



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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### Presentation Night

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

It would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share supper after Presentation Night.

### STUDY CENTRE

The Study Centre has now finished for the year!!

## Schools Spectacular



Five students from Balranald Central School sang in the huge combined choir last week for Schools Spectacular in Sydney. This was an amazing opportunity for students to be part of a Choir made up of 2700 students. The entire show had 5720 students altogether. This year the show broke the Guinness World Records of largest amateur variety act. It was an incredible show and the students worked extremely hard! They had long days of rehearsals and performed the three hour show five times, and did a fantastic job! They are to be congratulated on being excellent representatives for the school and performing with such great energy. Well done Isaac Lloyd, Ben Johnstone, Lizzy Bell, Zahlia Field, and Lani Wilkinson!

# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome all parents and students to week 9 of Term 4.

In 2017, Balranald Central School will be again running the **Middle School program** for years 5,6,7 & 8. The purpose is to provide stage 3 and stage 4 students with a variety of short course programs to stimulate and explore areas that they may not have otherwise been exposed to.

The Middle School courses will embed the positive behaviour and lifelong skills such as leadership, respect, care, doing your personal best, responsibility and working with others.

The stage 3&4 students will be divided into 4 even sized classes. The classes will have a mixture of age and gender. Each student will remain in their group for the entire year. Middle School will run for one 50minute period per week on the timetable. The courses will run for 10 weeks.

Every student will complete the same four Middle School Programs by the end of the year. The 2017 programs are – **Wellbeing, Aboriginal Culture, Drama and First Aid Awareness.**

The structure below is what the Middle School program will look like.

Middle School Program	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Wellbeing	Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Aboriginal Culture	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
Drama	Yellow	Red	Blue	Green
First Aid Awareness	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue

Balranald Central School has now completed the first year of the new and fresh Merit and Award system that has formally recognised all students from K-12 for achievement, effort, participation and the many contributions that students make towards school life and culture. The new system is broken up into five merit categories – Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Community and Values. Congratulations to all of our students who have progressed through the award categories of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Opal and Platinum in its inaugural year.

In 2017 we are running a ***Special Literacy program*** targeted at all Stage 3 & 4 (Years 5,6,7,8) students. This program is on top of the usual support programs in the school. Each student in Stage 3 and 4 will access 1 Intensive Literacy lesson per week. Students will concentrate on reading texts, aspects of writing, vocabulary and comprehension in small cluster groups with other students working at a similar level.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of November we had a visit from Darren McMahon from your dream INC Chaplaincy Program. This is a not for profit organisation that has been training and coordinating School Chaplains since 2006. Balranald Central School participated in the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) in 2016 and will again receive funding to continue the service every Wednesday in 2017.



*Pictured is Balranald Central School Chaplain – Bronwyn Dajcz*

On behalf of Balranald Central School, I would like to congratulate Connor Soraggi who has been selected into the 2017 Rio Tinto AFLs Footy Means Business Program. The first camp will be held in Broom from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of January to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the second camp will be towards the end of May in Melbourne. This achievement is due reward for Connors dedication to sport. Once again Congratulations!

Have a great week!

*Aaron Flagg*



### Swimming

Swimming has started this week. Please bring your swimmers a towel and your thongs. Mrs Harper, Miss Zanker, Mr Godber and Mrs Linnett will be supervising the students at the pool. Primary students will participate in an intensive NSW Royal Lifesaving Society's *Swim and Survive* Program. Any parents that are able to help please see Mrs Harper.

### Swimming Times

Period 3 – 5/6

Period 4- K/1/2

Period 5 –3/4

### Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation is on Monday 12th December at 11 am in the Assembly Hall. It will be followed by a sit down lunch in the Rose Garden. Please get your note back ASAP to help with catering.

### Year 5 2017 Captain Speeches

Year 5 are all very busy writing their Captain speech to present at the Year 6 Graduation on Monday 12th December at 11 am in the Assembly 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

**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.

### Excursions

Last week was a very busy week for excursions. Year 5/6 and K/1/2 went to Mildura to watch 'Trolls', eat Mc Donald's and go ten pin bowling. Thank you to Miss Zanker, Woody, Mrs Linnett, Vicki and Amelia for their assistance.



An extra big thank you to Mrs Lockhart and Mr White for accompanying the 3/4 class to Bendigo on the overnight trip. From all accounts the trip was outstanding.



### Year 12 Hospitality

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December the Year 12 Hospitality class showed off their culinary skills by cooking up a storm for their families and some lucky teachers. They did an incredible job, and the food was delicious. (photos on page 4)

### Primary Class Parties

Class parties will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The canteen will be catering for this and students will be asked to bring in \$4 each to the classroom teachers. The \$4 will pay for hot and cold food. An early thank you to Sue Mitchell (our wonderful primary cleaner) who kindly donates 2 packets of chips to each classroom.

### Year 7/8 Myuna Bay Trip

This week Year 7/8 are enjoying the great weather on the Central Coast at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre is located on the western foreshore of Lake Macquarie with a natural bushland setting. Students will be participating in adrenaline-charged activities, many water based activities like canoeing, sailing, kayaking, raft building, as well as challenge ropes course, giant swing (OMG), rock climbing, flying fox and abseiling. They will come back with many great stories about how they overcome fears to complete activities. Thank you to Mr White and Mrs Linnett for accompanying the students and creating wonderful camp memories that will be talked about for a long time.



## Students of the Week (Week 7)

*Back Row (L to R) Maddy Militto, Javen Ricevuto, Lauren Jess, Matthew McIvor-Kepa*

*Front Row (L to R) Keshara Price, Jack Lowe, Wyatt Lowe*



## Students of the Week (Week 8)

*Back Row (L to R) Kasey Dunstan, Shania Bax, Isabella Harding, Maddy Militto, Ciana Field, Caitlyn Simpson, Tessa Duryea*

*Front Row (L to R) Cassidy Lowe, Edward Murray, Darryl Michaels*



## YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON





## BCS Receives NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Awards

Earlier this year, students from year K to 12 at BCS participated in the annual NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The NSW Premier's Challenge is an initiative which has been established to encourage more NSW students to become involved in sport and physical activity, grow in confidence and enjoy healthier lifestyles. The initiative involved students recording how many minutes of physical activity they participated in each week over a 10 week period. Each week had 4 levels of achievement which correlated to how many minutes of activity the student participated in. These 4 levels were Bronze (200 minutes), Silver (320 minutes), Gold (420 minutes) and Diamond (560 minutes). Participation in the NSW Premier Sporting Challenge also allowed our school to access additional funding to assist in the delivery of PDHPE and sporting programs. This has enabled us to purchase additional sporting equipment that can continue to assist our students in the development of their physical skills while also giving us the ability to introduce and engage students in a wide variety of physical activities.



Our students were fantastic in fully engaging in this initiative and achieved outstanding results that exemplify the positive attitude that the young people of the Balranald community have towards being physically active. The efforts of our students saw Balranald Central School average the highest achievement level of Diamond. This has seen us receive a School Diamond Achievement Award for the awesome efforts of all our participating students in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. This is a fantastic achievement for our school. I would like to thank all students who participated in the initiative over the 10 week period and I hope we can repeat our outstanding efforts in next years challenge!

*Mr Will Godber*

### Defence Force Work Experience *by Abbey Baird*

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November I had the excitement of meeting 14 other people from all over Australia. After a long and exhausting week, the people became new mates. I had one of the best opportunities to do work experience and some training at the HMAS Albatross Navy Base in Nowra. At the start I didn't know if the Defence Force was my thing, but I went to see what it was like. I am so glad that I went! After the first day, I rang up Dad to come and get me because I just wanted to go home. (I do admit there was a lot of PT and Military training) but in the end, after looking and learning about the Defence Force, I want it to be my career. Whether it is Mechanical Engineering on ships or helicopters in the Navy, or combat and security in the Army, there are 350+ jobs that you can do in the Defence Force. It was honestly the best experience ever and I absolutely recommend it to anyone! Special thanks to Mr Flagg, Ms Lloyd and my parents for helping me to have this experience and opportunity.



*Pictured: Javen Ricevuto and Abbey Baird who both did work experience at the Defence Force.*

**SANTA LETTERS written by Year 1/2**

Dear Santa

My name is Edward and I am 7 years old. The only present I want is that Uncle Frank will be there for all the presents the me and Ty are getting. I am very sorry Santa, but Ty doesn't believe in you or your friends but I do! I have been good, trust me! My favourite reindeer is Donna. Please can I have a toy of Donna the reindeer?

Love Edward

Dear Santa

My name is Alayna. I am 7 years old. I live in Balranald with my two Brothers and my Mum and Dad. I have tried to be good this year. Please can I have a lunchbox for Christmas and tiny, tiny pet kitten and a Lego Friends movie? Please and thank you. Merry Christmas! I hope you have a great day!!! ☺

Love from Alayna



Dear Santa

My name is Landyn and I am 6 years old. I live in Balranald with my Mum, Dad and two Sisters. I have tried to be good this year. I would like a remote control truck and a remote control car for Christmas. Thank you.

From Landyn

Dear Santa

My name is Sheridan. I am 8 years old. I live in Balranald with my Mum, Dad and Sister. I have been very good this year. I would like an iPad please and I will give you a drink of water and some biscuits and for your reindeers, I will leave some carrots too.

Sheridan ☺

Dear Santa

My name is Nandini. I am eight years old. I live in Balranald with my family. I have been good this year. I would like some gel pens and a train set. Merry Christmas Santa. Thank you. I will leave some drink and some carrots for Rudolph.

Love Nandini

Dear Santa

My name is Kadison and I am 8 years old. I live in Balranald with my family. I have been good this year. Can I please have a remote control helicopter? Thank you Santa Claus. Merry Christmas!!!

Love from Kadison

Dear Santa

My name is Rhiannon. I am 8 years old. I live in Balranald with my Mum, Dad and Sister. I have been good. I would like some gel pens and Lego please. Thank you.

Love from Rhiannon





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## Expression of Interest

Learning Support Officer  
Balranald Central School



Expressions of interest are invited from persons interested in a career opportunity for a temporary position as Learning Support Officer for 2017 with a possible extension for 2018 and beyond.

The purpose of the position is to develop student skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities.

The position could be full time or part time depending on the applicant and in negotiation with the Principal. The position will be located at:

Balranald Central School  
We St, Balranald NSW 2715

An expression of interest of no more than 1 page in length should be submitted to Aaron Flagg, Principal at [aaron.flagg@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:aaron.flagg@det.nsw.edu.au) by 4pm on Thursday 8th December.

The successful applicant will be required to pass a NSW Working with Children and police check.

### **Job Description**

The successful applicant will be committed to working towards school excellence in a K-12 structure at Balranald Central School with a specific focus on Learning Support.

The successful applicant will work closely with teachers and small teams to provide extra support for students.

The successful applicant will support students with a variety of needs and provide assistance to teacher led activities in a variety of settings such as classrooms, sport and excursions.

The successful applicant will work closely with the broader learning support team and take an important role in a shared responsibility for student learning.

## TERM FOUR – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 9 A</b>	<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>
<b>Week 10 B</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>
<b>Week 11 A</b>	<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

It's nearly the end of Term 4!!!

No more specials, and thank you for understanding if we run short of some items towards the end of term.

Please be sure to **ORDER** your LUNCH as we will not be making much spare food with so many class groups away!!