



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Pirate Day

Friday, 14th

A pirate play written and performed by students from K-6 starting at 9.15am (see page 7 for details)

PRESENTATION NIGHT

Tuesday, 18th
December
at 7pm

Last day for students is
Wednesday, 19th

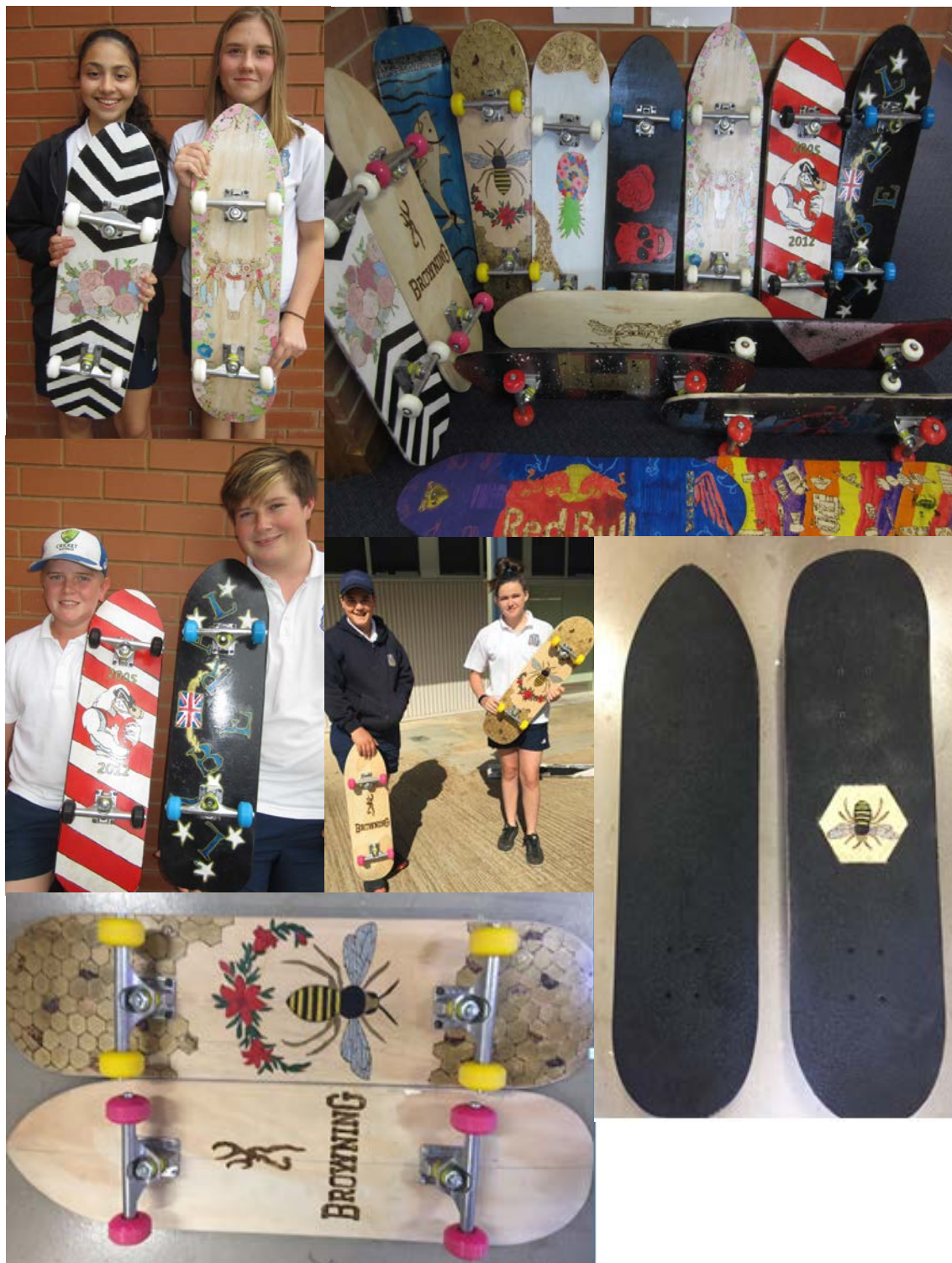
P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

First Prize - local shops
gift voucher tree

Lots of other prizes
including Christmas
hampers and a
gingerbread house.

Drawn at Presentation
Night.

Year 8 Technology- Skateboard Unit



This semester students have constructed their own skateboard from scratch, starting from four thin lengths of ply. Students designed both the shape and design to be applied to their boards.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVES

It's Pirate Week @ BCS

Ahoy there! Whether it was the steamy, hot weather of last week, the sound of splashing water from the pool that I could hear from my office or the photos I've seen from the Stage 4 Port Campbell visit – but our pirate themed-week is off to a swashbuckling start. And yes, who better to give us life lessons here at school than the lessons we learn from Jack Sparrow, Pirate of the Caribbean, as we sail the Seven Seas @ BCS.

#1 Find something you love, and never let it go: Jack's one true love is his ship, the Black Pearl, and he'll literally do anything to get her back. That's the kind of dedication we want at school. When we look at the pride that's needed to create a Year 8 skateboard or a fantasy creature we can see what is possible when you try hard at school.

Students are currently LOVING getting ready for their Pirate Play, written and developed by Year 5/6. Join Captain Jack Dowling; his parrot Prue Harper, best mates Tyrone Wickey & Jack Lowe and narrator Joseph Scalora, as they lead us with songs such as 'You can Count on Me' and 'Drunken Sailor'. Come along and see K/1/2 walk the plank and see if the pirates find the lost treasure. Casual Day/Dress like a Pirate has a gold coin donation towards our school donation for Ryder Gerkens and River Purtill, as they both battle cancer.

#2 Material objects aren't everything: Not all treasure is silver and gold. Sure, some of it is, but a lot of the good things in life are family, friends, helping others, chocolate, etc. Reports should be going home at the end of this week (fingers crossed!). Look past a number on the page and really read the comments. Really see the effort that is being put into classes in the PBL ticks. I've signed a lot of reports that students should be able to 'treasure'.

Much better than any treasure chest of gold were the speeches presented by Anna, Elouise, Harry, Joseph and Prue today for 2019 Primary Captains. You are ALL winners in terms of school spirit and an understanding of the importance of a leadership role. Whomever is chosen will be a wonderful ambassador for our school.

#3 Not everything is black and white: As Jack Sparrow points out, madness and brilliance often coincide. Things can get confusing, and that's okay. Maybe you'll learn something new. At times things aren't clear at school – there are always so many grey areas. Listen to points of view that might be different to your own; look to see how individuals deal with situations differently to you. Yes, there's always a "better" way, sometimes, of handling yourself. But if we can accept that everyone is unique, an occasionally let some things just go, we can end the year in a really positive way.

#4 Have a Code: For Jack the only rule is "what a man can do and what a man can't do." We have more rules, things about not murdering anyone, stopping at red lights, and being nice. Whatever code you live by, it's important to identify what you believe in. At school we have our values – Respect; Responsibility; Care: Personal Best. Even our Kinder students

know these...and can spot them every morning when we're lining up. This is a code we can all live by.

By all reports a number of students stepped up to face their fears on the high ropes and the like at the Stage 4 excursion. We hope you all had a great time – and achieved your own personal best. A special BIG thank you to Mr Bryce Dalton for driving the bus and spending the week at Camp.

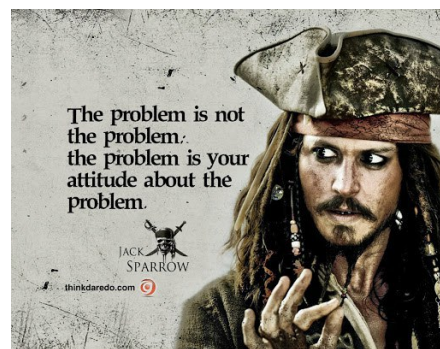
#5 How we respond to a situation says a lot about who we are: We can plan things down to the last detail and be prepared for certain situations, but sometimes things just go wrong. Maybe your bus doesn't have the best air-conditioning? Maybe the canteen has run out of your favourite drink in the last weeks of school. Our reactions to these events reveal where our values lie and what our true nature is. If we allow every bump in the road to upset us and bring us down, we will be miserable...and only have ourselves to blame.

#6 Enjoy the little things: Did you just make the best-looking fantasy creature in your class? Or is it a little 'too' fantastical...?! Did you join with the other BCS students to sing in the children's choir at Carols on Sunday? It's kind of fun to have a reason to celebrate, even if that reason is that you got a few extra Year 9 Food Tech lessons last week, with the alternative timetable. Extra butterfly cakes. Who'd knock that back?!

It can be so easy to credit others but discredit yourself. Don't do that. You have a lot to offer this world, but if you don't believe in yourself it will be hard to get other people to believe in you. With that said, it's okay to be confident and to show that confidence to other people. Well done to Loui, Blair and Javen on their CERT I in Metals & Engineering and all of the recent winners in the Bal-Archies.

K-6 have been intensive swimming – which involves learning how to swim & survive in various water situations; safe entries, floating, survival swimming, using life vests; saving friends and increasing water confidence. This program will "follow" the warmer weather into Week 1 and 2 in Term One 2019. Lots of great swimming should mean a lot of people keen to enter 33m races at the Carnival.

#7 There is no such thing as over-accessorising! Well, it is pirate week after all...



Nadine Matarazzo

Students of the Week (Week 7)

Back Row (L to R) Bonnie Jolliffe, Javen Ricevuto

Front Row (L to R) Jo-Ann Van Der Westhuizen, Leo Gaston

Absent: Caleb, Elouise and Wez Hines



Students of the Week (Week 8)

Back Row (L to R) Jack Lowe, Sophie Renfrey, Darcy Carmichael, Chloe Gorman

Front Row (L to R) Edward Murray, Cassidy Lowe

Absent: Zara Ellis



Primary students keeping cool last Friday!!



Pirate Day BBQ



This Friday the 14th is Pirate Day and there will be a barbeque at lunchtime.

Sausage sandwich \$2

Cold cans of drink \$2



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.



Students receive their Certificate I in Metals and Engineering



Congratulations to Javen, Loui and Blair for attaining their Certificate I in Metals and Engineering. The Metals and Engineering students attend classes taught by Sunraysia TAFE each Thursday at the Balranald Central School Trade Training Centre. Chris Gaston from Sunraysia TAFE presented students with their certificates. Balranald Central School really values our partnership with Sunraysia TAFE as it provides students with the opportunity to study trades at our school and further enhances our curriculum.



Thank you



The Class of 2019 would like to thank all the members of our school community for your generous support in donating to our Christmas Hamper Fundraiser. Your contributions will help us raise funds for the Headspace charity. Over the course of next year, we hope to raise \$1,000. Raffle tickets are available at the front office for \$1 a ticket and there are five hampers to be raffled off on the 14th of December.

Year 7 and 8 Visual Arts *Fantasy Creature*



TERM FOUR - 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9 B	10 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Year 10 Work Placement</i> <i>Year 6 Graduation</i>	11 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Year 10 Work Placement</i>	12 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Year 10 Work Placement</i>	13 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Year 10 Work Placement</i>	14 <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Year 10 Work Placement</i> Pirate Day Whole School Assembly @ 9.15am
Week 10 A	17 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Year 5/6 Excursion to Echuca</i>	18 <i>K-12 Presentation Night</i>	19 <i>Last day of school for students</i> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	21

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

**Balranald Central School**

Presents

"THE LOST TREASURE"

**A pirate play written and performed by students from Kindy to Year 6****9.15am****FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2018****Balranald Central School Hall****Entry - GOLD COIN DONATION****(Monies raised will be donated to River Purtil & Ryder Gerkens)**