



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Kinder Transition Dates

29th November
9 to 10.30am
6th December
9 to 11.00am

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Tuesday, 12th December
at 7pm

Year 5-6 Excursion to Canberra



The Slide Man's Perspective by Jorja Finch

I was happily doing my job running the vertical slide at Questacon, when this small but loud and interactive group walked in and wanted a go on the vertical slide. They grabbed overalls and socks. The group started running up the stairs, I yelled at them and said, "You are already breaking our first and most important rule." "NO RUNNING," Walk up the rest of the way please? So, they did.

First up was a girl with light brown hair. She sat on the ledge, held the bar and slowly lowered herself down. Just then she decided she did not want to go down the slide, I said, "it's too late now," the girl replied and said, "NNOOOO," she started kicking her legs and screaming, I knew she would lose grip sooner or later. She kept screaming and throwing tantrums.

"Look at your feet and drop." She had been hanging on for five minutes. She finally dropped. I thought to myself that this is going to take a while.

Special thanks to Mr White for driving the bus and Mrs Harper and Miss Poole for helping organise the excursion.

PRESENTATION NIGHT SUPPER

Once again, the P&C will be organising supper for Presentation Night. It would be greatly appreciated if families could bring along a plate to share on the evening. These can be dropped off at the Canteen.



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome all parents and students to Week 8 of Term 4.

In 2018, Balranald Central School will be again running the **Middle School program** for years 5, 6, 7 & 8. The purpose is to provide stage three and stage four 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 his or her group for the entire year. Middle School will run for one 75-minute 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 2018 programs are – **Wellbeing II, PBL, STEM and Around the World Cuisine**

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Middle School Program	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Wellbeing II	Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
PBL	Red	Blue	Green	Yellow
STEM	Yellow	Red	Blue	Green
Around the World Cuisine	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue

In 2018, we will continue running our 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 one Intensive Literacy lesson per week. Student will concentrate on reading texts, aspects of writing, vocabulary and comprehension in small cluster groups with other students working at a similar level.

Balranald Central School will again work in partnership with Your Dream INC Chaplaincy Program. This is a not for profit organisation that trains and coordinates School Chaplains. Balranald Central School has been participating in the National School Chaplaincy program since 2016. We will again receive funding to continue the service every Wednesday in 2018.

We are excited to announce that Tessa Duryea has been accepted into Aurora College in 2018. Tessa will be studying Extension Mathematics. Tessa will join Jack Gervasi who will continue his Italian Beginners course through Aurora College. 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. Mentoring opportunities and master classes are key features of the learning experience. Congratulations Tessa!

Eloquent Speech Pathology in Swan Hill will again be funded for Semester 1 2018 to service Balranald Central School. Emilia will be working with Stage 1 students to enhance their oral language skills. It is known that oral language is the foundation to which literacy skills are built hence we wish to ensure that the students have a solid foundation in which they learn to read and write.

Through the provision of oral language groups, we aim to enhance:

- Listening comprehension
- Expressive vocabulary
- Grammatical knowledge
- Social language skills

In 2018, Balranald Central School will again work in partnership with Sunraysia TAFE in Swan Hill to ensure Cert I in Metals and Engineering is delivered on site at BCS. This very successful program is delivered to our Years 10, 11 and 12 students who select the course. The employability skills gained from this course are extremely valuable to our school leavers.

A reminder to parents that I am available at any time and by appointment to discuss school business. I value parental input and understand that best practice comes from collaboration and having a shared responsibility for student achievement.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Presentation evening on Tuesday 12th December. Celebrating student achievement with parents and friends is a wonderful way to finish the school year.

Aaron Flagg

PRIMARY PONDERINGS

Canberra Excursion

I very big thank you to Mr White and Miss Poole for take 18 5/6 students to Canberra. It was by all accounts outstanding. You will read more about it in next week's newsletter.

3/4 Mildura Excursion

On Thursday 7th December, Year 3/4 will be heading to Mildura with Mrs Lockhart, Mrs Linnett and Woody. They will be taking a dip in the Mildura Wave Pool and go ten pin bowling. Notes are due in ASAP.



Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming has started and all students are reminded to bring swimmers, rashie, thongs, towel and sunscreen. If anyone is able to help please let Mrs Linnet know.

Period 3	11am	class 5/6
Period 4	11:50am	class 3/4
Period 5	1:20pm	class K/1/2

Outdoor play space

Part of our sandpit has been transformed into a very inviting play space with two rivers for imaginative play. Natural play spaces can provide rich opportunities for children to explore new ideas and to develop their interests and understanding in a cooperative way. A big thank you to Glenda and Paul Murray for creating this great space.



3/4 Reward Cooking

Over the past few weeks, students from the year 3/4 class who have demonstrated positive behaviour have had the opportunity to cook with Kellie once a week. I had the opportunity to take Leo, Ryan, Elouise and Rhiannon for cooking last week. We made Mrs Matarazzo apple triangles. They were very yummy.



Kinder Transition

2 Weeks ago I had the pleasure of hosting the Early Learning Centre for Kinder Transition. We had a very productive morning. Thank you to Jayne and her parent helpers.



Here are some key messages around internet safety that could help parents help their children.

In addition to following these tips, parents might want to install filters on their home computers.

1. Don't let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests.
2. Put computers in a communal area of the house and do not allow portable internet devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc.) in the bedroom.
3. Find out what your child is doing online. Talk to them regularly about what websites they visit and take the time sit with them as they use the internet. Make sure you are familiar with how the sites that they visit work.
4. Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem on the internet or if they are ever unsure about anything. Reassure them that you will not take away their connection to the internet if issues occur.
5. Remind your child to keep personal information private. YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums etc.) – **Y**our full name, **a**ddress, **p**hone number, **p**asswords, **y**our plans.
6. Remind your child that not everything on the internet is true and not all internet users tell the truth.
7. Don't support your child to sign up for sites that are 13+ if they are under age (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc). Make sure your child sets their online accounts to private to limit access to people they know well (when they are old enough to sign up).
8. Encourage your child to balance their leisure time so they are not spending all of their time online.
9. Create your own internet rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them.
10. Explore government resources for parents so you can educate yourself and protect your children on the Cybersmart website.

<http://primarytech.global2.vic.edu.au/2012/10/29/internet-safety-tips-for-parents/>

Creative Arts

Below is a sample of artwork done by Shania Lanteri in Creative Arts.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (Week 6)



Back Row (L to R) Harry Ross, Prue Harper, Paul Murray, Hope Miliito, Kasey Dunstan

Front Row (L to R) Lani Jones, Nyara Peterson-Murray

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK (Week 7)



Back Row (L to R) Kiandra Dalton, Molly Finch, Denym Tebetebe, Khy Jess

Front Row (L to R) Kayla Harding, Jye Harper, Abigail McArd

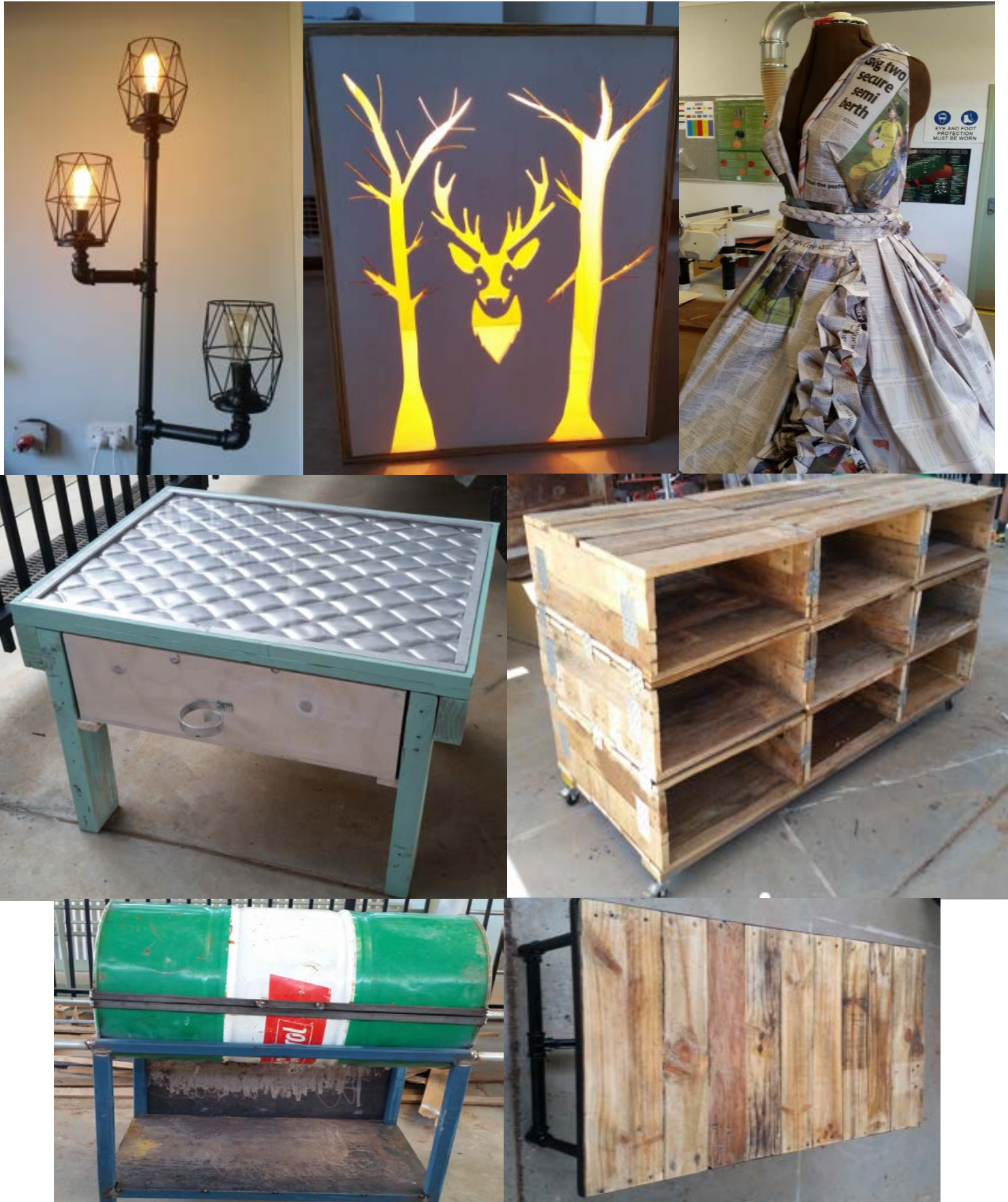
Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory

Year 7 and 8 busy making boxes, desk tidies and foldable stools.



Design and Technology Year 11

Year 11 have completed their Preliminary Year for Design and Technology. Students completed two design projects, one was a light fixture design and the other was a product made from recycled materials. Below are pictures of some of the items they made.



TERM FOUR - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

Balranald Junior Football Club

End of year meeting
Sunday, 3rd December @
11.00 am

Senior Footy sheds

Agenda items:

- Pre-season training
- Coaches/Managers for 2018

If anyone has items for the agenda, please contact:

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Hope to see you there!



P&C International Night

When: Friday, 16th March 2018

Where: Balranald Central School

Do you have a culinary delight you would like to share with our school community?

We would love to have you join us.

Please leave your name and the dish you would like to cook at the front office or message Amelia on 0400 165 393.