



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

30 MARCH 2015 ISSUE 8

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

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

*The P&C will be holding  
a BBQ and also selling  
cakes and slices.*

*The SRC will be selling  
drinks.*

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN  
WILL BE CLOSED ALL  
DAY.

## Barham Sports Day



*On Monday, 23 March 11 students travelled to Barham to represent the school in Lawn Bowls and Tennis. Please see full report and more pictures on pages 5 & 6 of this Newsletter.*



## 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.*



**Term 1 finishes on Thursday, 2 April.  
Students return on Tuesday, 21 April for Term 2.**

# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

A big thank you to the Dalton family for your generous donation to the Student Representative Council (SRC) after your clearing sale. This donation was on top of the Dalton family providing the P&C and SRC the fundraising opportunity at their clearing sale. This will benefit every student in the school in some way. Thank you again.

The stage six preliminary examinations start today. I wish our entire senior students the best of luck. The preliminary examinations are the final requirement that students must complete before they are eligible to begin their Higher School Certificate courses in term 2. The other preliminary course requirements are submitting assessment tasks and attending class. **Stage six students must submit assessment tasks in order to satisfy the requirements of the course.**

The Whole School Assembly is on tomorrow. All of our students have contributed successfully to the school during the term. Well done everyone! A special mention and congratulations to the students who will be receiving Silver and Bronze Certificates. We look forward to seeing many parents, carers and community members attending and supporting our students.

Another reminder that the Primary Easter Picnic is also held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March immediately after the Whole School Assembly. This is a way of acknowledging the forthcoming Easter Celebrations. I am particularly looking forward to the variety of Easter hats that will be on display during the Easter Hat Parade. Raffle tickets for the Easter baskets are still available and the prizes will be drawn on the day.

In advance, I would like to thank all those responsible for making this Thursday's Athletics Carnival a reality and no doubt it will be a great success. The school oval is immaculate and obviously considerable effort has been put into ensuring the turf was well prepared and weed free. Also in advance, thank you to the P&C and SRC for catering food and drinks. Parent's, carers, grandparents and friends are welcome to come along and support their favourite house. All students are encouraged to participate and to have plenty of water and sunscreen with them.

Congratulations to Adam Simpson, Daniel Woolhouse and Zac Joliffe for progressing to the next round of the Combined High Schools Lawn Bowls tournament after defeating Barham High School last week. Also congratulations to Kate Norton, Madison Jess, Jordyn Joliffe, Chloe Farnsworth, Jacob Lister, Kobe Lloyd,

Conner Soraggi and Brandon Soraggi for representing Balranald Central School so proudly in the Combined High Schools tennis.

Congratulations also to Bonnie Jolliffe, Macy Lloyd, Hannah Morton, Lauren Jess and Molly Finch who represented the school in the Netball trials in Barham last Thursday. We look forward to hearing the results from their next round when they attend the Western Riverina netball trials at Griffith on April 24th!!

This Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April marks the end of the first school term for 2015. Thank you to all staff and students for your efforts in such an extremely busy term. Everyone is well deserving of a break!

School will resume for students on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. A staff development day is being held on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

Enjoy the two weeks break. If travelling over the holidays; do so safely. See you all next term.

Aaron Flagg

## P & C News

We will once again be cooking up a storm at the Athletics Carnival this Thursday! *We would really appreciate if anyone could cook up a plate of yummy baking to help us on the day.....we have to make sure we have enough food to fuel all those athletes!*



In other news.....we had a very successful day at the "Windomal" Clearing Sale. We worked alongside several SRC students, who did a great job! Thank you to the Daltons at "Windomal" who made a very generous donation. Keep an eye out, because the P & C has more money to spend on the school!



## 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:     /     /

**Congratulations to the  
following students who will be  
receiving awards at the  
Whole School Assembly on  
Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

## SILVER CERTIFICATES

Lauren Jess  
Logan Gaston  
Mitchell Carmichael  
Prue Harper  
Nicholas Zotov

## BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Lani Wilkinson  
Leo Gaston  
Mason Dalton  
Liam Butterworth  
Anna Scoleri  
Charlie Ross  
Darcy Carmichael  
Harry Ross  
Rhiannon Lanteri  
Matthew McIvor-Kepa  
Grace Morton  
Rylan Dalton

## CROSS COUNTRY

This year the Stage 6 Sport Lifestyle and Recreation class will be organising the Cross Country for Years K-12 which will be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. They are in need of parent helpers to help out at check points. If you are able to assist in this could you please phone Mrs Alison Linnett.



# Students of the Week



*Pictured: Zachary Jolliffe, Maddy Militto, Wyatt O'Halloran, Brodie Kepa-Williams, Ryan Jackson and Charlie Ross.*

## NRL GALA DAY

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 18 students from years 3 to 6 travelled to Hay and participated in a NRL gala day with other schools from the Hay region. This was a great opportunity for students to participate in a new sport. Boys from 3/4 and 5/6 participated in tackling games, while girls from 5/6 participated in League Tag. All students were also taken through skill sessions on how to play these games. As the day progressed, all the students showed improved skill and understanding of the game. It was great to see them play along with students from other schools.





## Barham Sports Day

Cloudy skies, but the promise of a fine day, greeted the tennis and lawn bowlers as they stepped off the bus at Barham Golf and Bowls club.



The bowlers had time to get over their jetlag with a first round bye. They spent their time honing their kitty skills and getting a feel for the green. Their first game was against Deniliquin, who were probably the favourites on the day. After a shaky start, Adam Simpson, Daniel Woolhouse and Zac Jolliffe started to find their mark. If it wasn't for the opposition bowls the



boys would have really skipped away. A bit more grass, good weight, carry the kitty through, were messages that were heard regularly on the rink. The game tightened up like a fish's windpipe with the opposition skipper continually spoiling the party. Perseverance pays off and with excellent leading by Adam, continually putting pressure on the opposition 1 and 2's. Daniel kept the pressure on, giving up nothing and Zac matched the opposition gun as much as he could. After 10 ends the Balranald boys had nailed a hard fought 10/6 win.



Their second game straight up was against the Barham team who were refreshed after a gut full of Dim Sims and Red Bull. Our boys needed to seize their opportunities early and then keep the pressure on, which seemed a tough ask with Barham appearing to have stacked their team. I guess they only had 3 players, the same as us but they looked pretty cocky. A couple of good rolls early on gave a 2/0 lead after 2 ends and the boys started to settle. The third end was the game changer which included kitty kissing, blocks, drives, duffs, you name it with the end resulting in

6 shots to our boys. The pressure was now on Barham but with Adam continually putting in a close one, Daniel surrounding the kitty like flies at a BBQ and 'The Zac Attack' covering any areas of concern, the Barham team never gained a sniff. After 10 ends of highly entertaining bowl rolling Balranald had won 15 shots to 3. Apparently this score is called a good ol' kitty kickin'. The boys will now progress to the next round on their way hopefully to the State Finals.

Meanwhile the tennis players began the Floris Conway Shield and the Stan Jones Trophy.

The girls drew Hay War Memorial High first up. Kate Norton and Madison Jess teamed up for their first set and Jordyn Jolliffe teamed with young gun, Chloe Farnsworth. Kate and Madison struggled to get started, but with some very good ground shots and reverse backhands they manage 3 games to Hay's 6. Jordyn and Chloe fared a little better and manage to beat their more fancied opponents 6/4. This score could have been better if Chloe had decided to hold on to her racquet whilst hitting the ball. This will come with experience. All smiles however, and the girls were well on their way. Singles was the next course of action and Kate was up against the next Sharapova (without the grunts). Kate battled hard, and if not for a couple of dubious line calls and a racquet that was misbehaving she would have got more than the 1 game. Jordyn played an inspired game of singles continually hitting the lines and drawing false shots from her opponent. A 6/1 scoreline was a true indication of the difference between the players. Madison played the next singles contest and struggled to make an impact on the scoreboard. Each time she looked like winning a game, an unforced error or a ridiculously good return from her opponent presented itself. Although looking to get to the cafe for a feed, an early donut on the court was not the entree she was looking for. Chloe Farnsworth was



making her debut singles event for BCS and was possibly quite nervous about the game. Her opponent seemed to sense this apprehension and maintained the pressure throughout. Chloe was not embarrassed in her performance and battled hard to the end. With a couple of near aces that hit her opponents bat, along with some close line calls, Chloe's one game could easily have been much more. The reverse doubles didn't fare much better with a total of 4 games spread between the two games for our girls. The Hay girls were extremely strong tennis players and possibly deserved their win. The BCS girls were pretty excited about a trip to the tucker box and their tears of disappointment soon vanished.

The girls had to face Finley in their second game and with their stomachs full of Powerade and Mars Bars, redemption was going to be sweet. Kate and Madison opened the show with a strong performance; however they fell agonisingly close going down 6/4. Kate mentioned later a little bit of indigestion from a wayward and half-digested potato cake seemed to upset her rhythm. Madison said we just weren't good enough. Jordyn and Chloe however, managed to wipe the court with their opponents and finished with a 6/0 win. The scenes of jubilation were like those rarely seen in this part of the world.

The singles followed with great wins to all the girls, bar the one wrestling with the difficult to digest potato cake. Kate 4/6, Jordyn 6/0, Madison 6/2 and Chloe 6/3. Kate managed to finally tame the aggressive potato cake and win the reverse doubles with Madison. On the other court Jordyn and Chloe couldn't maintain their pressure and fell 6/2 to an excited Finley pair. Overall, Balranald were too good for Finley, winning 5 sets to 3.



The boys had the unenviable task of playing the might of Finley High in their first encounter. Jacob Lister teamed with his cousin, Kobe Lloyd at the top of the order and peeled off an amazing win. It was close early, at the start, but a score of 6/1 proved decisive. In the other game the Soraggi connection teamed up, with both Connor and Brandon swinging their racquets together. The Finley boys couldn't cope with the bounce of young Brandon and the guile of his older brother and with a score of 6/2 our boys were away. The reverse doubles also proved successful with the power of Lister and the finesse of Lloyd way too good for the Finley boys. Lister had strung his racquet extra tight leading into this tournament and was keen to demonstrate the power he possessed. The close game involved the brothers Soraggi with the final tiebreak score of 11/9 in our favour. The bounce of the ball, the flick off the net, the ability to sledge, all these things seemed to fall in the boys favour as the tie-break wore on. The singles followed with good wins to all the Balranald boys over a demoralised Finley camp. A clean sweep was a great effort, and allowed the boys an extra couple of minutes to wash down their wedges with sour cream and potato cakes with a bottle of Coke Zero.

The second round opposition was the home team of Barham. These boys certainly fancied their chances but Jacob and Kobe took it right up to their opponents, coming from 5/2 down to reach a tie-breaker. A little bit of luck and good dose of determination at this stage was welcome. Jacob and Kobe had it and the Barham boys did not and this resulted in a very good win to our boys. It was always going to be a big ask to



beat the home team, made up of mostly senior age students (that is year 11 and 12, not over 65's). The Soraggi brothers were not so lucky and played like they were in a hurry to get somewhere. 6/1 down and it was on to the singles.

Jacob continued his great form for the day, stitching up the Barham number one 6/2. This lad was not happy about losing, but Jacob gave him comfort by reminding him that for every loser there is a winner. This was great sportsman ship by young Jacob, whether or not the Barham lad appreciated it at the time. Kobe, Connor and Brandon could only manage 6 games between them, showing what a powerful side this Barham team was. The reverse doubles finished the day for the boys and once again Jacob and Kobe secured a great win 6/2. The Soraggi brothers didn't trouble the scorers in their game but they were conscious of our great distance to get home and didn't want to hold anyone up. It is sacrifices like this for their fellow team members that makes you so proud. Barham won this scrap 5 sets to 3 to progress to the final.

Special mention must go to the students of BCS for their continual efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day. They always travel the furthest and usually whinge the least. Player of the day was Jacob Lister who went through the day undefeated. Thanks also to the parents and family that supported the students and to Mr Prince, who was introduced to what sport is about in the west of the state.

Till next time,

Cheers

Coach Whitey



# BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL



## Possible future employment opportunities

### Student Welfare Officer

2-3 days per week

Minimum qualification requirements are either Certificate IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care. Other qualifications with competencies in 'mental health' and 'making referrals' are acceptable.

### Job Description

The successful applicant will support the emotional wellbeing and learning wellbeing of students by working with existing programs/services in the school. They will liaise with the school learning support team and counsellor. The successful applicant will support students identified with higher needs and provide assistance to teacher led activities in a variety of settings such as classrooms, sport and excursions.

### Learning Support Officer

2-3 days per week

### Job Description

The successful applicant will work closely with teachers and small teams to provide extra support for students. The purpose of the extra support is to develop student skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities.

Interested persons should contact Balranald Central School to obtain more details and an application form.

Applications should be addressed to:

Mr Aaron Flagg  
Principal  
Balranald Central School  
We Street  
BALRANALD NSW 2715

The successful applicant will be required to pass a NSW Working with Children and police check.

Applications for these positions close at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 and should be submitted through the front office of the school.



Congratulations to Sterling Ray on winning the Regional Finals for his fruit cake on Saturday. Sterling's next competition is at the Melbourne Show!!

## DEC Newsletter Briefs

### Assignment starters A-Z

What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website's assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

### Easter reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What's your child reading right now?

Find out more:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>

# EASTER in BALRANALD

## Don't miss all the FUN!

FRI 3rd April:



**GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL @ The Balranald Ex-Servicemen's Club**  
116 Market Street, Balranald from **Noon**. Raffles, Chocolate Wheel & Special Members Draw... "Give that they may grow"

**YANGA TOUR** with **Outback Geo Adventures** includes **Morning Tea @** Yanga Homestead & **Fish + Chips** Lunch overlooking Yanga Lake - **9.00am - 1.00pm**. Call German on 0407 267 087 for bookings

SAT 4th April:

**BALRANALD MARKET DAY!** Great deals & goodies to be had!  
**SHOP TILL YOU DROP** Starting @ **9.00am** in the main street of Balranald!



**TWILIGHT MARKET @ The Balranald Discovery Centre Complex**  
83 Market Street Balranald **6.00pm - 9.00pm**. Wonderful stalls with locally home made/grown produce, goods & crafts. A **Gourmet BBQ** will be served at the **Discovery Café** (call Jo on 0409 487 993 for **BBQ bookings**)

**FULL MOON TOUR of MUNGO NATIONAL PARK** with **Outback Geo Adventures!** **2.00pm - 11pm**. Call German on 0407 267 087 for bookings

SUN 5th April:

**EASTER EGG HUNT!! @ The Balranald Discovery Centre Complex**  
83 Market Street Balranald **10.30am - 1.30pm** with Jumping castles, ice-cream van, chalk art, MEET YOUR National Park Ranger + LOTS MORE!




TAKE ADVANTAGE  
of the fabulous **EASTER**  
**VOUCHERS** from our  
local operators!


For more information  
contact the Balranald  
Visitor Information Centre  
03 5020 1599



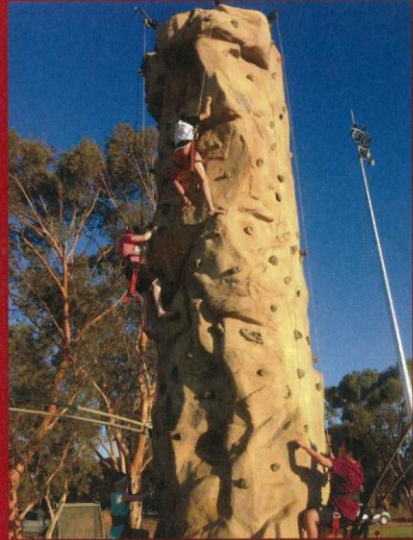





**BALRANALD DISCOVERY  
CENTRE**  
83 Market St, BALRANALD



**YOUTH DAY**  
AT THE  
**DISCOVERY  
CENTRE!**  
**TUES 14th APRIL**  
**11am—3pm**



**ROCK CLIMBING  
Wall**



**LASER  
TAG**

**DON'T MISS THIS FUN DAY!**  
There's also the **BIG SLIDE**, **Sausage Sizzle**,  
+ **MORE!**....It's all part of **YOUTH WEEK 2015**

## MOVIES BEING SHOWN AT THE ROYAL THEATRE BALRANALD

### ENTRY FEE - GOLD COIN

	Rated G	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April at Theatre Royal	<b>2pm</b>
	Rated PG	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April at Theatre Royal	<b>4pm</b>
	Rated M	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April at Theatre Royal	<b>7pm</b>
	Rated G	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April at Theatre Royal	<b>4pm</b>
	Rated PG	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April at Theatre Royal	<b>6pm</b>

**Children Under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible person.**



# Yanga

## Discovery Program

Yanga National Park/OEH



nswnationalparks.com.au

### April School Holidays 4 – 17 April 2015

Date	Historic Homestead Tour	Meet the Ranger	Vehicle Tag-Along	Camp ground Happy Hour	Guided Lake Walk
Sat 4 April	10:30am				
Sun 5 April		11am			
Mon 6 April	10:30am				
Tues 7 April	10:30am			3:30pm	
Wed 8 April			9:30am		
Thurs 9 April	10:30am				11:45am
Fri 10 April			9:30am		
Sat 11 April					
Sun 12 April					
Mon 13 April	10:30am			3:30pm	
Tues 14 April		1pm			
Wed 15 April	10:30am				
Thurs 16 April			9:30am		
Fri 17 April	10:30am				11:45am

## TERM ONE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10 A</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Exec meeting</u> Stage 6 Exams	<b>31</b> Whole School Assembly @11.00 am Easter Hat Parade	<b>1 APRIL</b> Stage 6 Exams	<b>2</b> <u>K-12 Athletics Carnival</u> Last Day of Term 1, 2015	<b>3</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>

## TERM TWO – 2015

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

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

## Canteen Corner

No Marinated Burgers Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
(it's Easter Picnic day!!)

LAST DAY for Canteen WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April

**\* Please Check your Canteen Account \***

*Thank you for supporting the school canteen in Term 1*