



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, 23rd June
at 11am

Silver Awards

Charlie Ross
Harry Ross
Anna Scoleri

Bronze Awards

Prue Harper
Ryan Jackson
Isaac Lloyd
Sheridan Dalton
Khy Jess

**CANTEEN
CLOSED ALL
DAY FRIDAY!**

**NAIDOC
CELEBRATIONS
ON FRIDAY**

NSW State Training Awards



Congratulations to Kaitley and Chelsea last week on their achievement of reaching the Riverina Regional finals of the NSW State Training awards. Both Girls are trainees at "Bidgee Haven" Retirement Hostel. There were four finalists in the School Based Traineeship category and Balranald Central School was able to secure two of these finalist positions. This is a credit not only to Balranald Central School, but to the staff and the 'Bidgee Haven Hostel' who provide the girls with the opportunity to undertake on-the-job training each week.

Although, both students will no longer progress any further in the Awards, the process and opportunities presented to both Kaitley and Chelsea by entering these awards have resulted in both of them growing in confidence. Both girls had to complete an in-depth written application and sit an interview. This was the first ever interview that was sat by either girls and was nerve racking to say the least.

On the night of the presentation, the students were interviewed on stage in front of over 300 people. Both girls well and truly put Balranald on the map and not only represented the Balranald Central School, but the wider Balranald Community.

The girls would like to thank all the people that attended the event. Special thanks to their Aged Care teacher Beth Evans who flew in from Sydney for the night; Edna and Thanday from 'Bidgee Haven' representing the staff and Balranald Shire Council; their Mums Lisa and Alison and; Grandmothers Bev and Elaine. Needless to say we had a full table and a great evening.

PIE DRIVE

Due to the overwhelming success of the Year 8/9 Pie Drive, orders will now be available over a 3 week period. Students will be notified when their orders are ready to be collected. If you need your order earlier please contact the Bakery on 5020 1395.

**Term 2 finishes on Friday, 26 June.
Students return on Tuesday, 14 July for Term 3.**

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to the final week of term 2.

Parents and friends are invited to join the whole school for the end of term assembly on Tuesday 23rd June. Parents are invited to morning tea in the library at 10.45am followed by the assembly at 11.00am. The assembly is a great opportunity to acknowledge student achievement and demonstrate student performance.

Our NAIDOC celebrations are also this week on Friday the 26th June. Students will participate in alternative learning activities for part of the day to celebrate, learn and recognise Australia's rich cultural heritage. The canteen will be closed on the day and alternative recess and lunch facilities will be provided. NAIDOC day organisation and celebrations will be advertised in this newsletter.

We would like to welcome Bronwyn Dajczer to Balranald Central School. Bronwyn is a trained nurse in child and family health and has accepted the school chaplain position. Bronwyn's role will be to work closely with and as part of the school learning and wellbeing support team to plan and deliver student resilience and wellbeing services. Bronwyn will organise group learning sessions for students and staff as requested and required by the school community. Her role will allow her to develop relationships with students to help refer students to specialist services within the school and to facilitate community partnership programs between the school and the wider community.



We had a visit from the staff at Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural Centre on Wednesday last week. Tirkandi Inaburra is an aboriginal cultural awareness centre for 11 to 16 year old boys. The centre runs ten week programs that allow boys to learn, respect and take charge of their own futures. It is a fantastic facility for all boys with an interest in Aboriginal Culture and Leadership.

The school had some success at the 2015 NSW Training Awards for the Riverina region in Wagga Wagga. We had two very talented girls representing the school in the School Based Traineeship section; Chelsea Campbell and Kaitley Linnett. This is an outstanding honour and well deserved. It is timely to mention the fantastic support of local employers who have been outstanding in supporting our students in their SBAT endeavours.

A big congratulations to Jada Phillips in Year 8 who is representing Balranald Central School in the Voice of Youth Victorian Final in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition last Sunday. Well done on this fantastic achievement and experience.

Last week I was out of the school at the Annual State Secondary Principal Council conference in Sydney. The event hosted a number of distinguished international keynote speakers such as Ngahihi Bidos – Influence and Capabilities of Modern Leaders. Yong Zhao – Globalisation and the Digital Revolution. Lauren Caplin – Collaborative Consumption. Susan Yeo – Google Education Evangelist. Also included were addresses from the NSW Education Minister, Hon Adrian Piccoli and the Deputy Secretary Greg Prior. There were also opportunities to focus on workshops covering a range of topics such as school staffing, school finance, teacher support and business community connections. I was grateful for the opportunity to meet with a large group of Principal's with strengths and issues that are similar even with diverse locations and schools.

Have a great holiday! School will resume for students on Tuesday 14th July.

Aaron Flagg



Go the Blues!! Deciding game for State of Origin is Wednesday, 8th July!

Year 9/10 Lamb and Calf Marking Report

During the last 2 weeks, Year 9 and 10 Agricultural Technology students have had the opportunity to visit the “Glen Ewan” property of Bruce and Jo Salau to participate in lamb marking and calf marking. These activities provide students with practical skills that build on the theory they learn in class. The days included morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch. All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to Bruce and Jo for their hospitality and allowing us to participate in these important tasks.



Students of the Week (Week 8)



Pictured: Emma Jolliffe, Jada Phillips, Nicholas Allen, Bailey Brougham, Max Ugarte, Ellie Finch and Chase Militto

Students of the Week (Week 9)



Pictured: Paynton Jolliffe, Dante Gervasi, Chloe Potter, Mitchell Carmichael, Sophie Mitchell, Anna Scoleri and Liam Butterworth

CANTEEN CORNER

Thanks to our helpers this term. You have been greatly appreciated!!
Special thanks to Dee Jones, Debbie Finch and Kim Lloyd who have volunteered their time nearly every week!

If you have a canteen account, please make sure it is fully paid up before holidays.

NOTE: CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - NO FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RECESS OR LUNCH FROM THE CANTEEN

The School Library System (SLS) Project



The new school library system has arrived!

It is a web-based system called *Oliver*.
The successful vendor is Softlink Australia Pty Ltd.

***Oliver* highlights**

- a 21st century learning management tool
- an interactive experience for all users.



***Oliver* enables:**

- anywhere, anytime access to digital media including ebooks
- interactive engagement with digital and physical resources.

Due to the new ***Oliver Library System*** implementation in our school, there will be no borrowing of books until Term 3. All students have a list of overdue books that are out to them. Could these books be returned to the Library ASAP. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

What's been happening in Technology?

Year 7 Technology Mandatory

Students in Year 7 have completed their first two units in Timber Technology. They have all worked extremely well to produce a pencil box decorated with the pyrography tool, and a desk tidy.



Stage 5 Year 9 and 10

Students in Stage 5 have completed a folding deckchair, decorated with pyrography designs and are now producing a small storage unit.



Stage 6

Stage 6 students completed their Preliminary course at the end of first term and Year 12's are now busy producing work for their HSC course. The course consists of a combination of theory and in depth design projects.



Above: Students participating in a design challenge and students work from a recycled materials project. A dog bed made from old jeans and wood, and a newspaper skirt.

TERM TWO – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 A	22 JUNE <u>Exec meeting</u>	23 Whole School Assembly @11.00 am	24	25 K-12 Sports Day	26 NAIDOC Day Last Day of Term 2

TERM THREE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 B	13 JULY Staff Development Day <u>Exec meeting</u>	14 Students K-12 start	15	16 K-12 Sports Day	17
Week 2 A	20 JULY <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	21	22	23 K-12 Sports Day	24
Week 3 B	27 JULY <u>Exec meeting</u> Parent/Teacher Evening EDUCATION WEEK	28 EDUCATION WEEK	29 EDUCATION WEEK <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	30 K-12 Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK KROP	31 EDUCATION WEEK KROP CHS Riverina Athletics
Week 4 A	3 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	4	5	6 K-12 Sports Day	7
Week 5 B	10 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u>	11	12	13 K-12 Sports Day	14
Week 6 A	17 AUGUST <i>Merit Awards due for processing</i> <u>Exec meeting</u>	18	19	20 K-12 Sports Day	21
Week 7 B	24 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u>	25	26	27 K-12 Sports Day	28

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

STATE NETBALL CARNIVAL CAR WASH

Thank you to everyone who supported the U16's and Opens Girls Netball Teams car wash on Friday. A huge thanks to Ravi and staff at Caltex for allowing us to use their facilities. Stay tuned for another car wash early next term.