



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Tuesday, 15 September

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving awards.

Silver Certificate
Khy Jess

Bronze Certificates
Alex Calleja
Landyn Jones
Grace Morton
Mollie Calleja
Baylee McCartney
Charlie Ross
Chloe Gorman
Kayla Harding
Nicholas Zotov
Mason Anderson
Rhiannon Lanteri
Lani Wilkinson
Bonnie Jolliffe

YEAR 12 FORMAL ASSEMBLY
Thursday, 17 September



Pictured: Georgie O'Halloran, Zachary Jolliffe and Felicity Bartlett with their outstanding Design & Technology Projects

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome to the last week of term 3. I am sure that everybody is enjoying the glorious sunny weather that is upon us at the moment and I hope all the BCS dads had a fantastic Father's day last Sunday.

R U OK? Day was commemorated by BCS on Friday in an effort to encourage all Australians to take care of individuals who may be going through a hard time. The international campaign aims to create a world that is essentially free from suicide and where everyone is connected. "Just by asking 'are you ok?' or 'how are you?' can change the course of someone's life and the day also highlights that there is no shame in asking for help.



BCS students and staff coordinated by Miss Jones dressed in orange, made and delivered cupcakes, prepared a BBQ lunch and donated gold coins which will go towards mental health programs. The school was awarded an R U OK? Garden bench that stands proudly in the lawn area of the school and is a constant reminder to students and staff on the importance of checking in on your mates.

This week we will have the end of term Whole School Assembly with our future school leaders presenting their leadership ambitions. All students who put themselves forward are forming part of their ongoing leadership journey and are doing themselves and the school proud. I look forward to hearing their presentations and good luck to all involved. A number of families will have received an invitation for the presentation of Bronze and Silver Awards and morning tea. Congratulations to all students involved.

Our Year 11 students are currently completing their preliminary course requirements in preparation for the HSC year which starts for them in Term 4 while our year 12 students get increasingly closer to their final days at school. All the very stressful activities have been done with Major projects and folios marked and returned. All

that remains is the critical preparations for the HSC examinations. It is always vital that students take the time to look at past papers and review HSC course work to provide the confidence and incentive needed to perform their very best.

Congratulations to the members of the U16s Balranald Roo's AFL team after defeating Kerang on Sunday in the elimination final. The boys will now play Swan Hill in a qualifying final this weekend. Well done!

Recently we played host to an enthusiastic group of Year 6 students from Euston, Clare, and St Joseph's who joined with Year 6 students from BCS at our huge Transition into Year 7 day. As well as the usual get-to-know-you activities and school tour the students experimented and participated in Lego Robotics activities. I was pleased with the high level challenges and student engagement that was very evident on the day. Thank you to Ms Stobon Lloyd, Mr Richard White and Mr Luke Prince for all of your organisation and effort prior to and on the day.

I would like to encourage all students to participate in the cake making competition to raise money for the Schools Spectacular students to go to Sydney. Cakes will be auctioned on Friday 9th of October.

Delegates from the Science Laboratory project and the School refurbishment unit were at BCS last Thursday to discuss designs, furnishings, timelines and financial matters surrounding the new Science Laboratory. This is an important step that has created some excitement and anticipation, knowing that the completed Science Laboratory is only around the corner. The new and fresh educational learning spaces will complement the other amazing facilities at our school.

It was great to see our 3/4 class demonstrating community spirit when they visited the hospital recently to socialise with residents and patients. The students had a great time wearing their footy colours and participating in footy activities. Well done to all involved.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for your efforts this term. There were many challenges and various activities that are part and parcel of a school term. I wish everybody a safe and well deserved break.

Aaron Flagg

Year 12 Students Learn about Wills

Students in Year 12 spent Friday afternoon learning about wills. They visited the webpage www.willityourway.com and then visited with Mr Brian O'Haire. The students learnt about legal issue surrounding wills and the importance of having a will. Under Mr O'Haires guidance the students drafted their own wills.



Year 7 Geography and Stage 6 SLR students visit Mungo National Park

On Thursday the Year 7 Geography students and Stage 6 SLR students set off on an adventure to Mungo National Park. Mrs Linnett accompanied them and Mr German Ugarte was the official tour guide. Students learnt about native bush tucker, flora, fauna, animal tracks and the history and significance of Mungo National Park in the heritage of Australia. Thanks to Mrs Linnett for driving the bus, dodging roos and looking after us. Thanks to German for sharing his knowledge with us and taking us out onto the "Walls of China". *From Year 7 and SLR*



BUNYIP ARTMAKING FOR THE FIVE RIVERS FESTIVAL

Students in Kindergarten through to Year 6 made Bunyip sculptures with local artist Jan Lawler for the Fiver Rivers Festival coming up in October. They designed their bunyip as a class during Art lessons and then created the group sculpture with Jan. These bunyip sculptures will be displayed in the main street during the Fiver Rivers Festival. Jan also went out to Yanga Homestead to work with the Year 9/10 elective Visual Arts group to create drawings for the Fiver Rivers Festival. A BIG thankyou to Jan for giving up her time to come and work with the students and supplying the materials for the bunyips!



Balranald 5 Rivers Outback Festival Bunyip Competition

The Gallery in conjunction with 5 Rivers is looking for young artists, writers and poets to enter our Bunyip Competition. With our own Paika Bunyip legend on our doorstep and lots of imagination we are hoping to inspire some young minds. Prizes will be awarded for all categories and entries may be left @ The Gallery or the Discovery Centre by Tuesday, the 6th October.

The Gallery is also hosting an antique, art, collectables and car boot sale. Persons interested in booking a site are asked to phone 0488 728 986. A valuer will also be present on both days. Only bookings for house visits will be required.

Students of the Week



*Pictured: Back Row (L to R) Isabella Scalora, Daniel Woolhouse, Georgie O'Halloran
Centre Row - Elizabeth Bell, Jorja Finch, Anna Scoleri
Front Row - Alayna Dalton*

RUOK? Day



150TH CELEBRATIONS

With our 150th Anniversary just around the corner on October 9th it's time to start planning your costume ideas! The idea is to wear old time outfits. There will be prizes for the best dressed students and teacher!! Below are some pictures to help with ideas.



CALLING ALL CAKE MAKERS!



CAKE COMPETITION - Bake a cake to raise money for the Schools Spectacular kids to go to Sydney!

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 are invited to make and decorate a cake. All cakes made will be auctioned off on Friday the 9th of October during the first half of lunch. Cakes will be displayed and auctioned out in the primary eating area. Profits made will go towards funding the trip to the Schools Spectacular.

Be as creative as possible! Let your mind go wild!

ENTRY IS FREE.

Prizes will go to the best cakes in the following groups:

K/1/2

3/4

5/6

7/8

9/10

11/12

Cakes will be judged by amazing cake artist Jamie Jackson and a CWA member.

TERM THREE – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Yr 12 Assemblies	18 Yr 12 Formal Last Day of Term 3

TERM FOUR – 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 B	5 OCTOBER Labour Day	6 Students K-12 start	7	8 K-12 Sports Day	9 <u>150th Celebrations</u>
Week 2 A	12 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	13	14	15 K-12 Sports Day	16

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

Canteen News

NO SPECIAL THIS THURSDAY!

Look out for the winners of the most creative lunch order bag in the first Newsletter in Term 4!!!