



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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P & C

Still needs to fill position of Secretary. Please see Kate Harper if interested.

CANTEEN RED DAY

Wednesday, 25th

BCS Gardening Chefs Program



Grow, Harvest, Prepare and Share

This year students in years K to 4 will be involved in the Gardening Chefs Program. In this program they will **grow** vegetables and herbs, **harvest** seasonal fruit, vegetables and herbs, **prepare** a wide variety of fruit, vegetables and herbs into delicious dishes. **Share** meals with peers, teachers, parents and community members.

The aim of this program is to encourage healthy eating habits through tasting a wide variety of seasonal vegetables, fruit and herbs in their raw and cooked state; gain confidence in the kitchen, create tasty meals from around the world that are healthy and affordable. Improvement in English – reading and writing (recipes and diary keeping).

We are very fortunate to have singer-songwriter Amber Lawrence, who has just been awarded the prestigious 'Female Artist of the Year' award at the 2015 CMAA Golden Guitar Awards visit us on Thursday, 26th February to do a free performance!! You can read more information about Amber on page 5 of this Newsletter.



Education & Communities

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Amber Lawrence has kindly offered a free concert for our students this Thursday 26th February during period 1 in the school hall. Amber is the current 'Female Artist of the Year' after winning the 2015 Golden Guitar. It is a privilege for our school to host a current high profile singer-songwriter. We are looking forward to the event.

It is a big few days in regional sport. The PSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday the 20th, the PSSA Tennis on Monday the 23rd, the CHS Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 24th and on the same day we will be attending the Essendon AFL coaching clinic in Swan Hill. Well done and good luck to all of our students participating in the above regional sport activities. Future newsletters will provide individual results, successes and photos.

At the P&C meeting last week I saw a very strong group of executive voted into their new positions. The key position of secretary still remains unfilled. If there is anyone in the community that is semi willing to take on this critical role please let the school know and we will put you in touch with the P&C. Any interested person will be working with a great team who have the best interests of our students and Balranald Central School as its core purpose.

The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of next year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Installing these flashing lights in school zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plan to install signs outside Balranald Central School on Church Street the week beginning Monday, 23 February 2015 outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.

Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed.

Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

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.

1st Prize - \$5.00 canteen voucher

2nd 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. Who won the prestigious 'female artist of the year' at the 2015 Golden Guitar Awards?

2. How many albums did Slim Dusty record?

3. What is the name of the New South Wales town that is widely known as the home of country music?

Primary Ponderings

What a wonderful start to the year we have had; the sun has been shining, the classrooms have been humming and the students have been happily engaged in the numerous learning activities provided by our fantastic team of teachers. It is rewarding to visit the classrooms and see our students participating in learning activities with a smile on their dial.

Assembly

Please come along on Wednesday at 12pm as Year 5/6 and our new School Captains, Bonnie Joliffe and Lauren Jess host our first assembly for the year. Our assemblies are always a fantastic celebration of the activities that have been undertaken in the classroom and we would like to see as many community members there as possible.

PSSA Swimming Carnival

A number of students travelled to Swan Hill on Friday to represent our school at our District Swimming Carnival. Mrs Linnett and Mr Scott accompanied the students on the day and were very impressed with the way our students represented Balranald Central School.

Home Reading

Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning and the staff at Balranald Central School actively encourage all students to participate in home reading each night. Every child should have received a reading journal/diary to record the reading they undertake each night and have their parents sign it off.

Library

Just a reminder that students will be provided with the opportunity to borrow a book from the fabulous range in our School Library, visiting on the following days:

K/1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Wednesday

Year 3/4 - Wednesday

Year 5/6 – Friday

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a clean water bottle (with their name clearly marked) so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. This can be any clear bottle, such as an empty water, sports drink or juice bottle with a pop top style lid. Make sure you wash the bottle each night!

Bruce Scott

Assistant Principal



Students of the Week

*Pictured: Kaitley Linnett, Kobe Lloyd, Chloe Farnsworth,
Dominic Gervasi, Isaac Lloyd, Leo Gaston and Michael
Gorman*

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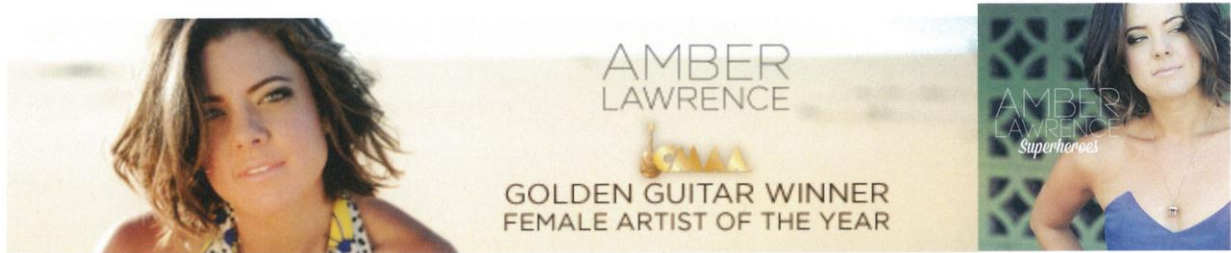
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AMBER LAWRENCE - 2015



Amber Lawrence is an award-winning singer-songwriter like no other, who has just been awarded the prestigious '*Female Artist of the Year*' award, at the 2015 CMAA Golden Guitar awards.

Taking out '*Female Artist of the Year*' is no mean feat, especially considering the caliber of her fellow nominees, who included Kasey Chambers and Lyn Bowtel.

Amber's recent success comes off the back of the launch of her 4th album "*Superheroes*". *Superheroes* debuted at number 3 on the ARIA Country Charts and was launched to a sold out crowd at Sydney's iconic venue 'The Basement' in September 2014. *Superheroes* includes the hit singles 'Superhero' and 'The Lifesaver' (which was also awarded Contemporary Lyric of the Year at the 2015 Bush Laureate Awards).

Selling out shows, and converting people to her style of country music is nothing new for this Sydney city girl and former Qantas accountant. Her ability to engage audiences and tell stories has kept her on the road and working hard for the past 9 years.

In 2012, Amber launched '3' her third album, loved by fans and critics alike, to a sold out Tamworth Capitol Theatre Audience. The second single from '3' - 'The Man Across The Street' saw Amber become a 2013 finalist for the Country Music Awards of Australia - 'THE GOLDEN GUITARS' for Female Artist of the Year, plus a finalist in the 2013 Bush Laureate Awards. And also saw her invited to perform for Australia's Defence Force personnel in the Middle East, and perform the song in front of 40,000 people at the Anzac Day Football Match.

Amber has released 15 singles over the course of her career to-date that have either reached #1 or Top 5 on the Country Music Radio Chart and the CMC Video charts. She is the recipient of no less than 12 country music awards, 8 Golden Guitar nominations and two APRA nominations. Versatility being one of Amber's traits, she has also hosted ABC Radio's "Saturday Night Country" and the "Southern Star Independent Awards".

She's the winner of the "Telstra Horizon Award" (2010) and above all is well known for her fun and entertaining live shows!!

She's played all the major festivals, including The Gympie Muster, Deni Ute Muster and CMC Rocks the Hunter and CMC ROCKS Queensland, has toured extensively and has one of the most loyal fan bases in the country!

www.amberlawrence.com.au
www.facebook.com/amberlawrencemusic



Balranald Junior Football Club

We are seeking coaches for the 2015 season for the following teams:

Under 12's

Under 14's

Under 16's

*Expressions of interest or for more
information please contact:*

***President: Kane Farnsworth 50201438 or
0408201438***

Applications close on **Thursday, 12th March 2015**

We also looking for
anyone interested in
organising the
Toasted Sandwiches
at home games.

Under 12s, 14s, and 16s

2015 Registration Night

All interested players are invited to our 2015 Registration Night

Thursday, 12th March 2015 at 6pm

Junior Football Oval

\$35 registration fee to be paid on the night

Free sausage sizzle

For more information please contact:

Kane Farnsworth 0408 201 438

Nat Lay 0419 502 009

Michelle Gervasi 0400 590 849

TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 B	23 FEBRUARY <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>PSSA Tennis Trials & Deniliquin</i>	24 Zone Swimming Carnival @ Deniliquin	25 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	26 K-12 Sports Day Amber Lawrence Performance	27
Week 6 A	2 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	3	4 School Photos	5 K-12 Sports Day	6 <i>PSSA Tennis Finals</i> CHS Riverina Swimming
Week 7 B	9 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>PSSA Riverina Swimming</i>	10 Parent Teacher Interviews – 3.30pm to 6.30pm	11	12 K-12 Sports Day	13
Week 8 A	16 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	17	18 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	19 K-12 Sports Day Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly	20
Week 9 B	23 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> CHS Bowls/Tennis	24	25	26 K-12 Sports Day	27
Week 10 A	30 <i>Exec meeting</i> Stage 6 Exams	31 Stage 6 Exams Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	1 APRIL Stage 6 Exams	2 K-12 Athletics Carnival Last Day of Term 1, 2015	3 GOOD FRIDAY

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

Canteen Corner



MARINATED CHICKEN BURGERS will be on **THURSDAY 26th**
instead of Tues 24th

***** WEDNESDAY 25th is RED DAY *****

Be sure to read the bottom of your menu to see what yummy scrummy treats are available!!