will be responsible for transporting my child/children home at the conclusion of the carnival.

Student Name	Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### YEAR ADVISOR'S FOR 2015

If families have any concerns regarding their child's progress at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school. **A first point of call for a general inquiry can be made to your child's Year Advisor.** They are:

Year 7	Mrs Alison Linnett
Year 8	Miss Carmen Woods
Year 9	Miss Caryn Jones
Year 10	Mrs Kate Harper
Year 11	Mrs Ellen Sendy
Year 12	Ms Stobon Lloyd

## NOTE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ELECTIVE SUBJECT FEES

2015 Student Invoices will be posted out in the next few weeks and it would be appreciated if fees could be paid by the end of Term 1. Parents who are experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for assistance from the Student Assistance Scheme. Please contact the Principal for further information. All applications will be treated confidentially.

### CHANGE OF ENROLMENT DETAILS

If you have recently changed address, telephone number, place of employment, family situation or would like to change your emergency contact details you will need to complete a form at the school's front office. **It is particularly important that we have correct details in the case of accident or illness.**

### SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL

Often students need to bring money to school to pay for activities, excursions and performances. Could all parents ensure that the **correct money** is sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the child's name, grade, activity and amount enclosed. Primary students should hand their money to their classroom teacher, whilst secondary students should hand their money in at roll call or to the front office.

### WHEN YOU VISIT OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE SIGN IN

Whenever you visit the school, please call at the front office and sign the visitor's book. It is essential in case of emergency, for security and safety of the students that we know who is in the school buildings and grounds at all times.

### SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

The front office has scientific calculators for sale for \$20 each. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 require a scientific calculator for use in mathematics lessons.

### LOCKERS

Lockers are available for hire by all secondary students. Payment of \$20 can be made by students wishing to hire a locker for their duration of enrolment at Balranald Central School. If students lose their padlock they can get a replacement at a cost of \$20. Please contact the school's front office for further details.

### LOST CLOTHING

**Please label all clothing**, as our lost property box is always full of unnamed articles. Unclaimed items are put in the welfare box in the Uniform Shop at the end of each term.

### LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

No students are permitted to leave school grounds unless they have been signed out through the front office and a reasonable explanation is given, eg. Doctor's appointment.

Primary students may only leave school grounds during the school day if they are collected by a parent or caregiver. Secondary students are able to leave school grounds if they have a signed permission note from their parent indicating the time they are leaving/returning, where they are going and why they are going. Secondary students with notes are asked to

bring them to the school's front office before roll call. All students are required to sign back in through the front office upon returning to the school.

## 2015 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

### PRIMARY

**Mungo** - Hannah Morton and Nicholas Zotov

**Yanga** - Macy Lloyd and Brodie Kepa-Williams

### SECONDARY

**Mungo** - Georgie O'Halloran and Zac Jolliffe

**Yanga** - Kaitley Linnett and Bailey Brougham

## Weekly Quiz

Each week a 3 question quiz will be 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5.00 canteen voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$2.50 canteen voucher

*All entries will go into a major draw at the end of each term.*

### This week's quiz



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the floral emblem of New South Wales?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Where was Ned Kelly's last stand?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. In rhyming slang, if someone said they were going to have a "bo-peep", what would they be doing?

\_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

It is easy to forget to send in a note. Could you please complete and send in the day your child returns to school.

My son/daughter/ward \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_ was absent on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list reason*

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NB** Attendance rates are recorded on reports.

## STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

It is easy to forget to send in a note. Could you please complete and send in the day your child returns to school.

My son/daughter/ward \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_ was absent on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list reason*

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NB** Attendance rates are recorded on reports.

## STUDENT ABSENTEE NOTE

It is easy to forget to send in a note. Could you please complete and send in the day your child returns to school.

My son/daughter/ward \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_ was absent on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list reason*

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NB** Attendance rates are recorded on reports.





# ART CLUB TERM 1

**Art Club starts THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup>  
February 2015**

**Years 3-6**

**Time: 3-4pm every Thursday till the end of Term 1**

**Activities include:** recycled can cats on wood panels, patterned sculptural birds, collaged fish, watercolour and glue roses, and golden domed building paintings.



## ART CLUB EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

My child: \_\_\_\_\_ of Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to attend the Art Club in Term 1 on Thursday afternoons starting  
26<sup>th</sup> February.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:     /     /





Balranald Central School P & C

# AGM

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**  
**@ 6.00pm**

All positions will be declared vacant.  
 The monthly meeting will follow the AGM.  
**All welcome!**

*Show your children you care about their school and their education...*

## Canteen

**Volunteers needed in the canteen on a Wednesday.**  
**If anyone is able to help please contact Wyneta!!!**

## Canteen Corner

Please find your TERM 1, 2015 Menu attached  
 (more copies available at front office/canteen)

*Please note:*

**Only ONE SIZE** for Slushies \$2.00

Try the new **'Kids Snack Pack'** \$2.00

Kabana, Cherry Tomatoes, Cheese, Carrot Stix & Rice Crackers



**Parents/Carers:** To help keep our P&C canteen running we really need your help  
**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays...even if you can spare one hour!**  
**please text Wyneta 0428 177 730 with your preferred day.**

Please remember: 'NO BOOKING UP' at the canteen unless CREDIT PAID IN ADVANCE

*Thank You*

**BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM ORDER FORM 2015**

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 Skorts	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 Gabardine 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			\\			\$65			
		LARGE			\\			\$75			
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Uniforms can be purchased at the Balranald Sports Shop or alternatively you can phone Lisa Dalton on 0428 995 489 to make an appointment to purchase from the BCS Uniform Shop.

## TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> <b>B</b>	<b>26 JANUARY</b> <b>Australia Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Week 2</b> <b>A</b>	<b>2 FEBRUARY</b> <u>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</u>	<b>3</b> <u>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</u> – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>4</b> Yr 1 to 12 First Day of School	<b>5</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>6</b> <i>Kinder First Day of School</i>
<b>Week 3</b> <b>B</b>	<b>9 FEBRUARY</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> K-12 Sports Day K-Yr 12 Twilight Swimming Carnival	<b>13</b> No Classes Canteen Closed
<b>Week 4</b> <b>A</b>	<b>16 FEBRUARY</b> <u>Exec meeting</u> <b>P &amp; C Meeting at 6pm</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>20</b>
<b>Week 5</b> <b>B</b>	<b>23 FEBRUARY</b> <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	<b>26</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>27</b>
<b>Week 6</b> <b>A</b>	<b>2 MARCH</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> School Photos	<b>5</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>6</b>
<b>Week 7</b> <b>B</b>	<b>9 MARCH</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>13</b>
<b>Week 8</b> <b>A</b>	<b>16 MARCH</b> <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	<b>19</b> K-12 Sports Day <b>Bronze &amp; Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Week 9</b> <b>B</b>	<b>23 MARCH</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> K-12 Sports Day	<b>27</b>
<b>Week 10</b> <b>A</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Exec meeting</u>	<b>31</b> Stage 6 Exams Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	<b>1 APRIL</b> Stage 6 Exams	<b>2</b> K-12 Sports Day Stage 6 Exams Last Day of Term 1, 2015	<b>3</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>

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