



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 16th
November
at 12pm

NO UNIFORM DAY

Sausage Sizzle \$1
Soft drink \$2
Thursday, 17th
November
Gold coin donation
Must wear blue!!
See details on page 5

REDGUM BOOK
CLUB ORDERS
DUE
8th November

Science with Mr Buckley



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

I would like to introduce Emelia Bett from Eloquent Speech Pathology in Swan Hill who will be attending Balranald Central School every Tuesday. Emelia will be working with the Kindergarten students to enhance their oral language skills. It is known that oral language is the



Pictured: Emelia Bett

foundation to which literacy skills are built, hence we wish to ensure that the students have a solid foundation in which they learn to read and write.

Through the provision of oral language groups, we aim to enhance:

- Listening comprehension
- Expressive vocabulary
- Grammatical knowledge
- Social language skills

Caitlyn Simpson, Trent Nelson and Sterling Ray attended specialised RFS Aviation Aerial Fire Combat Training in Deniliquin on Sunday, 23rd October. The skills they acquired are extremely important in the successful prevention, control and combat in a wild fire situation. The students learned how to refill the planes with the water and chemical combination used in the suppression of fire from the air. They learned the extreme importance



Pictured: Caitlyn Simpson

of accuracy and concentration needed to keep a team of air and ground crew safe and successful in the operation.



Pictured: Trent Nelson and Sterling Ray

Weekly Quiz

This week's quiz



Student's Name: _____ **Year:** _____

1. The name of the current President of the United States is?

2. What is the title and position held by the spouse of the President of the United States?

3. What are the names of the two candidates running for US President?

Home Reading Achievement

100 Nights

Kayla Harding
Charli Calleja

200 Nights

Ben Johnstone
Landyn Jones

The Home Reading Program provides an opportunity for you to become involved in your child's learning and to also share and enjoy stories with him/her. Through continued practice in reading, your child will become a more confident and independent reader who will want to read for their own enjoyment. Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a merit certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75, 100 etc., nights of reading.



School Hats

Parents and students are reminded that during Term 4 the wearing of hats during outdoor activities is compulsory. This includes during both recess and lunch and outdoor curriculum activities. All primary students have been provided with bucket hats courtesy of the P&C. If students have lost their hat a replacement can be purchased from the school canteen. Under the school's Sunsafe Policy, a student who is not wearing a hat is unable to participate in outdoor activities and will be asked to remain under the shade shelter in the primary playground.

Lost Property

There is a very large pile of clothing in the Front Office. If your child has lost something, please drop in and have a look.

Labelling clothing

It is **very important** that jumpers, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes have your child's name clearly written on it. The back of the school emblem on the jumpers is a great place to write names. If they get lost at school, they can be easily returned.

National Kids Safe Day

Last Tuesday was National Kids Safe Day the focus was **ROAD SAFETY**. Children are very vulnerable when it comes to our roads and even driveways. Kidsafe have three important messages:

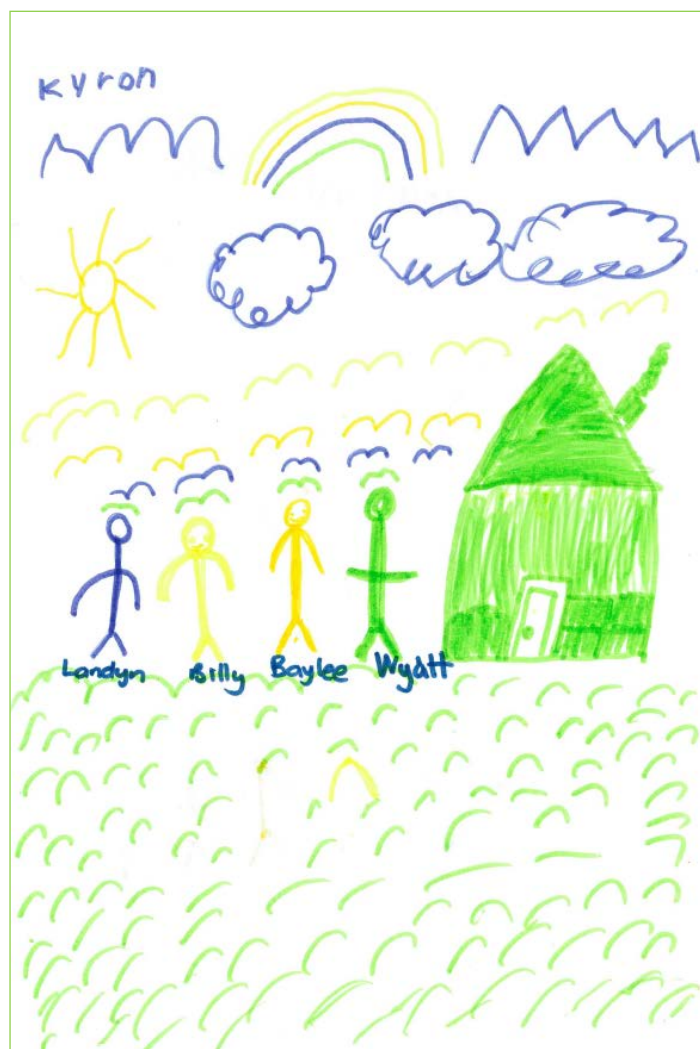
Message 1 – Safe Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen and Think!

Message 2 – Wear a Helmet: Use your head, don't lose it!

Message 3 – Seatbelt Safety: Buckle up! It's going to be a bumpy ride.

Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have been learning about friends.



Students of the Week (week 3)

Back Row (L to R) Shania Bax, Loui Gervasi, Samuel Simmons, Caleb Hines

Front Row (L to R) Michael Gorman, Evie Michaels, Baylee McCartney



Students of the Week (week 4)

Back Row (L to R) Alex Calleja, Caitlyn Simpson, Prue Harper

Front Row (L to R) Leo Gaston, Wezley Hines

Absent due to exams: Faith Jolliffe, Sophie Renfrey



Balrarnald Swimming Club Inc



AGM and Registration

Tuesday 8th November 2016
@ 5.30pm (at the swimming pool)

All Positions are declared vacant

If positions are not filled, we will be unable to run swim club

For more information, contact:

Jayne Farnsworth 5020 1438/0488 201 900

Lou Bruton 5020 1134/0409 026 881

Lisa Papa 5020 1190/0427 086 907

‘NO UNIFORM DAY’ and \$1 Sausage Sizzle plus \$2 soft drink **Thursday, 17 November**

FUNDRAISER TO PUBLISH A BOOK TO HELP CHILDREN IDENTIFY FEELINGS AND UNDERSTAND A SMALL PART OF THE GRIEF PROCESS.



The beginning of this year the unimaginable happened to my niece, she lost her husband and two children (Koda, aged 4 years and Hunter, 9 months), her whole family, her world!! You can imagine her feeling of quietness and emptiness where her life was once filled.

After this tragedy my niece (her name is Melissa), went back to work part time. Mel is an Early Childhood teacher and became aware from comments made by the children that this event had impacted their little lives as well.

Melissa said, “I realise that what happened does not only impact me, it impacts those around me, my immediate family, my extended family, friends and the wider community.”

Mel decided that she would like to write a book for Koda’s little friends.

She is currently writing a children’s book that a South Australian Publisher has agreed to publish. The book includes very personal memories but is also generalised enough that any child that has experienced the loss of a family member or friend will be able to put themselves into the story. Mel would love to see every school have one of these books.

The purpose of the book aims to help children identify feelings, understand a small part of the grief process and most importantly to promote discussion about losing a loved one.

To make this book a reality Mel will be walking the Kokoda track again in 2017 to raise the funds to publish her book. A fundraising account has now been set up for public donations and there will also be local fundraising events held in Port Lincoln in the near future to further aid her cause.

To help Mel to achieve this next goal Balranald Central School will be holding a ‘No Uniform Day’ on Thursday, November 17th, but ask that students wear something **BLUE**!! Koda, Mel’s eldest son’s favourite colour was blue and it would be a wonderful tribute for students to wear blue. We ask that all students make a **gold coin donation** for being *out of uniform* which will be donated to this very worthwhile cause. **Our new School Captains will be cooking a sausage sizzle on this day for \$1 and selling cans of soft drink for \$2.**

By Sharon Nelson

Year 7 and 8 Car Wash

Year 7 and 8 students participated in a car wash on Thursday and Friday to raise money for their excursion to Myuna Bay. Under the watchful eyes of Mrs Alison Linnett and Mr Luke Prince (Year Advisors), students worked constantly for 6 hours, washing more than 30 cars over the two days. This equated to 1 car every 12 minutes! Overall the students raised over \$800 to go towards their trip. Thank you to students who took the time to come to one of the days - Denym Tebetebe, Hope Militto, Hannah Morton, Wyatt O'Halloran, Lauren Jess, Abbie Renfrey, Dartanian Pocock, Drew Lloyd, Keely Gaston, Emily Egan and Faith Joliffe. A special mention to the following students - Brodie Kepa-Williams, Darcy Carmichael, Macy Lloyd, Jenae Johnstone, Bonnie Joliffe and Jacob Guy, who were able to attend both days. An extra special thanks to Kim Lloyd for helping out over the two days.

Don't forget to buy a raffle ticket from Year 7 and 8 students for our incredible BBQ hamper. The raffle will be drawn at the Week 6 Whole School Assembly.



BBQ PACK RAFFLE FUNDRAISER YR 7 & 8 MYUNA BAY EXCURSION



50c per ticket

*Drawn week 6 at
Whole School Assembly*

*Donations greatly appreciated.eg. Plastic/paper plates,
tomato sauce, napkins, meat voucher, tongs, oil spray. etc.*

WE ARE TAKING KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2017

Children participating in these visits need to be accompanied by their parent/carer for the duration of the visit unless they have filled out enrolment forms.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISITING DATES

Visit 5	9.00 am to 10.30 am Wednesday, 9th November 2016 <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
Visit 6	9.00 am to 10.30 am Wednesday, 16th November 2016 <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
Visit 7	9.00 am to 10.30 am Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
Visit 8	9.00 am to 10.30 am Wednesday, 30th November 2016 <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
Visit 9	9.00 am to 11.00 am Wednesday, 7th December 2016 <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room and recess (supplied by the School.)</i>

**THESE ORIENTATION DAYS ARE SEPERATE FROM THE ORIENTATION DAYS THAT ARE
ORGANISED BY THE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

For more information, contact: Balranald Central School on (03) 5020 2222



ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE WANTED

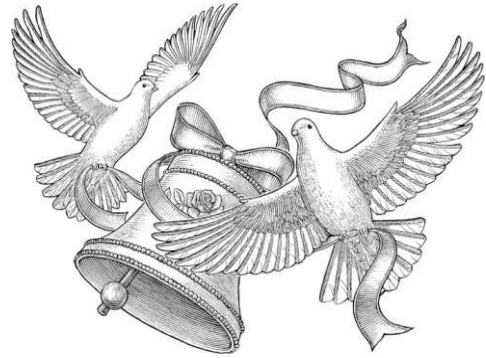
Please apply to John Zappia or
email: johnz@zappiaelectrical.com.au
200 Bromley Road, Robinvale
Closing Date: 11th November 2016

**Phone: 5026 3722 or
Mobile: 0427 263 722**



Your Invitation to...

COMMUNITY CAROLS

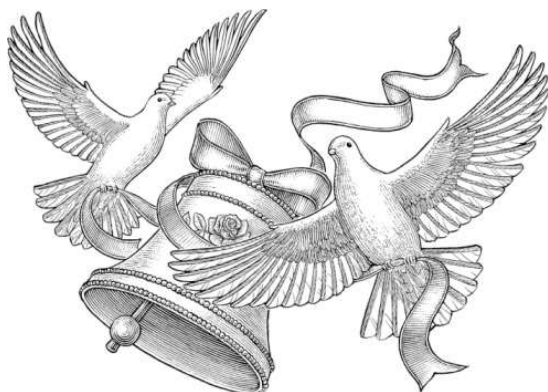


Sunday 11th Dec 2016
6 pm, Theatre Royal

Come along for an evening of fellowship and fun.

- * Balranald schools
- * Sing Australia
- * Fijian Christian choir
- * Supper provided
- * Community members

* Presented by Balranald combined churches



Phone
Pastor Dennis Rayson
0428 830276

TERM FOUR – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 A	7 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Yrs 7-10 Assessment Week	8 Yrs 7-10 Assessment Week Study Centre 3 to 4pm	9 Yrs 7-10 Assessment Week	10 Yrs 7-10 Assessment Week	11 Yrs 7-10 Assessment Week Dental Clinic
Week 6 B	14 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	15 VALID Science 8 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	16 Whole School Assembly @ 12pm	17 Proud & Deadly @ Deniliquin NO UNIFORM DAY – must wear blue!!	18
Week 7 A	21 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	22 School Spectacular @ Sydney Study Centre 3 to 4pm	23 School Spectacular @ Sydney	24 School Spectacular @ Sydney	25 School Spectacular @ Sydney Stage 5 Excursion
Week 8 B	28 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Yr 10 Work Experience	29 Yr 10 Work Experience Study Centre 3 to 4pm	30 Yr 10 Work Experience	1 DECEMBER Yr 10 Work Experience	2 Yr 10 Work Experience
Week 9 A	5 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	6 DECEMBER Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	7 Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	8 Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	9 Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 10 B	12 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Yr 6 Graduation Yr 5 Captain Speeches Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	13 K-12 Presentation Night Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	14 Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	15 Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	16 Last day of school for students Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 A	19 DECEMBER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	21	22	23

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

CANTEEN CORNER

Special - Thursday, 10th November

Back by popular demand ...

Cheese & Bacon Chicken Burger \$5.00

(Sorry there's no famous special sauce but you can have complimentary BBQ or Tom!!)