



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

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

Visit from the State Library



On Tuesday, 17 March Balranald Central School and St Joseph's students enjoyed a visit from the State Library. This visit was very informative and the students even got to dress up!!

PRIMARY EASTER PICNIC

All classes K-6 are having an Easter Picnic in the playground on Tuesday, 31 March 2015 after the Whole School Assembly.

All parents, family and friends are invited to join us for this picnic. Children have made Easter Hats which they will proudly display at the Easter Hat Parade. Following the parade we will have the Year 6 Easter Raffle draw and a picnic lunch in the horse shoe.

Parents and families are asked to bring lunch for the picnic with our students.



**THERE WILL BE NO ART CLUB FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM!!
MISS WOODS WILL BE STARTING IT UP AGAIN WEEK 2, TERM 2
FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 FOR FIVE WEEKS.**

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Stage 6 examinations are starting one week from today on Monday, March the 30th. They are coming up quickly. Students should be balancing their study time with their other commitments. It is imperative that they are engaged with their preparation for these examinations as well as their other activities.

The school Athletics Carnival is also looming up fast and will be on Thursday April the 2nd. The Athletics Carnival promises to have a high level of enthusiasm and participation. Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to come along and support their favourite house. All students are encouraged to have plenty of water and sunscreen with them.

The Whole School Assembly is on Tuesday March the 31st. This is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge our students for their efforts during the term. We look forward to seeing many parents, carers and community members attending and supporting our students.

The Primary Easter Picnic is also held on Tuesday 31st March immediately after the whole school assembly. All parents, family and friends are invited to join us for this picnic. Children will have made Easter Hats which they will proudly display at the Easter Hat Parade. Parents and families are asked to bring lunch for the picnic with our students.

NOTE: The Easter Picnic is on Tuesday 31st not Wednesday 1st April as previously advertised.

The State Library visited our school on Tuesday the 17th. This was an excellent learning exhibition that was accessed by our primary and secondary students to learn more about colonisation and Australian history in general. More information will be provided in another newsletter report.

There was another successful Primary assembly on Wednesday 18th. Congratulations to all the student's receiving awards and thank you to all of the parent's and families who attended. The slices and cakes made by our Year 3/4 class were fantastic and it was great to see the final product on display.

Well done to the 18 Primary students who attended the NRL gala day in Hay on Thursday 19th. It was a fun day with students having skills coaching and game time.

Everybody involved had a great day and the students can now utilise the skills taught in other sports and fascists of life. Thank you to Mr Longford for driving the bus and thank you to the NRL for donating 8 footballs to the school.

Congratulations to the four boy's Dominic Gervasi, Mason Anderson, Mitchell and Darcy Carmichael who travelled to Leeton also on Thursday 19th to participate in the next level of district AFL trials. From all reports the boys played hard and fair and once again have done their school and families proud.



Pictured: Mason Anderson, Mitchell Carmichael, Dominic Gervasi and Darcy Carmichael.

All the best of luck to the student's travelling to Barham today to participate in the CHS Lawn Bowls and Tennis. Represent your school with pride, play fair, have fun and travel safe. I look forward to hearing the reports on your return.

Thank you to the Student Representative Council (SRC) students for helping with the BBQ on Friday 20th at the "Dalton family" clearing sale. Thank you to the "Dalton Family" and the P & C association for thinking of the school and allowing us to participate in this fundraising opportunity. Also a big thank you to Miss Caryn Jones for organising the SRC excursion.

Have a great week! Aaron Flagg



2015 ICAS

International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program which enables schools to identify students' levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive comprehensive hard copy and online reports on their performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement.

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: / /

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 Tuesday, 31 March.

All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.



Weekly Quiz



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

1. Name the fifth planet from the sun?

2. Which is generally bigger, the African or Asian elephant?

3. Name a mammal that can fly?

Students of the Week



Pictured: Caitlyn Simpson, Aaron Gervasi, Samuel Simmons, Bob Helgeland, Ben Johnstone, Vince Ugarte.



Pictured: Drew and Kobe Lloyd and Jordyn Jolliffe at the Riverina Swimming Carnival at Leeton



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WHAT IS ICPA?

The Isolated Children's Parents' Association is a voluntary organisation for parents who live in rural areas whose children:-

- Attend a rural **pre-school** or access **early childhood**.
- Attend a **rural school**.
- Attend **Country Area Programme (CAP)** funded activities.
- Study by **Distance Education** lessons.
- Travel to school by **bus or private vehicle** (daily, weekly or at the end of term).
- Board away from home to access primary or secondary school at a **boarding school, agricultural high school, hostel, private board or maintain a second home**.
- Attend a **Tertiary** institution - **University /TAFE /College**.

From **Pre-School to Tertiary** ICPA may be able to help you!

HOW DOES ICPA WORK?

ICPA supports both government and non-government systems of education.

ICPA seeks to achieve equality of access to educational opportunities for geographically isolated students living in rural and remote areas. Increases in the AIC allowance and Private Vehicle Conveyance, Free bus travel and seatbelts on buses were gained through the persistent lobbying by State and Federal ICPA Councils. ICPA meets regularly with Government Officials and Ministers and sits on many consultation boards used to form educational policies. The legalities of pre-schoolers on buses is something ICPA is currently working on – rural children, including pre schoolers, should have equal access to education the same as their city counterparts. The notion that ICPA is just for the 'bush kids' could not be further from the truth. Balranald does not have a University; therefore Balranald - compared to other areas - **is** isolated. Unfortunately due to the high costs of Tertiary study many students fall through the cracks when the costs associated with living away become a reality to local families. ICPA strives to close this gap.

WHAT WILL I BE ENTITLED TO IF I JOIN ICPA?

Membership entitles you to copies of our quarterly newsletter "The Top Wire" and the national magazine "Pedals". Details of scholarships, allowances and information that affect your child's education are found in "The Top Wire". When you join you will be kept informed on the activities of ICPA and the education providers as well as Government decisions. State Council members are all volunteers but are happy to give advice on individual problems. They receive no remuneration for their time but are happy to help you access an education for your child regardless of where you live.

HOW DO I JOIN?

If you would like to join Balranald Branch, please contact Claire Butler 0350 206 871.
Balranald Branch covers Euston, Balranald, Moulamein, Clare and Ivanhoe.

Balranald ICPA offers annual book awards to schools and early childhood services in our membership area and we continue to support the Balranald Country Education Foundation with a \$500 donation each year.

**ICPA WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING
TO HELP US HELP YOU. OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR NUMBERS!**

www.icpa.com.au

TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 B	23 MARCH <u>Exec meeting</u> CHS Bowls/Tennis	24	25	26 K-12 Sports Day	27
Week 10 A	30 <u>Exec meeting</u> Stage 6 Exams	31 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am Easter Hat Parade	1 APRIL Stage 6 Exams	2 <u>K-12 Athletics Carnival</u> 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 <u>Exec meeting</u>	21 Students K-12 start	22	23 K-12 Sports Day	24 ANZAC Ceremony
Week 2 A	27 APRIL	28	29 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm (Yr 2)</i>	30 K-12 Sports Day	1 MAY
Week 3 B	4 MAY <u>Exec meeting</u>	5	6	7 K-12 Sports Day	8
Week 4 A	11 MAY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	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 <u>Exec meeting</u>	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> <u>Exec meeting</u> 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