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His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs Hurley visit BCS

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Pictured: Governor of NSW and Mrs Hurley greeting Executive Staff and School Captains and meeting students

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to all parents and students to Term 3.

Thank you and congratulations to all staff, students and parents involved in our NAIDOC celebrations on the final day of Term 2. Our students were involved in a variety of activities that have contributed to our knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture. The students level of engagement and their sense of having fun while learning is a credit to all involved.

It was pleasing to see many parents attend our whole school assembly in the final week of term. Students always thrive when there are parents in the audience. Thank you again to all students, staff and parents involved.

We have our parent/teacher afternoon on **Monday 27th** of July. This is an important event on our school calendar and it is hoped that as many parents and students as possible, take advantage of this opportunity. We are all aware that quality education is a partnership between students, the school and parents and these interviews are a valuable way for information and student progress to be shared.

On **Tuesday the 28th of July**, Balranald Central School will be celebrating "Education Week". We will celebrate this with an assembly, parents visiting open classrooms and a morning tea. I am looking forward to many parents seeing our students and teachers in action.

On **Wednesday 5th August from 6.00pm** we will have our Year 10 student and parent information evening. The evening will provide general information about Higher School Certificate requirements, subject/course preferences, pathways and an opportunity for questions and answers. It is important that parents and students attend this evening if at all possible.

Our Year 12 students are starting their final ten weeks of formal school based education before completing their HSC examinations while our Year 11 students are completing their Preliminary requirements over the next ten weeks before starting their Higher School Certificate courses in Term 4. This is a very important period for our senior students as they loom towards the next phase of their lifelong educational journey.

Congratulations to all of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students for participating in the Balranald Central School section of the Lions Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. A special mention goes out to Jorja Finch, Logan Gaston, Mollie Finch and Macy Lloyd who will go

through to the Lions Junior Public Speaking evening on Wednesday 29th July.

Let's enjoy the term and make it a great success for all our students.

Aaron Flagg

Visit from Governor of NSW

On Friday 17th of July our school was privileged to have a visit from the Governor of NSW, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley and Mrs Linda Hurley. They were accompanied by the Governor's protocol manager Jo Dixon. The party was able to witness our quality school in a business as usual mode. The Governor was greeted by our executive staff and school captains before attending and addressing our usual morning assembly. They visited and enjoyed our Stage 1 reading using technology class before witnessing a fantastic primary choir performance by our Stage 2 and 3 classes. After this the Governor and party spent good quality time with our Stage 4 mandatory technology classes discovering the art of making skateboards and quality food preparation. The final class visit saw the group observe Stage 5 perfecting agriculture skills such as tractor driving.

The Honourable David Hurley and Mrs Linda Hurley addressed the staff at morning tea. It was pleasing to hear and be reassured about that the quality education and our business as usual approach is as good as anywhere. Thank you again to all involved. It was great to have officials of such standing spend quality time in our school.

Our School Captains, Kate Norton, Aaron Gervasi, Lauren Jess and Bonnie Jolliffe did a fantastic job as school ambassadors. We should all be very proud.

Over Semester 2 our staff will be reviewing our student merit system with the view of starting the new or revised version in 2016. I would like to encourage parents to share their thoughts on the current system and any thoughts on a potential new system. Please write down your views on:

- Current Merit System thoughts?
- New Merit System thoughts?

and return to the front office by **Friday 31st July**.

MUSIC NEWS

MILDURA EISTEDDFOD

On Monday the 22nd of June students from Balranald Central School Primary Choir competed in the 37th Mildura Eisteddfod at St Joseph's Stadium in Mildura. Students represented the school in an outstanding manner and they are to be congratulated for receiving first place and a mark of 90/100 for their performances of the songs 'Yellow Bird' and 'Stand By Me'. It was a great day and the students should be very proud of their effort. Thank you to Miss Tamika Uzzell and Mr Lloyd Murray for driving the buses.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

In Term One, four students from the primary school auditioned for the NSW Schools Spectacular choir section. In Term Two, Issac Lloyd, Lizzy Bell, Ben Johnstone and Zahlia Field were told they successfully got through the auditions. This is a great achievement for the students and an exciting opportunity. Students will perform with over 3000 students from across NSW. These students will soon be practising through video conference for the School Spectacular which is held in the week from November 24th to 29th at the Qantas Credit Union Arena in Sydney. Further information will be given to the parents when video conferencing begins in August.

ART NEWS

ART CLUB

Art club will be back on this term for K/1/2 starting on Monday the 27th of July (Week 2). Art club is from 3-4 pm.

Carmen Woods

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Pictured: Logan Gaston, Macy Lloyd, Jorja Finch and Mollie Finch

The organisers of this year's Lions' Club Junior Public Speaking Competition must have had a sense of humour. The Year 5/6 speeches shocked us with dramatic tales of Natural disasters - and we had them in spades on Wednesday at our BCS presentations - which were then perfectly balanced with the Year 3/4 speeches on local community heroes.

We had incredible performances on Bushfires, Twisters, Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Cyclones, Drought, and a Tsunami thrown in for good measure. It was a relief to know that our Balranald community is well looked after by talented doctors, police, nurses, ambo's, Lions Club members, surf lifesavers, teachers, firemen and even the wonderful organisers of the local fishing comp.

ALL students were most impressive in their presentations, and had spent a considerable amount of time researching, writing and rehearsing their speeches. They spoke with a level of confidence and maturity that impressed us all. There were NO nerves at all....we were all too busy shivering on a cold morning to get worried at all.

Students were judged on their Speech Content; Method; and Presentation Manner. A number of the final results were very close and it is with pleasure that I got to congratulate Jorja Finch (Year 3); Logan Gaston (Year 4); Mollie Finch (Year 5) and Macy Lloyd (Year 6) on their winning speeches.

We wish them the best of luck as they move on to represent BCS at the Balranald level of the competition early next month.

Nadine Matarazzo

Students of the Week (Week 10)



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Chelsea Campbell, Shania Bax, Kayla Bell and Alex Calleja
Front Row (L to R) - Lani Wilkinson, Rhiannon Lanteri and Elouise Hines*

Students of the Week (Week 1)



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) - Mrs Hurley, NSW Governor General, Dante Gervasi and Bailey Brougham
Front Row (L to R) - Yuki Li, Mitchell Carmichael, Lachlan Camin, Tyrone Wickey and Nicholas Davies*

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley The Governor of NSW accompanied by Mrs Hurley



NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the last day of Term 2 students enjoyed participating in alternative learning activities for part of the day to celebrate, learn and recognise Australia's rich cultural heritage.





Education



Celebrating **LOCAL HEROES** EDUCATION WEEK 2015

Education Week at Balranald Central School

Balranald Central School will be celebrating Public Education from 27th July to 31st July with a variety of student activities and invite **Parents, Carers and Grandfriends** to come along and celebrate on **Tuesday, 28th July.**

9.30am – 10.00am	Primary Open Classrooms
10.00am – 11.00am	Assembly/Performances in the Hall
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning Tea <i>(please bring a plate of food to share)</i>
11.00am – 12.40pm	Secondary Open Classrooms
All day	School Book Fair

For more information call:
(03) 5020 2222

WE ARE TAKING KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2016

**Now is the time to begin the process for
enrolments for 2016.**

**You are, at this point in your child's learning life,
about to make one of the most important decisions
regarding where to send your child to school.**

**Balranald Central School is an excellent
educational facility where your child's needs will
be met in every possible way.**

**We are happy to show you the school and the
programs we offer for Kindergarten at your
convenience.**

**Student
Engagement**

**Quality
Teaching**

**Positive
Relationships**

*For more information or to collect an enrolment form,
contact Balranald Central School
on (03) 5020 2222*

CANTEEN CORNER

THURSDAY SPECIAL

*Honey soy chicken drummies with fried rice
\$4 a serve*

Did you know that every Tuesday the Canteen does a scrumptious
Marinated Chicken Burger for only \$4 (or \$5 with salad)?
Why not try one this week!!

HELPERS

We are still in need of helpers on:

Mondays from 10am to 1pm

Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm

Fridays from 10am to 1pm

If you are able to help on any of these days please phone
Jamie on 0403 610 246

Please note!!!!

All Year 8 Technology Mandatory students are required to have a plastic sleeve folder.

Year 9, 10 and 11 Industrial Technology students must have a plastic sleeve folder and lined loose leaf paper or exercise book.

These items are essential to participate in the course. Please ensure that your child has these resources.

CWA International Poster Competition

On behalf of the CWA – Balranald Branch, we would like to thank all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 who competed in our International poster competition. We were impressed with the amount, and the quality of all the entries from participating schools. We unfortunately could only pick one winner and one runner up, which was quite a difficult decision with the quality of the entries received.

Congratulations to the following students:

Kindergarten/Year 1 – Two joint winners Sheridan Dalton and Rhiannon Lanteri (BCS)

Year 2 Anna Scoleri (BCS)

Year 3 1st Place Kyarah Hines (BCS)

Runner Up Nicole Kayne (St Josephs)

Year 4/5 1st Place Maggie Finch (BCS)

Runner Up Stuart Matarazzo (St Josephs)

Year 6 1st Place Lauren Jess (BCS)

Runner Up Hannah Morton (BCS)

Winners and runner-ups will be notified over the coming weeks of an upcoming prize and certificate presentation afternoon tea.

Mrs Fiona Scott

Weekly Quiz

Student Name: _____ **Year:** ____

1. What notable event affected London in September 1666?

2. Which King received an arrow in his eye at the battle of Hastings?

3. How many wives did Henry VIII have?

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 Primary Assembly/Performances, Open Classrooms, School Book Fair & Morning Tea starting at 9.30am	29 EDUCATION WEEK	30 K-12 Sports Day EDUCATION WEEK	31 EDUCATION WEEK 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 Questacon visit	19 U16's Netball @ Dubbo	20 K-12 Sports Day Opens Netball @ Dubbo	21
Week 7 B	24 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u>	25	26	27 K-12 Sports Day	28
Week 8 A	31 AUGUST <u>Exec meeting</u>	1 SEPTEMBER	2	3 K-12 Sports Day	4 Bronze & Silver Awards due for processing for Whole School Assembly
Week 9 B	7 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	8	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Week 10 A	14 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	15 Whole School Assembly @ 11.00 am	16	17 K-12 Sports Day	18 Yr 12 Formal Assembly Last Day of Term 3

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