

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM **BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL** 11 December 2017 **ISSUE 27**

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Tuesday, 12th December at 7pm

Last day for students is Friday, 15th

Front Office is open Monday, 18th until 3pm

P&C **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

First Prize - \$500 in local shopping vouchers

Lots of other prizes including Christmas hamper, gingerbread house, doterra oils pack & Jamie J's Cake

Drawn at Presentation Night.

Education Public Schools

Year 9-10 Excursion to Sydney



Students in Stage 5 travelled to Sydney last week and participated in various activities. Students went to Luna Park, walked across the Harbour Bridge, stood with famous wax figures, ate Chinese in China Town, went up Sydney Tower, visited the Wild Life Zoo at Darling Harbour, walked the Bondi to Bronte beach walk and travelled to Manly by ferry.



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.



THANK YOU

To Students, Staff and Parents for all of your contributions in 2017.

It has been an amazing year and we should all be extremely proud.

The school has had a successful year due to your dedication, commitment and hard work.

I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing time during the break.

Thanks again

Aaron Flagg



Congratulations Jordyn Jolliffe you have done Balranald proud!



Balranald Central School would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jordyn on her AFL achievements to date. Her achievements in 2017 have included –

- Participating in the AFL Women's National Academy in Melbourne
- Representing the GWS Giants academy in the NSW State titles
- Was in the school team that won the State Championship/Giants Cup
- Selected in the NSW AFL Academy team and played in the National AFL tournament
- Selected in the U17 All Australian AFL Women's team
- Selected in the 2018 National AFL Academy

Jordyn is an extremely talented student who has become a role model amongst her peers.

PRIMARY PONDERINGS

Intensive Swimming

Thank you to Mrs Linnett, Dee Jones, Clara Pet and the Year 10 helpers for assisting with Intensive Swimming. All students have enjoyed their time in the water. In periods 5 and 6 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week students will be swimming to catch up on lessons missed due to weather etc.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all Year 6 students on Graduating from Primary School. Thank you to Miss Poole for making their day very special.

Year 5 Captain Speeches

Congratulations to all Year 5 students who are making their Captain's Speech today. You all should be proud of your efforts. The Captains for 2018 will be announced at Presentation Night.

Class Parties

Class Parties will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 14th December. Students need to pay \$4 to the classroom teacher by Tuesday. Thank you to those who have already paid.

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.

Plastic Bags

Could all students please bring a plastic bag to take all of their books and items home.

Have a happy and safe holiday and see you back in 2018.



CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are looking for reliable cleaning staff to work at local sites in the following areas:

Balranald, Booligal, Clare

Monday to Friday, part time, casual and relief positions available.

Flexible shift times, experience is preferred but not essential.

Training and uniform provided.

Please send your résumé to: Joss Facility Management, PO Box 667, Griffith NSW 2680

Or for more information contact Terre
Ph: 0407 004 737 between 8:00am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday

A working with Children Check is required for this position

Students of the Week

(Week 8)



Back Row (L to R) Maximiliano Ugarte, Jordyn Jolliffe, Bonnie Jolliffe, Jenae Johnstone

Front Row (L to R) Celena Cimino, Kyron Michaels, Darryl Michaels

Students of the Week

(Week 9)



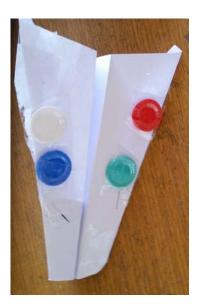
Back Row (L to R) Caleb Hines, Chloe Calleja, Jack Gervasi, Denym Tebetebe, Vinci Ugarte

Front Row (L to R) Mollie Calleja, Thaariyah Oczenaschek, Ryan Johnstone

Absent - Kiandra Dalton

Stage 5 Mathematics

In the last few weeks of school, students have been participating in STEM challenges. The Year 10's had the following aim: "Create a paper plane to carry 5 tokens the furthest". Students were given some paper, tape, a stapler and 5 tokens and had to come up with a design to not only fly the furthest, but also had to carry the tokens without any falling out. The students created planes they found online but failed to take into account the tokens. They fell out! Kayla had the idea to tape the tokens onto the plane so they wouldn't fall out. Riley placed the tokens in strategic places, with 2 on each wing and one in the middle, with some staples to keep the weight distribution correct. Blair and Riley also pushed the idea of what was a plane, and scrunched up a ball of paper with the tokens inside and threw it. In the end, Riley created the best plane overall and was crowned the winner.



In Year 9, the students were set the task to "Create a Rube Goldberg machine with objects found in the Mathematics storeroom". A Rube Goldberg machine is a deliberately complex contraption in which a series of devices that perform simple tasks are linked together to produce a domino effect in which activating one device triggers the next device in the sequence. Students spent Monday thinking of a design to create, using the limited resources in the classroom. On Tuesday, the students started to create the machine. Paul, with help from Dartanian, created a ramp out of two rulers and some sticky tape. Paul, Jenae and Denym helped to create the stack of cups. Denym and Jenae created a line of dominos to be pushed over. All of the students created a staircase out of wooden blocks with some panels to use as big dominos. Finally, our Rube Goldberg Machine was completed. It started by knocking over the panels down the staircase, which hit a plank of wood, then hit the stacks of dominos, which hit a ball down a ramp to knock over our stack of cups. Year 1/2 were asked to see our finished product, (which failed by the way), including taking three attempts to knock over the tower. Back to the STEM drawing board.



TERM FOUR - 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10 B	11 DECEMBER Exec meeting 2018 Stage 6 Success Week	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

CANTEEN

Thursday special until the end of year!

Cheese toasties - \$1
Ham and Cheese toasties - \$2

SCHOOL STARTING DATES FOR TERM 1, 2018

Tuesday, 6 February 2018 Students in Years 1 to 12

Thursday, 8 February 2018 Students in <u>Kindergarten</u> first day o school

PLEASE NOTE

All students are required to be at school by 8.50am

School finishes at <u>3.00pm</u> for all students



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.