



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Annual Regional SRC Planning Days



Pictured: Chloe Calleja, Trent Nelson, Brendon Weekley and Chloe Militto

On Tuesday 4 August, four representatives of the Balranald Central School Student Representative Council travelled to Deniliquin to take part in a Regional SRC Networking and Planning Camp. Trent Nelson, Maddy Militto, Chloe Calleja and Brendon Weekley learnt all about how to run an effective SRC and spent a considerable amount of time and effort planning the major SRC projects for the next 12 months. The networking they were able to do with SRC members from other schools in our region, gave them invaluable insights into how other schools run their SRC and how we can change our structure to be most effective. All students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and are eager to get to work on their 12 month plan.

Outstanding Achievement

Congratulations to Isabella Harding (pictured left being congratulated by Art Teacher, Carmen Woods) in Year 10 whose artwork was selected for Operation Art 2015 and has been exhibited at the Armory Gallery in the Sydney Olympic Park complex. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education. Creating artworks for children in hospital is a fantastic gesture and then to be selected for an exhibition is a great achievement. Well done Isabella!



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

I would like to welcome Justine Hartley to the Balranald Central School community. Justine lives with her husband and two girls on Prungle Station, 70km from Balranald, between Mungo National Park and Euston. As well as raising her two girls she is completing a Bachelor of Primary Education, externally through Charles Darwin University. Justine is planning on having her degree finished by semester two in 2017.

Justine bases herself at Balranald Central School utilising our facilities and quiet spaces once per week to work on her Bachelor of Primary Education



while her children are enjoying the fantastic educational facilities and staff at the Balranald Early Learning Centre. This is a fantastic example of Balranald Central School opening up its doors as a community resource. Anybody who is studying remotely is more than welcome to enquire about utilising Balranald Central School as learning hub.



We would like to welcome Amelia Calleja to our staff team. Amelia has been employed as a Learning Support Officer (LSO). The role is to provide in class learning support to targeted students and to assist students

to develop skills and understanding that enables them to independently participate in class activities. Balranald Central School has made a commitment to providing extra classroom support and we are very excited to have Amelia working alongside our teaching staff with a collective responsibility for student learning.

On Thursday the Recognise campaign group called into our school to promote awareness of an up and coming opportunity to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in

Australia's constitution. The purpose of the recognition people movement is to provide factual information to students and teachers about the current constitution which still allows states to ban people from voting based on their race. Australia prides itself on being a place of fairness and maybe one day soon all Australians can be proud of removing discrimination from our founding document, and writing the next chapter of our nation's story together.

Thank you to all students and parents who participated and attended last week's primary assembly. Congratulations to all students who received awards and showcased bush dancing and synchronised swimming performances. It was thoroughly enjoyable! My hat goes off to Macy Lloyd, Molly Finch, Logan Gaston and Jorja Finch for producing extremely well-polished public speaking performances. Balranald Central School is very proud. Thank you to Mrs Kate Harper and her class for hosting the assembly.

Thank you to the many parents, students, community members and staff who attended the trivia night last Wednesday evening. The night was well attended and activities were played with high spirit and limited controversy. Over \$2000.00 was raised (before costs) which will go towards travel costs for the Year 8/9 camp towards the end of the year. Thank you to Miss Caryn Jones and the Year 8/9 class for coordinating the event and any staff who supported with their time and organisation.

Good luck to our U16 and Open Netball teams who are travelling to Dubbo this week for the NSW State Central Schools carnival. The girls have been training consistently well and are considered to be amongst the top contenders at the carnival. The most important thing is that the girls enjoy each other's company and fun playing a sport they love. Once again good luck and enjoy!

Mr Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

Student Name: _____ Year: ____

Which famous scientists introduced the idea of natural selection?

True or False? The common cold is caused by a virus.

Botany is the study of?

Primary Assembly

In week five we had our second Primary assembly for the term which was hosted by Year 3/4. A large group of parents, friends and community members came to see our students read speeches, share artwork, read poetry and last but not least a wonderful item to close out the assembly. I am sure we will be talking about that item for a while. Well done to the following students who received an Assistant Principal Award:

Baylee McCartney for trying hard in writing
 Ronarrian Dowdy for trying hard to learn the alphabet
 Elouise Hines for fantastic creative writing
 Caleb Hines for outstanding effort in English
 Lachlan Camin for great improvement in reading
 Mason Anderson for working hard in Mathematics
 Macy Lloyd for trying her hardest in all areas



We look forward to seeing you all at our next assembly in week eight which will be hosted by Year 2.

Home Reading

Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning. We encourage all students to participate in home reading each night. Well done to those students who have achieved 100 nights of home reading, each one has received an achievement award and a book in recognition for their efforts. These students were also recognised at the Primary Assembly with a certificate for their efforts – keep up the reading!

**Primary Activities**

On Tuesday, 18th August Questacon will be visiting our school to put on a Science show. Kindergarten to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6 both have the opportunity to attend what I am sure will be an exciting one hour show.

Study Centre

We would like to remind all students and parents that the Study Centre is available to students. The club is open each Wednesday afternoon between 3.00 – 4.00pm and is available to students in both primary and secondary. Students can attend the Library to work on their home learning tasks/assignments. Students are supported each week by staff members who have volunteered their time to assist.

Canteen Corner

Thursday 20th August

**Spaghetti Bolognese topped with
Grated Cheese...\$5.00**

It's Competition time at the Canteen!!!

Send in your decorated lunch order bag and the most creative lunch order will win \$5 canteen credit!

The competition will run over 5 weeks with the most creative lunch order for the week being chosen.

At the end of 5 weeks the most creative bag will be chosen by Mr Flagg and announced in the Newsletter.

1st \$5 canteen credit
 2nd Paddlepop Thickshake
 3rd Icy Twist



Students of the Week



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Paynton Jolliffe, Will Morton, Sarah Grant, Molly Finch
Front Row (L to R) - Logan Gaston, Harry Ross, Billy Renfrey*



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Felicity Bartlett, Courtney Campbell, Jenae Johnstone, Maggie Finch
Front Row (L to R) - Skyanne Peterson Murray, Zahlia Field, Kayla Harding*

TERM THREE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 <i>Primary Assembly @ 12pm</i>	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**

P & C Meeting TONIGHT
Monday 18th @ 6pm
in Staffroom

MILO MONDAY

A couple of Mondays ago, the P & C held a "Milo Monday". This was a way for the P & C to tell the students at BCS that we think they are pretty great! It was a great success, made even more enjoyable as the day was cold and windy. We're sure everyone liked their Milo and Tim-Tam!!

Keep an eye out for other special treats coming your way. Courtesy of your fantastic P & C!



Pictured are Bonnie, Lauren and Mason enjoying their treat!