



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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More outstanding achievements!!

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Pictured: Keely and Logan Gaston and Kiandra Dalton

Congratulations to Keely, Logan and Kiandra for their fantastic performances on the piano at the Swan Hill Eisteddfod last week. They all showed nerves of steel when the spotlight was on them and all three competitors received an award in every section they entered in. Here are some details.

Logan: 1st in Under 11 Years Piano Solo – Jazz/Blues/Rag/Bookie
Honourable Mention in Under 11 Years Piano Solo

Keely: 1st in Under 15 Years Piano Solo – Pre 20th Century Composition
2nd in Under 15 Years Piano Solo – Australian Composer
3rd in Under 15 Years Piano Solo

Kiandra: 1st in Under 15 Years Piano Solo – Jazz/Blues/Rag/Boogie
1st in Under 15 Years Piano Solo

Kiandra and Keely also received a **1st place** for their sterling performance in a duet in the Under 15 Years Piano Duet Section, which was hotly contested by brother/sister duo (Keely and Logan) who received **3rd place** in the same section.

Thank you to their wonderful teacher Merle Mitchell of Swan Hill.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week. The theme of the week is "Our jobs, Your children, Their future". SAS Staff include Administrative Managers, Administrative Officers, School Learning Support Officers, Aboriginal Education Officers and General Assistants.

As teachers in modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students in this century and the demands of an ever-changing world, SAS Staff are the backbone of the great work being done. As the School Principal, I am aware of the valuable work SAS Staff do every day of the school year. Recognition week is an opportunity for us, and the school community, to show our appreciation to these dedicated staff members who play such an important part in ensuring the smooth running of our school.



I would like to introduce Jessica Gillard to the Balranald Central School Community. Jessica is a certified practising speech pathologist employed by Robinvale District Health Services. She has a Bachelor of Health Sciences & a Masters of Speech Pathology obtained



at the La Trobe university in Melbourne. Jessica is based at Balranald Central School every fortnight and her role is to provide communication therapy to referred children within the school. These children may have difficulty with their speech sounds, language structure, fluency, voice, socially appropriate behaviours and/or reading, writing & spelling. Children are seen either individually or in groups within the classroom.

We are happy to inform parents and the broader school community that Tom Connellan will now be providing private guitar tutorials every Wednesday at Balranald Central School. Tom has played guitar for 11 years and was the lead guitar player in the local band 'Southbound'. The band supported Casey Chambers and Vanessa Amorosi in 2009. Tom won an Australia Day Award for 'Excellence in Music' in 2010. Tom can tutor in a wide variety of genres with both acoustic and electric guitar. The cost is \$35 for half an hour. Please phone the school to make a regular Wednesday appointment.



Congratulations to Logan Gaston, Keely Gaston and Kiandra Dalton on their outstanding piano performances at the Swan Hill Eisteddfod. Balranald Central School is very proud of your achievement.

Once again congratulations to our Open and U16 netball teams for qualifying for the NSW Central Schools tournament. This is a huge achievement. To go on and win the NSW Central School championships is as good as it gets. Well done to all of the girls and staff involved it is an amazing effort and our school is very, very proud. The shield which we last won in 2009 will be updated and displayed in the school foyer.

Have a great week!
Aaron Flagg

P & C Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 2nd September
Thursday 3rd September

Don't forget to spoil Dad this Father's Day with a great little gift bought from the "P & C Father's Day Stall". Primary students will go to the stall with their class to buy a little something if they wish. All items are \$5 or under. Secondary students will be able to buy at recess.

***Happy Father's Day to all
our BES Dads!***

Weekly Quiz

Student Name: _____ Year: _____

In what country is:

The Eiffel Tower?

Statue of Liberty?

Leaning Tower of Pisa?

Primary Choir Performance at the Swan Hill Eisteddfod

On Wednesday the 26th of August, the Primary Choir performed in the Swan Hill Eisteddfod. The students competed against other primary choirs from around the area. They sang 'Yellow Bird' and a Torres Strait Islander song 'Taba naba'. They are to be congratulated on their effort and the way they conducted themselves on the stage. They received a highly commended for their performance. The choir are currently working on a Motown Medley. Thank you to Ms Tamika Uzzell for driving the bus.



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!

BCS 150th Anniversary Celebrations Information

On Friday, 9th October students from BCS will be involved in activities to celebrate 150 years of quality public education.

The day will start off with a performance by the Billy Tea Bush Band at 9.50am. Following this, students will be divided into vertical groups K-10 to participate in activities. Activities will include bush dancing, traditional classroom, olden day games, cooking and art. Students will rotate through these for a short time each.

Lunch will be early on the day at 12 noon. Parents are welcome to bring lunch and share it with their children on the day. Hopefully it is a nice day for a picnic!!

Children will be encouraged to dress up on the day. They could dress in old time outfits or perhaps as their favourite book character. There will be prizes available for best costumes. There will be a parade in the afternoon before the official opening.

There will be a cake competition to raise money for Schools Spectacular. Children K-12 are invited to make and decorate cakes. All cakes made will be auctioned in the first half of lunch. Profits go to fund the excursion to Schools Spectacular. Be as creative as possible! Let your mind go wild! Entry is free!! There will be prizes!! (There will be more information in next week's Newsletter).

2.30pm The formal part of the weekend will start with a welcome from Mr Flagg and Ms Vicki Kempton, School Education Director.

3.00pm Home time. Buses as normal. Children are welcome to return to school with their families.

3.30pm There will be a skipping display
Students will run school tours

4.00pm Demonstration from Schools Spectacular students, Choir and dance performances

6.00pm Bush Dance/Tea

8.30pm Live Band

9.30pm Supper

Afternoon tea will be available

Scones and Slices	\$2
Coffee	\$3
Hot Chocolates	\$3
Tea	\$3

Other refreshments include:

Soft Drinks	\$2
Water	\$2
Prima	\$1
Chocolates	\$2

Choices for tea include:

Sausage in bread	\$2
Chicken steaks	\$5 (coleslaw available)
Roast meat and gravy rolls	\$5
Variety of sweets from \$3	(eg. Frog in a pond, cheesecake cups, meringues, fruit salad)

Displays will be set up in the school hall.

On Saturday, 10th October we will start the day off with an early breakfast at 7.30am.

9.00am Tree planting and burying of time capsule

9.30am Class photo re-enactments in the Library
Displays in school hall

10.30am Morning tea

12 noon Activities conclude at BCS. Check out the 5 Rivers Outback Festival Program for information on Food Stalls, Live Music, Outback Olympics and many more events!!!

Memorabilia that will be on sale:

Book	\$20
Mug	\$12
Tea Towel	\$12
Key Ring	\$ 8
Pen	\$ 5

Pavers will be available for sale on the day also. They will cost \$20.

Lego Robotics

Thursday 27th August saw Balranald Central School host Year 6 students from Clare Public, Euston Public, St Josephs Primary as well as the Balranald Central School Year 6 students for what was advertised as an Awesome Lego Robotics day. Students had the opportunity to build, design and program Lego robots for the day. The day was made possible from \$3000 School to Work grant which enabled Balranald Central School to purchase the Lego and software program.

From all reports many students enjoyed the challenge of the day and it was great to see the determination from the students when, even after they followed the instructions, their robot may not have worked. The groups stuck together and problem solved a solution. In the end, every group managed to get their robot and in some cases robots to work. Thank you to Mr White and Mr Prince for making the day a successful one. Speaking to the students before they left, the day was definitely an awesome one.



Students of the Week



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Paul Murray, Jacob Lister, Daniel Woolhouse
Front Row (L to R) - Mitchell Carmichael, Charlie Ross, Prue Harper, Kayla Harding*

Check out our creative lunch orders!!!!



TERM THREE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 3rd September

Creamy Carbonara \$5

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 are no marinated chicken burgers on Tuesdays****

Check the newsletter each week for the Thursday Special!!