



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Presentation Night

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>  
December  
at 7pm

## Year 7/8 Myuna Bay Raffle Winners

1. Mason Dalton
2. Lauren Jess
3. Gervasi
4. Loui Gervasi
5. Renfrey
6. Gervasi
7. Kimberley H
8. Tamara Johnston

## Year 10 Science



BCS supported students by providing transport so that they could participate in the Far West Local Health Service Free Dental Assessment





# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

We are excited to announce that two of our 2017 Stage 6 students have been accepted into Aurora College. Jack Gervasi will be doing Italian Beginners while Jeremy Ellery will be doing Chemistry. Aurora College is a virtual secondary school which allows our school to further broaden the variety of curriculum on offer. Students connect with their peers and their teachers through lessons delivered virtually, through technology and personally during residential schools held twice each year. Mentoring opportunities and master classes are key features of the learning experience. Congratulations to Jeremy and Jack on being Aurora College pioneers.



Students and staff participated in a 'Wear Something Blue Day' on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November which was to raise money for a resource to help children identify feelings, understand a small part of the grief process and to promote discussion about losing a loved one. It was a very successful day and we were able to raise \$624.40. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Nelson and the Year 12 students for coordinating the event.

Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school and received awards at the Proud Deadly Ceremony in Deniliquin last Thursday. Having so many students receiving awards at a regional level is impressive.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Matarazzo and Mr Longford for your organisation.



Our School Spectacular students are leaving for Sydney on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. The students have been practicing for months as part of the Rural and Remote Choir. Our students will meet all of the other choir members in Sydney on Wednesday for final practice sessions before the big school spectacular show on Friday and Saturday night. All the best and Thank you to Miss Woods for her organisation and Mr Longford supporting with supervision and travel.



Have a great week!

*Aaron Flagg*

## Weekly Quiz

### This week's quiz



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the five Merit Categories in the school merit system?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is Balranald Central Schools Moto?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. List the four Balranald Central School Values?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Swimming

Mrs Harper and Mrs Linnett are currently planning the organisation of the school's swimming program for this summer. Swimming will take place during Week 9 and Week 10, with all Primary students to participate in an intensive NSW Royal Lifesaving Society's *Swim and Survive* Program. Any parents that are able to help please see Mrs Harper. Notes went out last week they are due back Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Swimming Times

Period 3 – 5/6

Period 4- K/1/2

Period 5 – 3/4

## School Spectacular

The *Schools Spectacular* is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the *Schools Spectacular* is unequaled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers.

This iconic cultural event engages and showcases students of varying ages, cultures, skills and socio-economic backgrounds; from metropolitan, rural and remote regions of NSW.

This week we Miss Woods and Woody are accompanying Zahlia Field, Lizzy Bell, Ben Johnston, Isaac Lloyd and Lani Wilkinson to Sydney to perform. It is a gruelling coupling of days with 12 hour practises and then performing at night. Good luck to our students we know you will do us proud.

## Homework

As we get busier towards Christmas things seem to slip, and homework is one of them. Here are 14 reasons why we shouldn't let homework slip by.

Here are the top 14 reasons why Homework is important:

1. It improves your child's thinking and memory
2. It helps your child develop positive study skills and habits that will serve him or her well throughout life
3. Homework encourages your child to use time wisely
4. It teaches your child to work independently
5. Homework teaches your child to take responsibility for his or her work
6. It allows your child to review and practice what has been covered in class
7. It helps your child to get ready for the next day's class
8. Homework helps your child learn to use resources, such as libraries, reference materials, and computer Web sites to find information
9. It encourages your child to explore subjects more fully than classroom time permits
10. It allows your child to extend learning by applying skills to new situations

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12. It helps your child integrate learning by applying many different skills to a single task, such as book reports or science projects
13. Homework helps parents learn more about what your child is learning in school
14. It allows parents to communicate about what he or she is learning
15. It encourages parents to spark your child's enthusiasm

The Study Centre is still open from 3pm-4pm every Tuesday afternoon.

## 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!**

**K/1/2 and 5/6 Reward Excursion** notes will be handed out this week. They will both be visiting Mildura.

## Year 5 2017 Captain Speeches

Year 5 are all very busy writing their Captains speech to present at the Year 6 Graduation on Monday 12th December at 11 am in the School Hall. This will be followed by a sit down lunch in the Rose Garden for all Year 5 and 6 Families. Please get your note back ASAP to help with catering.

## Home Readers

As the year begins to draw to a close we are trying to get back all our **Home Readers**. These readers are a very important part of our Guided Reading Program that takes place in every classroom on most days. Students read between 1-4 readers a week depending on their year level. That averages out to be between 40-160 books per year per students, that students are able to take home. These books cost on average \$10 each. If your child is in Kindergarten they borrow on average \$1600 worth of readers per student each year. My point is it is **very important that these readers come back to the school so they can be used over and over again.**

**If you have a pile of readers sitting at home or hiding under beds could you please bring them back!** They can be dropped off at the Front Office or to the Classroom Teacher. They are very expensive to replace.

# Students of the Week

*Back Row (L to R) Lani Dalton, Tanisha Allen*

*Front Row (L to R) Kayla Harding, Ronarrrian Dowdy, Elouise Hines, Sophie Mitchell*

*Absent: Ciana Field*



**WORLD  
FESTIVAL**



**OF MAGIC**

## INVITATION TO WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

Proudly hosted by the  
Lions Club of Mildura

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

90 minutes of family entertainment!!

**Where:** St Joseph's College Stadium

**When:** Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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



A huge thankyou to all  
who supported this  
fundraiser.  
We raised a total of  
\$624.40.  
An amazing effort!!!





# 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

<b>Visit 7</b>	<b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b> <b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016</b> <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
<b>Visit 8</b>	<b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b> <b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b> <i>This visit will comprise of activities in the Kinder room</i>
<b>Visit 9</b>	<b>9.00 am to 11.00 am</b> <b>Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b> <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*

### Dyslexia Drive

EAST COAST AUSTRALIA & TASMANIA | 4 STATES - 45 TOWNS

**FREE 90 minute Seminar:**  
Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed and struggle through school and later life. Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

**Learn How...**  
You can finally break free from the cycle of reading failure and learn how to help your child read.

Learn why it is that dyslexia occurs. Understand what's happening in the classroom and how to accelerate your child's reading quicker than you thought possible - all at an affordable price, in the comfort of your own home, at a time that works with the family commitments.

You will see that small adjustments can make big changes to your child's learning and you'll gain powerful insight on how to support your child to ensure their promising future.

**Your Speakers**  
Marianne Mullally, Dyslexia Expert, Author and parent of a dyslexic child has over 10,000 hours of clinical experience working with dyslexic adults and children over the past 11 years.  
Tom Mullally, Dyslexia sufferer now turned entrepreneur in the social media marketing space was at the age of 7 told that he would never amount to anything.

Register Online at [www.dyslexia.com.au/register](http://www.dyslexia.com.au/register) | or call 02 9436 3766

**FREE EVENT REGISTER HERE**

### Balranald Dyslexia Seminar

**Thursday, November 24th, 2016 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm**  
**Venue:** Balranald Ex Services Club  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Speakers:** The Parent Perspective, *Marianne Mullally*  
The Dyslexic Perspective, *Tom Mullally*

See locations & details online at [dyslexia.com.au/register](http://dyslexia.com.au/register)

## TERM FOUR – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 A	<b>21 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>22</b> School Spectacular @ Sydney Study Centre 3 to 4pm	<b>23</b> School Spectacular @ Sydney	<b>24</b> School Spectacular @ Sydney	<b>25</b> School Spectacular @ Sydney Stage 5 Excursion
Week 8 B	<b>28 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Yr 10 Work Experience	<b>29</b> Yr 10 Work Experience Study Centre 3 to 4pm	<b>30</b> Yr 10 Work Experience	<b>1 DECEMBER</b> Yr 10 Work Experience	<b>2</b> Yr 10 Work Experience
Week 9 A	<b>5 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>6 DECEMBER</b> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>7</b> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>8</b> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>9</b> Yr 7 & 8 Myuna Bay Excursion Yr 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 10 B	<b>12 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Yr 6 Graduation Yr 5 Captain Speeches Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>13</b> K-12 Presentation Night Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>14</b> Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>15</b> Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>16</b> Last day of school for students Yr 10 Compulsory Program in preparation for 2017 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11 A	<b>19 DECEMBER</b> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>20</b> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>

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

**CANTEEN CORNER**

**SPECIAL THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**Fish Bites & Potato Gems \$4**

(with tomato or tartare sauce)

**BALRANALD NETBALL CLUB**  
**- NOTICE OF AGM -**

Wednesday 23 November 2016 **\*\*THIS WEEK\*\***  
6.30pm at club rooms  
All positions will be declared vacant!

**\*\*Meeting to be followed by a sausage sizzle and fun game of mixed netball!**

Bring the hubby, bring the kids and show your support - looking to have a ripper of a season in 2017!\*\*

**(JUNIORS – if we get enough girls there, we will have a game around 7pm!)**

**GO ROOS!**

