



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
Cup cakes \$2
Mars Bar \$1
Cherry Ripe \$1
Chips \$1

Thursday, 17th
November
Gold coin donation
Must wear **blue**!!
See details on page 6

Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Congratulations to Denym Tebetebe whose artwork has been selected from the Operation Art Exhibition in Sydney to be permanently hung at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Children's Ward. Only 100 artworks from the original 800 are selected to be hung in many hospitals around NSW. This is a huge achievement. Well done Denym!



Balranald Central School had an inspiring visit from the Wheelchair Sports Road Show last Tuesday. The presentation involved a short discussion on consequences of taking risks on the road and living with a disability followed by an entertaining game of wheelchair basketball. It was a refreshing approach to incorporate a game of wheelchair basketball to what could have been just another road safety talk. It's always good to see our students have such a great time. It was also pleasing to see many of our student volunteer to unload in the morning and reload the wheelchair van in the afternoon.

Thank you to our Year 10 parents who participated in a meeting/workshop last Wednesday evening. The purpose of the meeting was to start mapping out a positive direction for Stage 6 success at BCS by incorporating parent involvement and strengthening a partnership and a shared responsibility for student success. The evening also gave our school an opportunity to outline the exciting plans that we have in place for Stage 6 Preparation week from the 12th to the 16th of December; as well as introduce parents to a fantastic new resource, the 'HSC Hub'. The feedback that we have received since the meeting has been extremely positive.

On Friday the 11th our school participated in the community Remembrance Day Services. Our school leaders Maddy Militto, Shania Bax, Mason Anderson and Molly Finch accompanied by Mrs Matarazzo unveiled the memorial plaque for Peter Balranald Jones. The school also attended the main service at the cenotaph. Remembrance Day is a special day for Australia and Allied nations marking the end of World War 1 and the 11th November now becoming the day every year where we remember all servicemen and women who have fallen in any war.



Our HSC students have well and truly completed their examination obligations and are now contemplating the start of the next phase of their lives. We wish the class of 2016 all the best as they forge their own futures in various ways and in various locations.

Have a great week!
Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

This week's quiz



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

1. Which country made the first declaration of war in World War 1?

2. Germany's attack upon which country in World War 1 directly provoked Britain to go to war?

3. From a population of fewer than 5 million, how many men enlisted to serve Australia during World War 1?

Home Reading Achievement

100 Nights

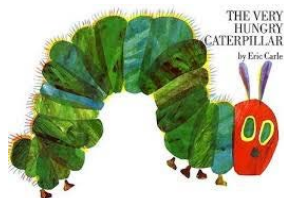
Anna Scoleri

Reagan McCartney

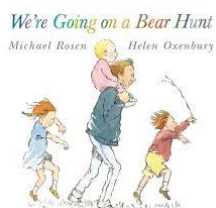
Home Reading is a very important part of a child's learning. We will be encouraging all students to participate in home reading each night. Each child has been given a reading journal/diary to record their reading with a section for their parents to sign. Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a merit certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75, 100 etc., nights of reading.

".. the single biggest predictor of high academic and high ATAR score is reading to children. Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not technology, but mum or dad taking time every day or night (or both) to sit and read them wonderful books." Preschool inspirations.

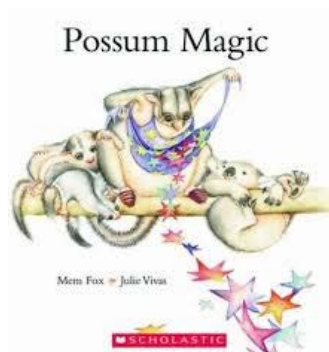
What did staff at BCS read when they were younger or enjoy reading to their kids?



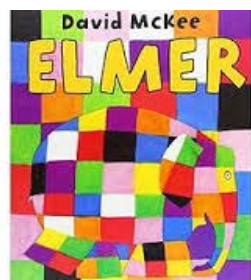
Miss Zanker, Sharon and Chook



Mr Flagg



Mr Buckley



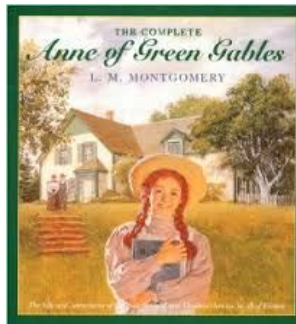
Mrs Linnett



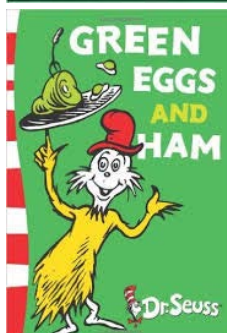
Mr Scott



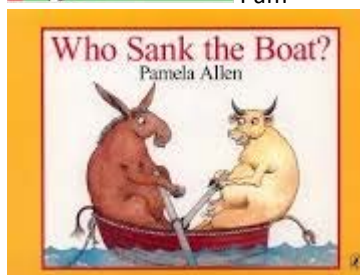
Miss Lambley



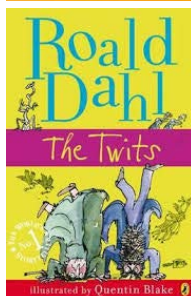
Mrs Matarazzo



Pam



Mrs Harper



Mrs Lockhart

3/4 Excursion to Bendigo

On Wednesday 30/11/16 – 1/12/16 Mrs Lockhart and Mr White will be accompanying the 3/4 class to Bendigo on their **first overnight** excursion. They will be heading underground at the Central Deborah Goldmine, travelling back in time on the Talking Tram, becoming very scientific by sleep at the Discovery Centre then getting in touch with their creative flare by visiting The Bendigo Pottery and playing with clay. A reminder that money is due in now

Crunch & Sip

The Crunch & Sip break gives students the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox. Students are also more likely to eat their fruit or vegetables and drink their water if their friends and peers are all doing it too!

The **objectives** of Crunch & Sip are to:

- increase awareness of the importance of eating vegetables and fruit and drinking water
- give students, teachers and staff an opportunity to eat vegetables and fruit during an allocated Crunch & Sip break in the classroom
- encourage students, teachers and staff to drink water throughout the day in the classroom, during break times and at sports, excursions and camps
- encourage parents to provide students with fruit or vegetables every day
- develop strategies to help students who don't have regular access to fruit and vegetables

Year 3/4 English

What I think it would be like to have to be in a wheelchair

I think it would be hard at the start with a wheelchair because sometimes you would feel scared that you might not ever be able to walk again. But, that doesn't mean that you have to stop everything that you are doing and just sit at home and watch tv! I think it would also be hard when you first get into a wheelchair because you would have a high bench or table and you might have to ask someone to get something for you like a cup or something that is really high.

We had a man called Brendon come to our school and he was in a wheelchair as he was born with spina bifida, he didn't have an accident from falling off something. Brendon came to our school to teach us how to play wheelchair basketball. Brendon told us the rules. The first time I played wheelchair basketball it was fun. I then realised that Brendon had a good life and he didn't let go of what he was doing.

By Grace Morton



What I think it would be like to have to be in a wheelchair

I think it would be really hard at the start because all your easy everyday life would get harder. For example; when you get out of bed in the morning it would be much harder or when you make breakfast in the morning, or dinner at night. I would also cost a lot of money to make everything smaller in your house.

On Tuesday, we had a man in a wheelchair come to school and teach us how to play wheelchair basketball. His name was Brendon.

Brendon is in a wheelchair

because he was born with spina bifida – a little hole in his back. When we played wheelchair basketball it was really fun and it made me realise that Brendon turned a negative into a positive. Although it would cost a lot of money for the wheelchair, a ramp and all the other things that you would need if you were in a wheelchair, I reckon I would be able to be like Brendon and turn negatives into positives.

By Shelley Dalton



Students of the Week

Back Row (L to R) Zahlia Field, Shania Bax, Jake Briggs, Chloe Calleja

Front Row (L to R) Nyara Peterson-Murray, Rhiannon Lanteri, Harry Ross



INVITATION TO WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

Proudly hosted by the
Lions Club of Mildura

**WORLD
FESTIVAL**



OF MAGIC

The longest running, continually touring magic show in the world!

90 minutes of family entertainment!!

Where: St Joseph's College Stadium

When: Friday, 2nd December 2016

40 Free tickets available at the school's front office!!

These tickets have been generously donated by the business community
of Ballarat and surrounding districts.

‘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

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.

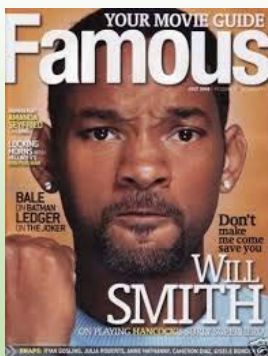
KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISITING DATES

Visit 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

LOOKING FOR MAGAZINES eg New Idea, Famous



Maddy Militto is collecting gossip magazines like New Idea, Famous etc for her HSC body of work. She needs images of the Kardashians. If the magazines could be delivered to the Art Room or Maddy, it would be greatly appreciated.



Balranald Swimming Club Inc



Swimming Training

will commence on

Tuesday 15th November

Sub-Juniors: 4.15 to 4.45pm

Juniors: 4.45 to 5.30pm

Seniors: 5.30 to 6.30pm

Fees

\$50 Singles \$85 Family

*Orders for **swimmers** will also be taken*

For more information, contact:

Helen Dowling: 0411 512 526

Lou Bruton 5020 1134 or 0409 026 881

Wyneta Dalton: 0428 177 730

Students receiving awards at Whole School Assembly

BRONZE

Nicholas Davies
Skyanne Peterson-Murray
Jacob Guy
Jackson Li
Dartanian Pocock
Jakub Walker-Fry
James Kay
Dante Gervasi

SILVER

Seth Hickey
Jayda Murray
Chase Militto
Peter Smithers
Caleb Hines
Isaac Lloyd
Vicente Ugarte
Dominic Gervasi
Lauren Jess
Brodie Kepa-Williams
Jenae Johnstone
Denym Tebetebe
Tessa Duryea
Sophie Renfrey
Emma Jolliffe

GOLD

David Murray
Baylee McCartney
Billy Renfrey
Chloe Gorman
Zahlia Field
Lani Dalton
Isabella Scalora
Samuel Simmons
Sophie Renfrey
Jack Gervasi
Emma Jolliffe
Jeremy Ellery
Jessica Rowe
Ciana Field
Isabella Harding
Trent Nelson
Adam Simpson
Caitlyn Simpson

OPAL

Jye Harper
Wezley Hines
Alayna Dalton
Ellie Finch
Landyn Jones
Leo Gaston
Rhannon Lanteri
Ben Johnstone
Charlie Ross
Elizabeth Bell
Alex Calleja
Darcy Carmichael
Faith Jolliffe
Samuel Simmons
Javen Ricevuto
Chloe Calleja
Kiandra Dalton
Harrison Soraggi
Daniel Woolhouse
Shania Bax
Isabella Harding
Caitlyn Simpson

PLATINUM

Anna Scoleri
Jorja Finch
Maggie Finch
Ben Johnstone
Bonnie Jolliffe
Drew Lloyd
Abbie Renfrey
Jordyn Jolliffe
Kobe Lloyd

TERM FOUR – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 B	14 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	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 <i>Exec meeting</i>	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 <i>Exec meeting</i> 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 <i>Exec meeting</i> 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 <i>Exec meeting</i> 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

**NO SPECIAL ON THURSDAY 17TH DUE
TO SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**We will be baking special cupcakes to support the
charity 'Kokoda for Koda'
Cupcakes for Koda \$2**