



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Kinder Transition Dates

11th October
18th October
25th October
1st November
8th November
15th November
22nd November
29th November
9 to 10.30am
6th December
9 to 11.00am

Farewell Year 12



Pictured: Year 12 with Mr White and Mrs Harper

On Thursday, 22nd September Balranald Central School staff and students farewelled Year 12, 2017. We wish Ciana, Maddy, Trent, Isabella, Caitlyn and Shania all the best in the HSC examinations and beyond.

2018 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to Kobe Lloyd and Jordyn Jolliffe on being elected Secondary School Captains for 2018. We wish them all the best as they take on their new role within the school.



Pictured: Kobe and Jordyn with Principal, Mr Flagg

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome back staff and students to Term 4.

Congratulations to Year 12 on completing your formal schooling. The celebrations such as assemblies and the graduation dinner in the last week of Term 3 were fantastic. Good luck to all of our Year 12 students sitting their HSC examinations over the next month. Remember the future is not defined by your exams. The future begins after they have finished. It is always important to give everything you do your very best shot, but make sure you keep some perspective. When you walk out of that final exam, you have the world at your feet.

Well done and congratulations to Jordyn Joliffe and Kobe Lloyd for being elected as our 2018 school captains. It is an honour and a privilege to be the student's leaders in our school and I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

Our newly formed HSC group has now had one week to settle in. I encourage all these students to have high expectations of themselves. I also encourage them to work hard and aim high. Our students can and will achieve whatever it is they want. Student attitude towards classroom participation and study outside of the classroom is vital for their own success.

It was great to see many of our students and participating in aspects of the Five Rivers Festival over the weekend. We have a vast group of artists and cooking enthusiasts and this was another avenue to display their skills. Prize winners and participants will be showcased in further newsletters. Well done to all the students, staff involved, and thank you to the Five Rivers Festival Committee for putting on another fantastic community event.

Our Kindergarten Transition Program started strongly last Wednesday. See in the newsletter for the upcoming transition calendar. Balranald Central School is looking forward to starting the Learning Journey with our 2018 Kindergarten group.

I would like to welcome Ellie Brougham to our staff team. Ellie has been employed two days a week for the remainder of the year as a Learning Support Officer. The role is to provide in class learning support to targeted students and to assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities.

We are very excited to have Ellie working alongside our teaching staff with a collective responsibility for student learning.



Unfortunately, Mrs Suzanne Coates will be on leave for the remainder of term for health reasons. We wish Mrs Coates all the best in her recovery; we are pleased to announce that Mrs Kristy Helgeland has been appointed 3 days per week as a classroom teacher while Mrs Coates is away. Mrs Helgeland is excited to be working with a range of students from across the school.



I would like to say a huge congratulations to Year 12 for their wonderful fundraising efforts this year, with a cheque being presented to Balranald CanAssist at their Year 12 Formal for \$1000.

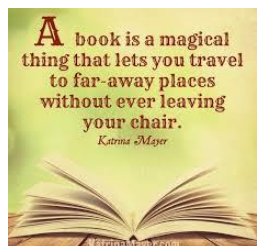


Aaron Flagg

PRIMARY PONDERINGS

School Hats

Parents and students are reminded that during Term 4 the wearing of hats during outdoor activities is compulsory. This includes during both recess and lunch and outdoor curriculum activities. All primary students have been provided with bucket hats courtesy of the P&C. If students have lost their hat a replacement can be purchased from the school canteen. Under the school's Sunsafe Policy, a student who is not wearing a hat is unable to participate in outdoor activities and will be asked to remain under the shade shelter in the primary playground.



200 Nights Reading

Congratulations to Prue Harper and Ben Johnstone who have completed 200 nights of home reading in their READ IT Home reader. Prue and Ben have received an award and a book for their efforts. Parents are reminded that all primary students who achieve 100 and 200 nights home reading will receive a book award as part of our home reading program.

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.

Primary Swimming Program

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 8 and Week 9, 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 or Mrs Linnett.

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!

Homework Club

A reminder to all students and parents that the Homework Club is open each Tuesday afternoon between 3.00 – 4.00pm and is available to all students in both primary and secondary.

5/6 Excursion – Canberra

Money is due now for the 5/6 excursion

Student Awards

The following students have received awards from the Balranald Cookery and Craft Show. Details of the results will be published in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to the following winners –

Zelda	Lani	Oscar	Reagan	Celena
Ellie	Seth	Keshara	Baylee	Edward
Abigail	Billy	Ronarrian	Ella	Kadin
Nyara	Mollie	Cassidy	Akkasha	Wezley
Evan	Anna	Sheridan	Skyanne	Prue
Lajarna	Chayse	Charli	Alayna	Kyarah
Jorja	Maggie	Chloe Calleja	Alex	Blair
Lily	Shania	Evie	Landyn	Baylee
Kayla	Elouise	Rhiannon	Maggie	Jack Helgeland
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Labelling clothing

It is **very important** that jumpers, hats, water bottles and lunch boxes have your child's name clearly written on it. The back of the school emblem on the jumpers is a great place to write names. If they get lost at school they can be easily returned.



Class Christmas Parties

The Christmas Class Parties will occur on Thursday 14th December 2017. As we get closer to December more information will be provided.

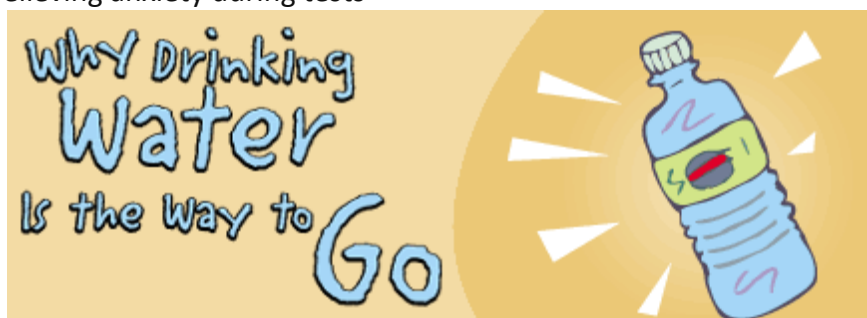
WATER is an Important Factor in Student Success

Because the brain has no way to store water, it is important to continually drink water throughout the day. When the body loses more water than is being replaced, dehydration occurs and brain function can be affected.

But when the brain is operating with plenty of water, students are able to have greater clarity, creativity, focus and quicker thought processes (like recalling those times tables!) You may consider investing in a durable reusable water bottle that is easy to refill and doesn't tip easily. Refilling the desk water bottle each day will cut down on waste and save money.

Proper hydration is essential for student success at all ages. Another study found that college students who drank water during exams got better grades. Water not only helps improve brain function, but simply the act of drinking water may play a part in relieving anxiety during tests

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle as the weather warms up.



K/1 Library Day

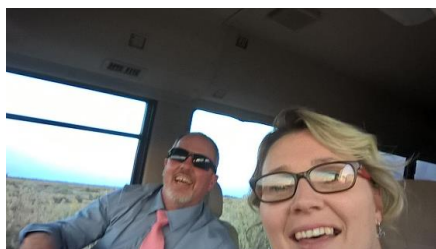
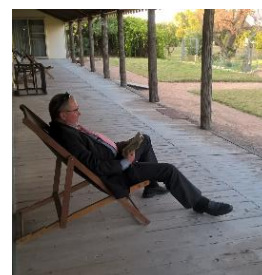
K/1 will be having Geography and Library with Mrs Gorman on Wednesday instead of Friday due to the running of our Kindergarten Transition Program. Remember to bring in your Library books on Wednesday.

Year 12 Formal



It was a very emotional last week of Term 3 with Year 12 Celebration Week. The week started with dinner at the Billabong Restaurant with teachers followed the next day, Tuesday, with a breakfast with teachers and the cleaners. Wednesday started the set up of the Formal and Thursday was Graduation Day. This was a very emotional morning for parents and families and was followed by a yummy morning tea. Finishing the day was continuing the setup of the Formal at the at the Royal Hall. Friday saw everyone visit

the hairdresser and make up artist (well everyone except Trent). Then at 4pm Whitey and myself jumped on the School Bus and did the traditional pick up of Year 12 students. Wow! they looked amazing. We headed out to Yanga Homestead where we met Mikkali for a few photos. We headed back into town for the Formal to begin. Couldn't help a few sneaky photos, not sure how Whitey was able to read during a photo session!



I would like to thank all Year 12 students and their families for making the Year 12 Formal a fabulous night. You can count on the Bax family to keep a party going. I would like to thank Trent Nelson and his family who showed us how quick you can pack up a formal. They have had two weddings to practice on! Thank you also to Sue Giansiracusa and her band of helpers for the fabulous food. Thank you to Bronwyn at In the Garden for the beautiful flowers and all the extras that we borrowed

from her shop. Thank you to Mikkali Rowe for her outstanding photography, the photos are amazing. Thank you to Jamie Barrett from Jamie J's Creative Cakes for the very yummy cake. Thank you to Louie Lanteri for the fab music. Thank you to Jordyn and Kobe our new 2018 School Captains for hosting the Formal, you did a great job.

My final thank you to my helpers Sharon Nelson, Sam Lockhart, Alison Linnett, Richard White, Josie Harding and the parents who turned up the day after the formal to help finish the cleaning.

Good Luck to Year 12 with your Exams.

Kate Harper

Relieving Assistant Principal



Students of the Week *(Week 2)*



Back Row (L to R) Jordyn Jolliffe, Drew Lloyd, Molly Finch, Taylor Lewis
Front Row (L to R) – Landyn Jones, Jack Renfrey
Absent - Skyanne Peterson Murray

CANTEEN SPECIALS

ALL WEEK SPECIAL

Cheese toasties \$1

Ham & Cheese toasties \$2

THURSDAY SPECIAL

Spaghetti & Cheese Jaffles \$2

Science Day held on last day of Term 3



BAL-ARCHIES

Well done to students in primary who entered their portraits into the 'Bal-Archies' at Balranald Art Gallery! Students have been working hard during Term 3 to create their own portrait. The exhibition is open till Friday the 29th of October.

Carmen Woods (Creative Arts)

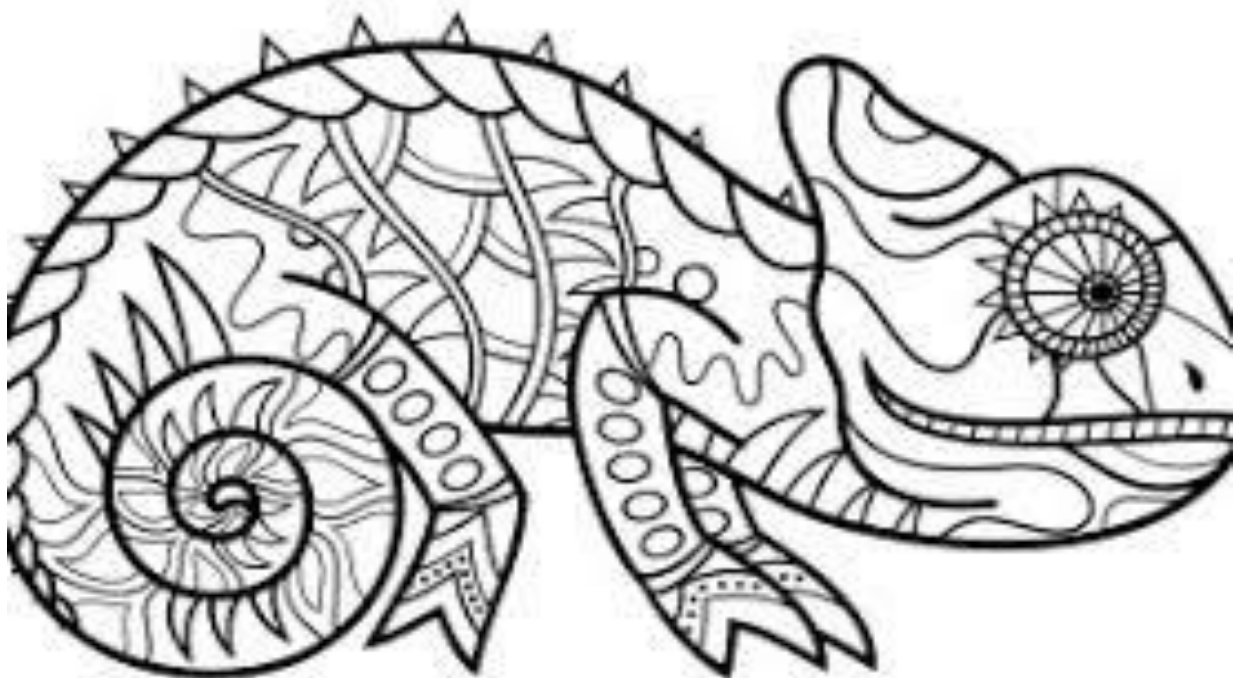
Here are some of the lovely portraits below:



**Year 9/10 COLOURING IN
COMPETITION EXTENDED
until Monday
23rd October.**

**Please see Miss Woods or
9/10 students for details.**

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!



A HUGE thank you to the P&C for donating money for new art smocks and aprons for the art room! Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Balranald Junior Cricket Expressions of Interest

The Swan Hill and District Junior Cricket have changed age divisions for the 2017/18 season.

The Under 11's division is 7-a-side, with Under 13's playing 9-a-side. The Under 11's competition will be played on Friday night, with the Under 13's on Saturday morning.

If your son or daughter is interested in playing cricket this season, please contact Natalie Lay (0419 502 009).

At this stage, Balranald has nominated an Under 11's side. It would be great to be able to field an Under 13's side as well.

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Near Greenham Park, Church Street

BALRANALD

Wednesday, 25 October 2017

9 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to **humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice** or call **132 316**.

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TERM FOUR - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 B	16 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	17 Study Centre 3 to 4pm AFL 9's @ Deni	18 Kinder Transition 9-10.30am	19	20
Week 3 A	23 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	24 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	25 Kinder Transition 9-10.30am	26 <i>Bunnings visit Primary</i>	27
Week 4 B	30 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	31 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	1 NOVEMBER Kinder Transition 9-10.30am	2	3
Week 5 A	6 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> 7-10 Exams	7 Study Centre 3 to 4pm 7-10 Exams	8 Kinder Transition 9-10.30am	9	10
Week 6 B	13 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 10 Metals Placement	14 Study Centre 3 to 4pm Year 10 Metals Placement	15 Whole School Assembly @ 12pm Kinder Transition 9-10.30am Year 10 Metals Placement	16 Year 10 Metals Placement	17 Year 10 Metals Placement
Week 7 A	20 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	21 Study Centre 3 to 4pm	22 Kinder Transition 9-10.30am	23	24
Week 8 B	27 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Stage 5 Sydney Excursion <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	28 Study Centre 3 to 4pm Stage 5 Sydney Excursion <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	29 Kinder Transition 9-10.30am Stage 5 Sydney Excursion <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	30 Stage 5 Sydney Excursion <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	1 DECEMBER Stage 5 Sydney Excursion <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 9 A	4 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Intensive Swimming</i> Year 10 Work Experience	5 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> Year 10 Work Experience	6 Kinder Transition 9-11am <i>Intensive Swimming</i> Year 10 Work Experience	7 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> Year 10 Work Experience	8 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> Year 10 Work Experience
Week 10 B	11 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> 2018 Stage 6 Success Week	12 K-12 Presentation Night 2018 Stage 6 Success Week	13 2018 Stage 6 Success Week	14 2018 Stage 6 Success Week Primary Class Parties	15 Last day of school for students 2018 Stage 6 Success Week
Week 11 A	18 DECEMBER SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	19 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	20	21	22

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

St Joseph's P&F 2017 Fete
UNLIMITED RIDE OFFER

Buy your "unlimited ride wristband" now for **unlimited rides** between **5:30pm and 9pm** on **Saturday, November 18th** to celebrate our Schools' Fete. Rides include:

- * Giant Slide
- * Chair-O-Plane
- * Bungee Run
- * Zap Zone
- * All jumping castles

Pre-purchase your wristband at a special price of \$30.00 each.

Payment for wristbands can be made at **Elders, Balranald** from **Wednesday, 18th October**.

Wristbands will be available from **5.30 pm** on the night of the fete at the ticket office.

Wristbands will also be on sale at the Fete.

Individual ride tickets will be available on the day at \$5.00 each if you don't wish to buy a wristband.