



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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BCS Sheep at Swan Hill Sheep Sale



On Thursday 25th February, Stage 5 Agriculture students visited the Swan Hill stock selling centre to observe the sale of the school lambs. This was a new experience for most and a real opportunity to see the stock auction system in full flight.

The school had 13 Dorper lambs in the sale and we were lucky enough to see them being sold. The auctioneer from BR&C promoted the school sheep and let everyone know the students were there to witness the sale. Our lambs made \$124 and looked to enjoy their moment in the limelight. This enjoyment would have been short lived I'm sure.

**STUDY CENTRE IS OPEN
EVERY TUESDAY FROM
3PM TO 4PM**



Education &
Communities

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

I would like to welcome Daniel Buckley to Balranald Central School. Mr Buckley has been appointed as our Science teacher and is a recent graduate from the Southern Cross University. Mr Buckley is a passionate educator and keen to immerse himself into the Balranald School and community. He is looking forward to working alongside staff, students and parents.



It was a very successful whole school assembly on Wednesday the 2nd of March. It is an important part of the school calendar and an opportunity for parents, staff and students to come together and celebrate our student's achievements and contributions. We will run whole school assemblies on Wednesday's mid-term and end of term. Parents, grandparents and friends are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Balranald Central School Science Laboratory upgrade is approaching its final stages. The new floor is in and some furniture has arrived. We are waiting on some final preparation room furniture to arrive and for the project manager to return and complete a few bits and pieces. All going well, the new Science Laboratory will be handed over to our school before the Easter long weekend.

Well done to Mason Anderson, Mitchell Carmichael, Alex Calleja, Nicholas Allen and Khy Jess who represented Balranald Central School at the Moulamein and district school AFL trials on Friday 4th March. Congratulations to all of the boys who have been selected to represent the district in the Riverina trials in Leeton on the 17th March.

Congratulations to Macy Lloyd who has been selected to represent the Riverina in 100m Breaststroke at the NSW CHS championships in Sydney this term. Well done Macy! Balranald Central School is very proud. Congratulations to all of the Balranald swimmers who represented the district in Leeton last week.

Well done to our cricketers for having an enjoyable day of sportsmanship and competitive fun against Tooleybuc

Central last week. (A detailed report can be found on page 4 of this newsletter)

Thank you to all of the students and staff who participated in Clean Up Australia Day last Friday. Coordinated by the SRC our students spent 20 minutes strategically cleaning our playground. Clean Up Australia Day campaign is about educating each other around the importance of litter management and caring for the Australian environment so that our awareness on every other day of the year is as good as it can be.

Balranald Central School would like to welcome back Glenda Redpath. Glenda will be working 3 days a week as a Learning Support Officer. This role is mainly about in class support to develop skills and understanding that enable our students to independently participate in class activities.

Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

This week's quiz



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

1. A Scientist who studies rocks is called?

2. About how long does it take the moon to go around the earth?

3. A Scientist who studies Space is called?

Year 5/6

Easter Egg Raffle

Could all primary students please contribute an egg for the Easter Raffle which will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 24th March.



All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.

Students of the Week

Back Row (L to R) Keely Gaston, Maddy Militto, Trent Nelson, Lily Dunn

Front Row (L to R) Harry Ross, Mitchell Carmichael, Leo Gaston and Monica Smithers.



Balranald Junior Football Club

Under 12's and 14½'s

All interested players are invited to our

2016 Registration Night

TONIGHT @ 6 pm

Junior Football Oval

\$40 registration fee to be paid on the night

Free sausage sizzle

Cricket V Tooleybuc 2016

A hot day was predicted at the Tooleybuc Sports Ground to begin our charge toward the Central Schools Cricket Holy Grail. Our decision to retire our Year 12 stars was out of our control and meant the opportunity was there to blood the next batch of youngsters. The team of 2016 contained 7 players out of years 7 and 8 and this lack of experience was likely to be a limiting factor. 'Rebuilding phase' was the 'old chestnut' that was trotted out when asked about our chances of glory this year. Joining the team this year were the potential star power of Dominic Gervasi, Brodie Williams and Darcy Carmichael.

After a quick inspection of the green crumbling pitch it was decided that a correct call of the coin would lead to bowling first. The first issue of the day was in fact the coin toss. With no coins in sight, and a lack of coin tossing apps on our phones, the Tooley teacher opted for a less conventional, 'Which hand is the glasses cover in' approach. Both captains took some time to adjust to this unusual technique and were unsure how to call. Our captain, Kobe 'Cannons' Lloyd (the young gun has grown up), surprisingly pointed to the left hand which in fact turned out to be right. In the field before it got too hot was an inspired decision, and this ability to think quickly on the spot, is one of the reasons 'Cannons' was made Captain.

'Cannons' Lloyd opened the bowling from one end, with his good mate, Jack 'Sparky' Gervasi at the other. It was crucial to make early inroads into this strong Tooley batting line up and 'Cannons' and 'Sparky' were the ones to do this. The Tooley openers were both experienced and extremely competent batters, and quickly found their mojo. A steady start rapidly improved, with the ball doing nothing in the air or off the seam. The Tooley captain was lucky to survive a confident appeal for caught behind, and if DRS was available this decision may have been reversed. There has been a push to get the technology into grass roots cricket and down the track this may happen.

With the score on 110 we gained our first bit of success with 'Muscles' Jolliffe drawing the Tooley captain down the wicket with a beautifully flighted, away swinging, indipper and 'Cannons' Lloyd flicking the bails off for his first stumping in BCS colours. Our bowlers had toiled admirably in the stifling heat and had been unlucky with a couple of dropped catches and some lucky shots from the batters. At one stage, a cracking pull shot from the powerful Domaille, hit Brodie 'Tootsies' Williams fair on his tootsies at square leg. This was actually a dropped catch, but with Brodie in all kinds of distress it was decided not to mention this to him. A spell on the sidelines was enough for him to get over this pain and continue in the game.

'Sparky' and 'Cannons' maintained a good line and length, with 'Sparky' using most of the pitch at one time or another and even bowling a few that didn't need the pitch. Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi bowled a splendid spell and deserved better figures off his 4 overs than his 0/17. 'Rarebit' Soraggi was brought on early and as one of the senior bowlers, he had a specific job to do. 'Rarebit' struggled with his length early and this provided an opportunity for the Tooley batters to hit on both sides of the wicket. He is a work in progress and will develop into the gun all-rounder our team needs. 'Rarebit' went for 28 off his 3 overs but maintained his enthusiasm as the Tooley batters took control.

With the wicket keeping gear removed, Drew 'SOK' (son of Kim) Lloyd took up the attack bowling some crafty leg spin. Taking the pace off the ball made it more difficult for the batters and created some chances as well. 'Muscles' Jolliffe was bowling her slow dippers from one end and 'SOK' from the other. Numerous play and misses could have seen wickets falling regularly but it was not to be. 'SOK' managed 0/24 off his 4 overs and 'Muscles' ended with the impressive figures of 1/18 off her 4. Wyatt 'Sheriff' O'Halloran was next with the pill a long with Darcy 'Gate' Carmichael. Darcy scored this name when batting as he swung like a rusty one. 'Sheriff' nearly got us out of jail with his spell of bowling and with figures of 0/13 off 2 could have been given more opportunities. 'Gate' Carmichael was a little expensive but did pick up his first wicket playing in the school team. The ball was a fullish long-hop that held up a little in the wicket. The batsman swung through, across the line and managed a thick, leading edge. A surprised Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi couldn't believe his luck, and the under-rated fieldsman snaffled a wonderful catch. Since his display at the State Finals last year, 'Diamond' Gervasi has gained the reputation of a feared fielder, and batsmen across the district avoid hitting it in his direction.

Sam 'Strings' Simmons was brought on to see if his unique bowling style could rip through the Tooley middle order. This lad is still coming to terms with his bowling and struggled to land them consistently. He did create uncertainty in the minds of the batsmen however. Dom (Muralli) Gervasi and Brodie 'Tootsies' Williams finished off the innings with some clever and thoughtful bowling. 'Muralli', with his slightly suspect action, enhanced his reputation with the ball by claiming the wicket of the dangerous Jake Foley. A well flighted doosra pitched and turned the wrong way causing the batsman to mistime his pull shot. The ball caught the top half of the bat but still with enough power to reach the boundary. With the ball tracking in the air on its way to the boundary, 'Muscles' Jolliffe ran full steam and then dived full length, to take the catch of the day, barely above the grass. With the finger up, the Tooley batsman had no alternative but to trudge off. Wild celebrations continued on the field for some time with 'Muscles' brushing off the adulation and the grass on her clothes and with 'Muralli' re-living the moment. This is what school cricket is all about. 'Muralli' finished with the figures of 1/18 off his 2 overs and 'Tootsies' bowled well for figures of 0/3. We may have erred in leaving 'Tootsies' till last, but with the added pressure of his debut game and a crushed set of right toes, the lads safety was our main concern.

After 30 overs the Tooleybuc batsmen had scored 190 runs, losing only 3 wickets in the process. We had a huge task to chase down 191 for victory but with gutfuls of vegemite sandwiches and the energy only a bottle of Powerade can provide, we were on our way.

The temperature on the pitch was touching 50 degrees and the stress on the players was a concern. 'Sparky' Gervasi opened up with 'Cannons' Lloyd and their aim was to wait till the bowlers tired and then launch. This worked well for 6 overs as Tooley's female speed demon, Eden Zanker, fired thunderbolts at our batters. She bowls like a female version of Jason Gillespie without the facial hair. The openers put on 23 before 'Sparky' mistimed a pull shot that lifted off a good length. Although only managing 2 runs, 'Sparky' had done his job and seen off the opening bowlers. 'Cannons' was looking untroubled and scoring freely and you felt that while he was there, we had half a chance. Loui 'Diamond' Gervasi was promoted up the order after some promising net displays. 'Diamond' is regularly reminded about his first bat for the team when he was run out without facing a ball (diamond duck). With his new bat, which he calls Cuddles, 'Diamond' was keen to prove himself. He was just starting to build a good partnership with the skipper when the introduction of Devon Andrews son, Cooper, brought him undone. With a cross batted swipe to a short lifting delivery, the ball only found the edge of 'Cuddles' and 'Diamond' was on his way for an excellent 1 run contribution.

With the score on 2/28 trouble was just around the corner, but with 'SOK' Lloyd joining his brother at the crease there was still a chance. Both the Lloyd boys knocked the ball round for a few overs and at drinks we were 2/50 after 15 overs. We needed 10 runs per over from here and with the temperature still rising, it was always a big ask. From 2/50 after 15 to 2/100 after 20 there was excitement and hope for the boys in the shed. 'Cannons' was smashing them everywhere with 4's and 6's quickly lifting the scoring rate. 'SOK' was starting to tire and decided a spell in the shade was a good option. 'Rarebit' Soraggi welcomed his move up the batting order and was also keen to prove himself in his new position. 'Rarebit' is a capable batsman and would be a good foil to 'Cannons' up the other end. With 'Cannon' unbeaten on 82, it was decided to give him a spell out of the sun. It would have been good to let him continue, but the Tooley coach had set the game up earlier by retiring several of their batsmen. This was going to give all our players a chance to bat and show us what they had. 'Muscles' came in to join 'Rarebit' and immediately made her intentions clear. She favours the cross batted swipes and reached the boundary with her second ball. With her 5th ball she unfortunately holed out to mid-wicket and was gone for 6. Needing 10 runs an over, 'Muscles' had made the decision to try and win the game and sacrificed her own wicket. Darcy 'Gate' Carmichael made his debut batting at number 7 after showing excellent technique and temperament in the nets. On the big stage, with 'Rarebit' set at the other end, Darcy decided to swing like a rusty gate in an afternoon breeze. Watch the ball was good advice and 'Gate' managed to edge a couple to get off the mark. 'Rarebit' was unable to get the strike and the run rate needed was increasing rapidly. The Tooley captain brought the female Gillespie back on and had immediate success. 'Gate' swung lustily at dipping, full ball and with the gate open, the castle was upset. 4/134 turned to 5/134 as the 'Sheriff' came and went for a well-constructed zero. 'Sheriff' O'Halloran shows some potential with the bat but was unable to hang around the action. Samuel 'Strings' Simmons strode purposely to the crease, knowing all too well that the success of the team now rested on his broad shoulders. He had given up a performance at the Whole School assembly to perform in the middle of the Tooleybuc Sports Ground and his time was now. As with his guitar, 'Strings' can perform a few tricks with his bat, but when a slashing straight drive was pouched by the bowler 'Strings' was on his way for a D minor, or a duck in cricketing terms.

Time was running out and with 'Tootsies' Williams hobbling to the crease our winning streak against Tooleybuc seemed over. Meanwhile, 'Rarebit' Soraggi had seen numerous batters come and go, and he too decided to join the party. It was hit out or die wondering and his stumps happened to be rearranged when he swung through a straight one and failed to make contact. He had been starved of the strike and was out there a long time for his 5 runs. When Dom 'Muralli' Gervasi joined 'Tootsies' in the middle the score was still on 134. We had lost 4/0 and looked dead in the water. 'Tootsies' batted well striking the ball through the infield on several occasions. 'Muralli' didn't trouble the scorers but showed enough to suggest that he may become a force like his brother 'Diamond' later in his school career. With the game almost over, 'SOK' returned to finish the final over. Brodie 'Tootsie' Williams remained unbeaten on 5 and 'SOK' was not out 15.

After 30 overs the boys were 8/142, still 49 runs behind. Top scorers for Balranald were Kobe 'Cannons' Lloyd on 82 not out, Drew 'SOK' Lloyd on 15 not out, Jordyn 'Muscles' Jolliffe 6, and Brandon 'Rarebit' Soraggi with Brodie 'Tootsies' Williams on 5. It was extremely hot and difficult to play the game. Unfortunately cricket is a summer sport so a bit of hot weather must be accepted. All the boys battled well and the signs indicate a prosperous period of cricket dominance maybe just around the corner.



STAGE FOUR TECHNOLOGY

This term the girls in Stage Four Technology have been working on a textiles unit where they have been learning about the sewing machine and looking at ways to decorate fabric. This week the girls have been tie dyeing calico in readiness to construct a cushion cover.



Balranald Netball Club



Registration & Training Night
MONDAY 7th MARCH at 6.00pm
at
Greenham Park Netball Courts

ALL SENIOR AND JUNIOR PLAYERS

All new and existing players need to be in attendance so we can finalise team nominations.

For further information or if you are unable to make it but are still wishing to play please contact

President: Bronwyn Brougham 0406 616 358

Secretary: Stacey Johnstone 0413 853 968

TERM ONE – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 B	7 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	8 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	9	10 K-12 Sports Day	11
Week 8 A	14 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	15 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	16	17 K-12 Sports Day	18
Week 9 B	21 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	22 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	23	24 K-12 Sports Day	28 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10 A	28 MARCH EASTER MONDAY	29 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	30	31 K-12 Sports Day	1 APRIL
Week 11 B	4 APRIL	5	6 Whole School Assembly @ 12pm	7 K-12 Sports Day	8 Athletics Carnival Last Day of Term 1, 2016

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

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Thursday, 10th March

Chicken Wombok Salad - \$4.50