



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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**WHOLE
SCHOOL
ASSEMBLY**
Tuesday, 31st
March at 11am

**CANTEEN WILL
BE CLOSED
FRIDAY 20TH
MARCH**

**K-12
Athletics
Carnival**
Thursday, 2nd
April

Yanga Lake Canoe Regatta



On Tuesday, 10 March students from Year 5 to 8 as well as our students studying Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation were invited to participate in the Yanga Lake Canoe

Regatta, one of the activities organised as part of Yanga National Park Week. Edward River Adventours provided the equipment and certified instructors. The students learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed their time.



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

I would like to welcome Luke Prince to Balranald Central School. Luke has been appointed as our Mathematics teacher and is a recent graduate from the University of Wollongong. Luke is excited about the opportunity and is looking forward to working alongside staff, students and parents.



It was a very successful Parent/Teacher afternoon on Tuesday 10th March. It is an important part of the school calendar and an opportunity for parents, staff and students to share their knowledge, ideas and expertise to move forward with improved student learning. The atmosphere in the library was friendly and inviting. The shared responsibility for great education was obvious and everybody is to be congratulated on their participation.

Congratulations to Darcy and Mitchell Carmichael, Mason Anderson and Dominic Gervasi who travelled to Moulamein on Tuesday to participate in the PSSA Football Trials and were successful in making it to the next level.

The state government has committed \$300,000 to Balranald Central School for a Science Laboratory upgrade which will include the preparation room and a chemical store. It was a privilege to have the Honourable Adrian Piccoli the Minister for Education visit the school in person to officially make the announcement. The DEC school refurbishment team will be in the school this week to measure up the laboratory and start the no doubt long process. Having fresh and brand new facilities does and will impact on learning in a positive way. The new Laboratory will complement the existing amazing facilities across the school.

Congratulations to the primary students and staff on their recent successful running of the primary assembly. The items prepared and presented were very entertaining and awards given demonstrate the breadth of curriculum offered to our primary students. Primary students enjoy the opportunity to be acknowledged and to perform for an audience; this is especially the case when parents, carers and other family members are

witnesses. Our next primary assembly is on Wednesday, 18 March at midday. This is our last assembly for this term and I look forward to seeing many parents and carers there!

Last week, I was privileged to participate in the combined Principal networks conference in Griffith. The days were very full and the meeting well attended by Directors and executive members of the DEC as well as the Minister for Education. There are significant reforms across the department including organisational restructures and the core business of teaching and learning. This core business of teaching, learning, student engagement and well-being is something that I am proud to say that we do well at Balranald Central School! We will continue to work hard to meet the high expectations of ourselves and the community.

Preliminary course Examinations for our Stage 6 students are coming up quickly. Please encourage your child to be balancing their study time with their other commitments. It is imperative that they are engaged with their preparation for these examinations.

Have a great week
Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

1. What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?

2. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?

3. Which stringed instrument is bigger than a violin but smaller than a cello?

Primary Ponderings

Assembly

Please come along on Wednesday at 12pm as Year 3/4 host our second 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.

Easter Egg Raffle

Year 5/6 will once again be holding the annual Easter Egg Raffle. Proceeds of this raffle will go towards the Year 5/6 Woonona excursion to be held near the end of term four. Thank you to all of the *primary students* who have contributed an egg for the Easter raffle so far. The raffle will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on to be held on Wednesday, 1 April. All donations of eggs and cane baskets are greatly appreciated by 5/6 Scotto.

Tickets are on sale from the Year 5/6 students.

No Hat, No Play!

Don't forget all students are required to wear a **school hat** in the playground at all times. Please ensure you send a hat to school with your child.

The Importance of Reading

Learning to read is the most important skill students will learn in life. It is vitally important that they practice this skill every day to help them improve their reading and comprehension of a range of texts. Each Primary student has a Home Reader journal and they should record their reading each night. Secondary students should also be reading for enjoyment every day. The wider they read, the greater the vocabulary and the better their understanding of the world around them.

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 1st April. As a part of this day we invite the parents to come and join their students for a picnic lunch, this year our Year 12 students will be selling coffee and slices as part of their fundraising for their Year 12 Formal. On the day we will also have the drawing of the Year 5/6 Easter raffle. I look forward to seeing everyone there on the day.

Bruce Scott
Assistant Principal

Year 5/6 Easter Egg Raffle

Could all primary students please contribute an egg for the Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday, 1 April.



All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.



2015 ICAS

International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools

The entry fee per student is as follows:

Closing Date		Cost
Digital Technologies	01/04/15	\$ 8.00
Science	06/05/15	\$ 8.00
Writing	18/05/15	\$17.00
Spelling	19/05/15	\$11.00
English	26/06/15	\$ 8.00
Mathematics	14/07/15	\$ 8.00
ALL of the above		\$60.00



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Please tick choices to be entered:

- ☐ Digital Technologies (\$ 8.00) Years 3-10
- ☐ Science (\$ 8.00) Years 2-12
- ☐ Spelling (\$11.00) Years 3-7
- ☐ Writing (\$17.00) Years 3-12
- ☐ English (\$ 8.00) Years 2-12
- ☐ Mathematics (\$ 8.00) Years 2-12
- ALL of the above (\$60.00)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: / /

Kitchen Garden News

Last week Year 3/4 students were busy in the kitchen. They made tomato sauce. This will be used this week to go on their pasta. A big thank you to Loui Gervasi for the donation of 10kg of tomatoes.

Tomato Sauce Recipe

1kg ripe tomatoes
2 onions sliced
4 garlic cloves
¼ cup oil
Salt & pepper
Basil, oregano



Method

1. Cut onions, tomato and garlic
2. Toss in olive oil
3. Put into a saucepan and cook 1 hour with herbs
4. Take off heat and let cool
5. When cool, pass through a sieve

Mini Cheese and Bacon Quiche

2 sheets rolled puff pastry
½ cup grated cheese
3 eggs
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 rashers bacon



Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 180°
2. Cut six rounds from each sheet of pastry and press into muffin tins
3. Dice rashers of bacon and lightly fry
4. Using a fork whisk 3 eggs, cheese, parsley and bacon together
5. Pour into pastry tins
6. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes until golden and puffed.

Students of the Week



Pictured: Laree Johnke, Trent Nelson, Isabella Scalora, Lizzy Bell, Khy Jess and Jayda Murray.

Canteen Corner

NOTICE

Canteen closed **ALL DAY Friday**
20th March

Sorry for the inconvenience ☹

TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 A	16 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i>	17 <i>State Library visit 11-12.30pm</i>	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

TERM TWO – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 B	20 APRIL School Development Day <i>Exec meeting</i>	21 Students K-12 start	22	23 K-12 Sports Day	24 ANZAC Ceremony
Week 2 A	27 APRIL ANZAC DAY	28	29 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm (Yr 2)</i>	30 K-12 Sports Day	1 MAY
Week 3 B	4 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	5	6	7 K-12 Sports Day	8
Week 4 A	11 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i>	12 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	13 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	14 NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9 K-12 Sports Day	15
Week 5 B	18 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	19	20 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm (Yr K-1)</i>	21 K-12 Sports Day	22 CHS Athletics
Week 6 A	25 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <i>Exec meeting</i> Paul Kelly Cup @ Deni	26	27	28 K-12 Sports Day	29
Week 7 B	1 JUNE	2 <i>PSSA Riverina Cross Country</i>	3	4 K-12 Sports Day	5 Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly CHS Riverina Cross Country
Week 8 A	8 JUNE Queen's Birthday	9	10 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm (Yr 5-6)</i>	11 K-12 Sports Day	12

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