



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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State Netball Champions!!

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Notes to be returned to the school's front office:

Try a Trade Day due 26 August

Youth Mental Health Forum due 28 August



Pictured: Under 16s Netball Team with Coach, Mrs Lisa Jolliffe and Mrs Alison Linnett

Congratulations to our Under 16s Netball Team who went through the day on Thursday last week undefeated and are now the NSW Central Schools State Netball Champions. Congratulations also, to the Open Netball Team who played on the Friday. They finished fourth which is a wonderful achievement as the competition was tough and many of the Under 16s who had played the day before played in this team as well!!



Pictured: Under 16s and Open Netball Girls!



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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

NAPLAN

Our 2015, NAPLAN results have arrived and parents and carers should be receiving the individual report cards this week. I am pleased to say that all students have recorded growth in one or more areas of learning that was tested. I was extremely pleased with our **Writing results** where 75% of Year 5, 77% of Year 7 and 70% of Year 9 exceeded the expected growth. Likewise, I was impressed with our **Numeracy results** where 50% of Year 5, 70% of Year 7 and 50% of Year 9 exceeded the expected growth.

As a school we will have a look at class and individual results to assist teachers to plan for a more focused approach to helping students to enhance areas of much needed development. This ongoing process also makes use of internal assessment and other external programs to supplement and assist the learning of our students across the board.

MIDDLE SCHOOLING

Balranald Central School will be running middle school short course programs from 2016 onwards. Middle schooling has the purpose of exposing stage 3 and 4 students to a range of fringe areas that may stimulate interest and a line of enquiry for students to follow up on in the future. Middle Schooling would be central for teaching and delivering lifelong skills such as leadership, respect, care, doing your personal best and working with others.

One period per week will be dedicated to Middle Schooling and Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will complete four short courses in a year. Middle Schooling is an opportunity for our school to strengthen community partnerships as parents and broader community members may have the expertise needed and are welcome to express an interest in delivering an exciting new range of courses. Middle Schooling compliments a K-12 school community.

Some examples of Middle School short courses are – Robotics, Drama, Careers, Card making, Soft Toy making, Typing, Crochet, Knitting, Aboriginal Cultural Studies, Computer Coding, Computer Programming, Intensive Numeracy, Pottery, Jewellery Making, Leather Work, Cake Decorating and many more.

KINDERGARTEN

Balranald Central School is an excellent family and community orientated K-12 school where student's individual needs are recognised and catered for in every possible way. We recognise that the beginning of a child's Primary education is crucial to the quality lifelong education journey and as such we are committing further physical and financial resources into our Kindergarten program in 2016.

Our 2016 Kindergarten group will be a standalone class for sections of the day. This will allow our teacher to be highly effective in identifying and growing each students diverse literacy and numeracy needs. This strategy will be balanced out with Kindergarten students joining stage 1 students for other key learning areas such as Creative Arts, Science and PDHPE. Our school is also committed to providing an optimum level of learning support and modern technology in the Kindergarten classroom to assist the teacher to maximise each student's learning time at school.

SENIOR CURRICULUM – STAGE 6

Our Senior Curriculum will be moving into a very dynamic blended mode of course delivery. In 2016 we will be offering eighteen senior courses that are fully supported with technology, quality curriculum time and qualified teachers. The new senior curriculum will be complimented with a classroom that is exclusive and dedicated to Years 11 and 12 students. The new senior study zone will be equipped with modern colourful furnishings, assessment schedules and technology. There will be a variety of learning spaces such as individual cubicles and group tables. The zone will allow students to maximise their learning time while at school.

TECHNOLOGY

The school is deep into the research stage of issuing new technology devices for our students. The devices will be fully compatible with the school wireless system, Google apps and Windows 363. The plan will be to issue devices gradually starting with Years 5, 6, 9 and 11 in 2016. Years 5, 9 and 11 in 2017 and Years 5 and 9 every year after that. Permanent and long term staff will be issued with the same devices which is essential for professional learning and maximising the use of technology. The school is exploring technology class set ideas for the stage 1 and stage 2 classroom.

OVERVIEW

Balranald Central School is envisioning a new model for our K-12 school. With a whole school focus taking central position in our current School Plan we are developing a strong learning community and a more coherent model of education.

All primary and secondary educators at Balranald Central School are committed to working towards a deeply shared view of a seamless curriculum. Teachers see themselves as part of a K-12 system with a clear view of where students have come from and where they are going. We currently show this with teachers working across Primary and Secondary classes and this will continue into 2016.

A key indicator of our K-12 curriculum planning is how well each year level builds on the learning of the previous level without major gaps in learning and without duplication.

By choosing Balranald Central School for your child's education you are choosing a strong foundation for their ongoing school journey.

Enjoy your week!

Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

Student Name: _____ Year: ____

Who is the Australian Diamonds captain?

Who is the GK 'goal keep' opposing player?

Who are the 'Silver Ferns'?

SAVE THE DATE!
Comedy Theatre Restaurant not to be missed!!

BCS & St Josephs
Combined Schools Fundraiser

Rock Legends don't always get to Heaven... they have to earn it at the...

Dead Rock Hotel
Over 18's only

Friday 27th Nov

Get together with a group of friends or perfect for your work christmas party!
Tickets \$65 including 2 course meal, show and ticket in lucky door prize. Stay tuned for more info!

Balranald Skate Park
Official Opening

Saturday 29 August 2015
from 12.00pm at the Skate Park
BBQ lunch provided

*The Skate Park will be officially opened by The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, MP
and Balranald Shire Mayor Cr. Leigh Byron*

SKATERS PLEASE NOTE

A coaching clinic will be held @ 11.00am before the official opening and 1.00pm (after lunch) to demonstrate skate boarding, BMX skills and safety tips.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!

Questacon

On Tuesday, 18th August students from Balranald Central School and St Joseph's Primary School enjoyed a science show put on by the Questacon.



Students of the Week



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Denym Tebetebe, Emma Jolliffe, Felicity Bartlett
Front Row (L to R) - Michael Gorman, Rylan Dalton, Nicholas Davies, Vince Ugarte*



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CHILD DENTAL STAFF ROSTER FOR TERM 3, 2015

Call 0419 990 264 for all appointments

DATES FOR THE BALRANALD CLINIC ARE:

Thursday 27th August

Friday 11th September



TERM THREE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 B	24 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	25	26 <i>Primary Choir – Eisteddfod in Swan Hill</i>	27 K-12 Sports Day	28 Try a Trade Day in Mildura – Years 9&10
Week 8 A	31 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i> Youth Mental Health Forum @ Wodonga	1 SEPTEMBER Youth Mental Health Forum @ Wodonga	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 <i>Exec meeting</i>	8	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Week 10 A	14 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	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

Canteen Special

Thursday 27th August

Nachos...\$5.00

Please note changes on New Canteen Price List:

Bakery Meat Pie \$4.00

Bakery Sausage Roll \$2.60

Monday recess special - Spaghetti & Cheese Jaffle \$3.00

****There is no special now on Tuesdays****

Check the newsletter each week for the Thursday Special!!