



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Farewell Year 12

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On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September Balranald Central School staff and students farewelled Year 12. We wish Javen, Blair, Loui, Sophie and Tessa all the best in the HSC examinations and beyond. (see article on page 3 of this Newsletter)

## 2020 School Captains

Congratulations to Keely Gaston and Drew Lloyd on being elected Secondary School Captains for 2020. We wish them all the best as they take on their new role within the school.



# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope that all students had a pleasant break and that parents/carers had an opportunity to enjoy the company of their kids. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new faces around the place.

- Mr Peter Patch who is joining our teaching staff for a term in the Industrial Arts area. Mr Patch hails from the far NSW north coast, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to BCS and is looking forward to fruitful term both professionally and personally.
- Mrs Maxine Kelly is joining our student support team as one of our relieving Aboriginal Education Officers. She will be at BCS three days a week and is mainly responsible for students from Kindergarten to Year 4. She will work together with Kim Lloyd who joined our team at the end of Term 3 and who has made some valuable contributions to our Aboriginal program.
- Mrs Jess Renfrey is also joining our student support team on a volunteer basis each Monday. Jess is undertaking study in educational support and is using her experiences at BCS to assist her with her course completion.

Our Year 12 students have commenced their HSC examinations, which will continue for a few weeks in the Anglican Church Hall. Most candidates have been visiting the school to get some encouragement and assistance from their willing teachers. Hopefully they will reap what they have sown over the last two years of study in order to begin their next exciting chapter of their lives.

Year 11 have begun their Year 12 courses in earnest with all students keen to put their “best foot forward”. The second BEAR (Balranald Engagement and Achievement Register) period has begun and will conclude on Tuesday 5th November. BEAR is a supportive feedback tool for students to strive for their personal best. Students are given a score out of 10 from each subject which is averaged to give their BEAR score. At this stage, these scores will be communicated to the students via the notice boards and to parents in the weekly newsletter. If parents have any questions understanding the system please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Year 11 are also trialling Edrolo this term which is an online resource designed to provide them with engaging, informative and comprehensive presentations to help them understand and learn all they need to know for their senior exams. The trial will be evaluated at the completion of the term and will be compared to the existing HSC Hub in order to determine a platform for 2020.

My saying this week is from Harold S Kushner, continues with our kindness theme this term, and needs no explanation. “Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return but because of who you are!”

I had the pleasure of showing around Mike Gemmell and a group of ex students and staff throughout the school on Friday 11th October prior to the 5 Rivers Festival. They shared some funny stories and fond memories of the past as they toured through new and familiar areas of the school. A reunion dinner on Friday evening along with other activities on Saturday capped off a great weekend.

Laura Stahl from NSW Maritime visited the school on Wednesday 16th October and delivered sessions to all students throughout the day. She pitched each session according to the age group and had a boat with an outboard motor as part of the presentation. The student feedback was very positive with many getting a few freebies from Laura. With the boating and swimming season fast approaching the visit was very timely and much appreciated. Thanks to Mr White for his organisation prior and during the visit.

Kinder Transition was held at the Early Learning Centre on Wednesday 16th October. Representatives from BCS and St Josephs were on hand and conducted some activities in order to acquaint themselves better with the students. Thanks to Jayne Farnsworth and her staff for all their organisation and assistance on the day. The program continues over the next 8 weeks at each school on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30am.

*Gus Comí*



# Class of 2019



*Photo courtesy of Remi Jordan Photography*

The Year 12 graduating class of 2019 of Lily Dunn, Tessa Duryea, Blair Field, Loui Gervasi, Sophie Renfrey and Javen Ricevuto celebrated their graduation assembly on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> in the school hall followed by a morning tea for family and teachers. Their Formal was held on the Friday night of the 27<sup>th</sup> at Balranald RSL and was attended by family, guests and teachers. The night was hosted by the new School Captains, Drew Lloyd and Keely Gaston and speeches were given by their Year Advisor Ms Chalk, the Principal Gus Comi, and the current School Captains Tessa Duryea and Javen Ricevuto. The students were farewelled for the very last time and celebrated the end of their schooling years. The night was a chance for students to acknowledge their achievements and thank those that have helped them on their journey. We wish them well in their future endeavours as they approach the next stage of their life after school. No doubt, they will experience challenges and achievements, but the staff at BSC are confident that all of them will all be able to achieve their dreams, whatever shape they take. Congratulations Class of 2019!

Year 12 would like to say a special thank you to the following people:

Connie Scalora for the wonderful cake she made. Chris Camin for his huge fundraising efforts through bottle recycling. Bronwyn for all her help with the flowers, The BCS office ladies for their organisational skills, Myrtle at Café Cassaro for donating bottles for fundraising, the students who volunteered as waiters and the BCS staff who helped on the night, and finally to all those that helped them throughout their schooling. Thank You!





## HSC Design and Technology

This year Design and Technology Major Projects consisted of a Gentleman's liquor cabinet by Javen Ricevuto, an outdoor entertaining bench by Sophie Renfrey and an outdoor water feature by Blair Field. Each worked consistently on their projects and they were all pleased with their results. Well done Year 12!



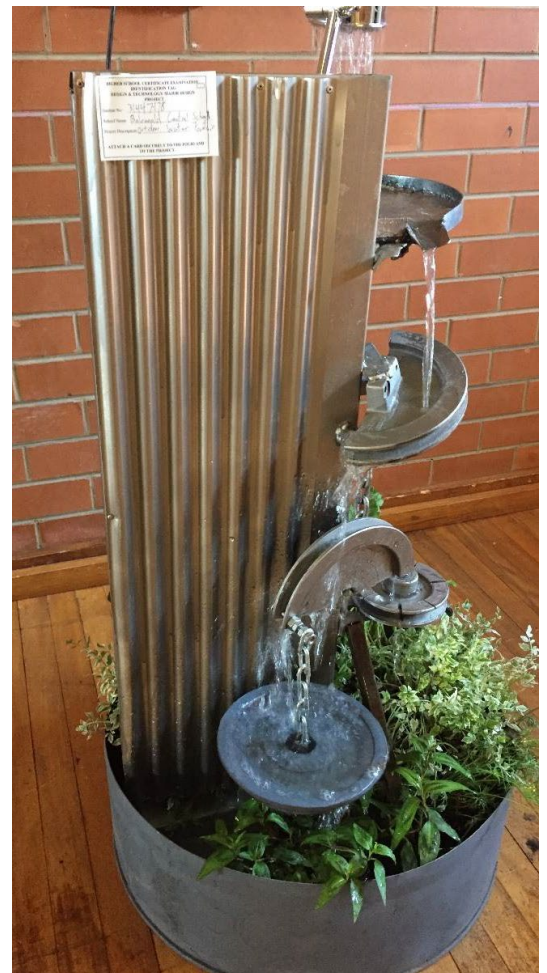
Javen's liquor cabinet with soft press cupboard and sensor lights. Including a cigar humidor made from recycled timber.



Sophie's outdoor entertainment unit with Redgum and pressed metal



Javen's wooden tumblers and shot glasses made from discarded timber.



Blair's outdoor water feature with edible garden plants.

## Balranald Junior Football Club



**Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 @ 4.00 pm**

Balranald Footy sheds  
All Positions Declared Vacant  
All are Welcome

## Tell Them From Me Survey

This Term our school will be participating in the *Tell Them From Me* survey (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE: The survey window closes on FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

The link to complete this survey is: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bcs2015>

## Students of the Week



*Back Row (L to R) Jye Harper, Isabella Scalora, Seth Paton, Caleb Hines, Darryl Michaels*

*Front Row (L to R) Eva Gaston, Sienna Comitti*



## Footy Colours Day



We finished the term donning our favourite footy colours in anticipation of the AFL Grand Final. Mr Comi and Mr Riedy enjoyed some healthy competition against the students participating in Mr Godber's "Up There Gazaly" marking competition. The champions on the day however were Cam Matarazzo and Jed Paton taking home AFL merchandise kindly donated by Balranald Sports.



# Balranald Central School

Achieving a quality education for all students in a caring environment

## WE ARE TAKING KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2020

### KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISITING DATES

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Visit 1 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 16 October 2019</b><br><i>Open morning where 2020 Kindergarten teacher visits the Early Learning Centre to meet children and complete activities.</i> |
| Visit 2 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019</b>  |
| Visit 3 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>  |
| Visit 4 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>  |
| Visit 5 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>   |
| Visit 6 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>   |
| Visit 7 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>   |
| Visit 8 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>  |
| Visit 9 | <b>9.00 am to 10.30 am</b><br><b>Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>   |

*Each visit will comprise of activities, routines, skills, observations, speech and OT screening, determination of strength and weaknesses in the Kindergarten room.*

**For more information contact: Balranald Central School on (03) 5020 2222**

## TERM FOUR - 2019

|                  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Week 2 A</b>  | <b>21 OCTOBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i>   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>Week 3 B</b>  | <b>28 OCTOBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i>   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>1 NOVEMBER</b>  |
| <b>Week 4 A</b>  | <b>4 NOVEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>Week 5 B</b>  | <b>11 NOVEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>  | <b>14</b><br>Year 3/4 Excursion to Echuca                        | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Week 6 A</b>  | <b>18 NOVEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i><br>Year 7-10 Exams                                     | <b>19</b><br>Year 7-10 Exams   | <b>20</b><br>Year 7-10 Exams<br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>   | <b>21</b><br>Year 7-10 Exams                                     | <b>22</b><br>Year 7-10 Exams                                       |
| <b>Week 7 B</b>  | <b>25 NOVEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i><br>Year 10 Metals Workplacement                        | <b>26</b><br>Year 10 Metals Workplacement                                | <b>27</b><br>Year 10 Metals Workplacement<br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>  | <b>28</b><br>Year 10 Metals Workplacement                        | <b>29</b><br>Year 10 Metals Workplacement                          |
| <b>Week 8 A</b>  | <b>2 DECEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i><br>Year 10 Work Experience<br><i>Intensive Swimming</i> | <b>3</b><br>Year 10 Work Experience<br><i>Intensive Swimming</i>         | <b>4</b><br><i>Whole School Assembly @ 12.15pm</i><br>Year 10 Work Experience<br><i>Intensive Swimming</i><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i> | <b>5</b><br>Year 10 Work Experience<br><i>Intensive Swimming</i> | <b>6</b><br>Year 10 Work Experience<br><i>Intensive Swimming</i>   |
| <b>Week 9 B</b>  | <b>9 DECEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i><br><i>Intensive Swimming</i>                            | <b>10</b><br><i>Intensive Swimming</i><br><b>K-12 Presentation Night</b> | <b>11</b><br><i>Intensive Swimming</i><br><i>Kinder Orientation @ 9am</i>   | <b>12</b><br><i>Intensive Swimming</i>                           | <b>13</b><br><i>Intensive Swimming</i><br><b>Year 6 Graduation</b> |
| <b>Week 10 A</b> | <b>16 DECEMBER</b><br><i>Exec meeting</i>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b><br>Last day of school for students  | <b>19</b><br><b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>      | <b>20</b><br><b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY</b>        |

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

## **\*\* Canteen Corner News \*\***

Please find your new TERM 4 Canteen Menu attached.

To comply with the NSW school standard for Healthy Canteens you will notice a few changes to the menu. Thank you for continuing to support the BCS Canteen and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Wyneta 0428 177 730

**Special Thursday 24th**  
**Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls \$3.00**