



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Metals and Engineering Group



Pictured: Will Morton, Jack Gervasi, Dante Gervasi, Harrison Soraggi, Max Hickey (Tooleybuc Central School) Kobe Lloyd, Trent Nelson, Locklen Hurle and Sterling Ray with TAFE Teacher, Chris Gaston. These boys are enjoying the fact that every Thursday they get to do the Metals & Engineering Course in the school's Trade Training Centre again this year.



Year 5/6 Easter Egg Raffle



At this stage we do not have many Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to those who have already contributed. 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 are greatly appreciated.

Tickets will be on sale in recess and lunch from the Year 5/6 students in front of the Year 1/2 classroom during week 8 and 9.



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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

The Student Representative Council (SRC) students will be helping with the BBQ on Friday the 18th at the "Redgate" clearing sale. Thank you to Mr Kevin Dalton and the P&C association for thinking of the school and allowing us to participate in this fundraising opportunity. Also a big thank you to Miss Caryn Jones for organising the excursion.

The Primary Easter Picnic will be held on Thursday the 24th of March. Children will have made Easter Hats which they will proudly display at the Easter Hat Parade. All parents, family and friends are invited to join us for the picnic.

Our Primary student's will be travelling to Swan Hill on Tuesday the 15th to participate in an AFL coaching clinic hosted by the St Kilda Football Club. These clinics are important to develop self-esteem, confidence and team work. More importantly students further develop a love for sport and a healthy and active life style.

Good luck to our Combined High Schools Lawn Bowlers and Tennis Players who will be travelling to Barham this Friday the 21st of March to compete. Have a great day, and most importantly enjoy yourself and have fun. All the best!

It is great to see the Certificate II in Metals and Engineering course running again at Balranald Central School. This course compliments the quality Trade Training Facility we have here at school. Balranald Central School is very proud of the breadth and variety of courses on offer at our school.

Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

This week's quiz



Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

1. What is the name of the river that goes through the towns of Narrandera, Hay and Balranald?

2. What is the name of the toxic algae outbreak along the Murray River?

3. What is the name of the river that goes through the town of Wilcannia?

PRIMARY PONDERINGS

It has been a very busy start to the year in our Primary classes with lots of learning activities being undertaken. Our Kindergarten students have settled in well with Mrs Harper with most sharing their views on school during our first assembly.

Easter Hat Parade/Easter Raffle/Family Picnic

On Thursday 24 March we will hold our annual Easter Hat Parade, Easter Raffle and Family Picnic. We will start at 12pm with our Easter Hat Parade with the students wearing what they have made at home or at school. Students who do not make a hat at home will be given the opportunity to make one at school for the parade. There will be a prize for the best school and best homemade hat. Following the parade we will have our Year 5/6 Easter Raffle, this raffle is held every year as a fundraiser for the students to help with the cost of their excursion. At the conclusion of these events we will have a family picnic with parents invited to bring in a picnic blanket, some lunch and enjoy a meal with their students in the primary playground. We look forward to seeing you on what is one of the most enjoyable days in the primary year.

Home Reading

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. Teachers will regularly check that the students have been reading at home.

Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a merit certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75, 100 etc., nights of reading.

School Supplies

Students from K – 6 will need some equipment to enable them to complete their learning activities. It would be greatly appreciated if each student could bring in a box of tissues to be used in the classroom.

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a clean water bottle (with their name clearly marked) so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. This can be any clear bottle, such as an empty water bottle, sports drink or juice bottle with a

pop top style lid. Make sure you wash the bottle each night!

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and veg and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom.

Crunch & Sip encourages fruit and vegetable snacking and drinking water. Healthy eating behaviours are modelled in the classroom and reinforce the nutrition messages in the PD/H/PE curriculum. By making fruit and vegetable eating and water drinking normal in the classroom, healthy habits can be formed and continued into adolescence and adulthood.

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!

Our school now has a regular Crunch & Sip break every day during the morning session. You can help your child participate in the following ways:

Students will also need a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at their desk. The fruit can be any variety of whole or chopped fruit (such as apple, chopped melon, fruit in tubs in natural juice or sultanas*), or vegies such as celery or carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes. No other food or drinks are permitted for Crunch & Sip.

Please remember fruit for your child each day as part of our crunch and sip program - its powerful brain food!

** Note: dried fruit contains a high concentration of natural sugar, and this tends to stick to teeth increasing the risk of tooth decay therefore fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice.*

No Hat, No Play!

Don't forget all students are required to wear a **school hat** in the playground at all times. Please ensure you send a hat, with the child's name clearly marked on it, to school with your child.

Mr Bruce Scott
Assistant Principal

Year 3/4

This term the 3/4 Students have been studying a Persuasive Text (for and against) based on the theme eg: “Is it Cruel to Keep Pets and Wild Animals in Cages?” The year 3/4 are now also studying an Imaginary Text bases around Fairy Tales and animated movies such ‘Cars’



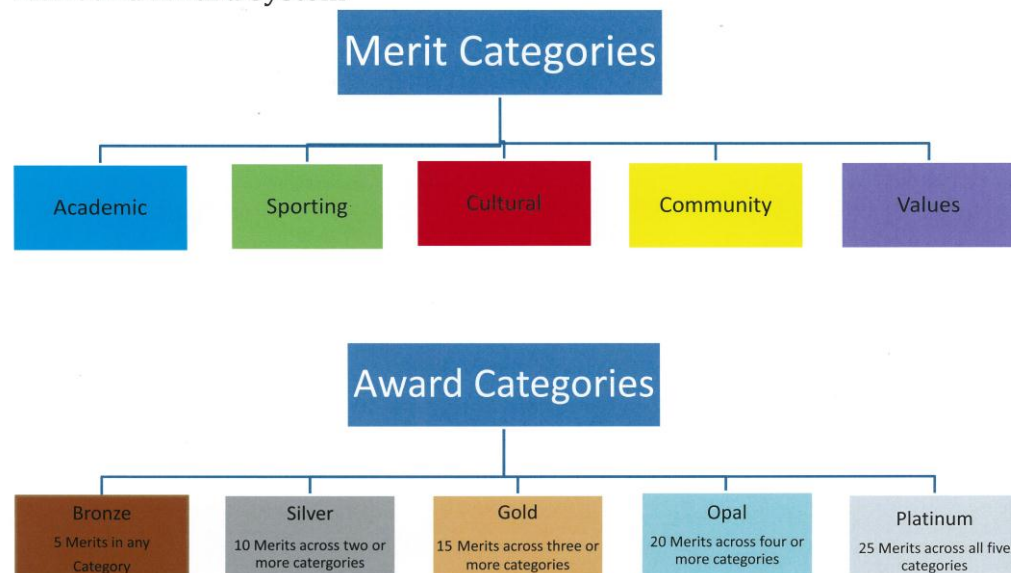
Students of the Week

Back Row (L to R) Poppy Briggs, Nungarra Kelly, Hannah Morton, Shania Bax, Emma Jolliffe

Front Row (L to R) Jorja Finch, Ellie Finch and Wezley Hines



Merit and Award System



National NAIDOC Poster Competition 2016

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to submit artworks for the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster Competition. The competition is a chance for talented artists aged 13 years and older to be recognised across Australia.

The winning artwork will be used to create the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster to promote NAIDOC Week 2016 across the country. The winning artwork will also collect a \$5,000 cash prize.

Your artwork must reflect this year's National NAIDOC theme:

Songlines: The living narrative of our nation

For more information on this year's theme visit www.naidoc.org.au

SEE MISS WOODS IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THE NAIDOC POSTER COMPETITION OR OPERATION ART

OPERATION ART 2016

Is your school one of the many NSW schools that enters Operation Art? Do your students have the opportunity to gain wider artistic recognition and have their artwork exhibited in a gallery?

- K-10 Visual Arts Exhibition for all NSW schools
- 50 selected Artworks will tour to the AGNSW and regional galleries
- All artworks professionally framed and exhibited
- Selected artworks donated to The Children's Hospital at Westmead and regional hospitals

**ENTRIES CLOSE
FRIDAY 6 MAY 2016**
www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au

The poster features a large, colorful geometric design on the right side, composed of various triangles in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. On the left, there is a small illustration of a white bear standing next to a sign that reads 'Operation art' and 'An initiative of the children's hospital at Westmead and the NSW Department of Education'. Below the main text, there is a section for partners and sponsors, including logos for NSW Education Public Schools, the arts unit, the children's hospital at Westmead, Sydney Olympic Park, Ansto, mta, Office of the Children's Guardian, ayp, art hanging systems, and ecoDesign ecoPrint.

TERM ONE – 2016

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 A	14 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	15 <i>Study Centre 3 to 4pm AFL Football Clinic in Swan Hill</i>	16	17 K-12 Sports Day	18
Week 9 B	21 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	22 <i>Study Centre 3 to 4pm</i>	23 Glass Art Workshop @ Moulamein	24 K-12 Sports Day	28 GOOD FRIDAY
Week 10 A	28 MARCH EASTER MONDAY	29 <i>Study Centre 3 to 4pm</i>	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

NO CANTEEN SPECIAL

Thursday, 17th March

BALRANALD NETBALL CLUB INC

NET SET GO

PROGRAM FOR 5-10 YEARS

Tuesday's 3.30pm at Netball Courts

Starting Tuesday, 26/4/2016

(Will run during school terms)

Until 16/8/2016

Cost: \$60 per participant

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