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STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Years 7 to 10 visit LaTrobe University in Bendigo

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On Thursday, 7th November, students from Years 7 to 10 had the opportunity to attend STEM workshops at LaTrobe University in Bendigo. Students in Years 7 and 8 undertook a workshop called Forensic Frenzy where they investigated a crime that had been committed and used forensic science to determine who committed the crime.

Students in Years 9 and 10 undertook a workshop called Get into Genes. Here students investigated the application of biotechnology to selective breeding in the Agricultural industry.

PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November, all BCS students walked to the Cenotaph and participated in the town Remembrance Day ceremony. It has been 101 years since the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War in 1918. The students represented BCS well by being very respectful during the ceremony.

NSW Regional Youth Task Force

Congratulations to Ben Johnstone for his appointment to the NSW Regional Youth Task Force. He will be an excellent ambassador for Balranald Central and regional youth in general as well as gaining skills and confidence to operate in a totally different setting that has the empathetic ear of the minister.

World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day at BCS was celebrated with many acts of kindness from students and staff as well as lots of cooking and sharing of cakes, cookies and honey joys and a visit from Nala the dog. On this day, I was fortunate enough to be appointed a World Kindness Day Ambassador at the Principal's Conference in Sydney where along with my fellow Principal and colleague Brad Bannister from Delegate PS we were able to spread love and kindness amongst the crowd. My saying this week follows on with this theme.....



High Achievement in ICAS Spelling Competition

Congratulations to Chase Riedy (Year 3) who scored the highest mark in the ICAS University of New South Wales spelling competition for his age group. A special ceremony will be held on Wednesday 27th where recipients receive a medal for excellent performance.

Last week I picked up an old surfboat from Wollongong. The boat was donated by the Austinmer Surf Club and will be rowed on the local waterways by students, staff and the general school community. Bulli Surf Club have also donated a boat, which will be picked up by the end of the year. It is an opportunity for students to get fit, have fun, try something different and participate in some community fundraising. The boats will be assigned to each sporting house and will be integral to our inter-house competition in 2020. There is also an opportunity for interested students to complete the annual Murray River Rowathon which is 90km marathon held on the Murray river to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Service. The school is also acquiring 2 rowing machines so that fitness training and technique can be completed on dry land in preparation for the water. I would like to thank Shane Gerloven, Chris Mercer and Keith Caldwell from the Bulli Surf Life Saving Club and Ian Foreman & Stephen Perkiss from Austinmer Surf Life Saving Club for assisting with the project. The boats have not been in use for some time but both have won Australian Gold Medals in the surfboat events at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The Austinmer boat won Gold in the Open Surf Boat in 2003 at Kurrawa Qld and the Bulli boat won Gold in the Reserve Surf Boat in 2009 at Scarborough Beach, WA. There are a few further wainwright jobs to complete such as fitting rolling seats and painting the boat and oars before rowing commences on the water. I would also like to thank Ian Backhouse from Thirroul who has been integral in liaising with both surf clubs, BCS and local tradesmen in order to bring the project to fruition. Lastly, I would like to thank and acknowledge Peter Christian who has been instrumental in coordinating payments, ordering supplies and getting the boat trailers ready for registration. He is a dead set champion! Hopefully these decorated Aussie surfboats will continue to provide opportunities for students in our isolated community. I look forward to continuing the relationship with Bulli and Austinmer Surf Clubs into the future bringing the bush to the beach and beach to the bush.

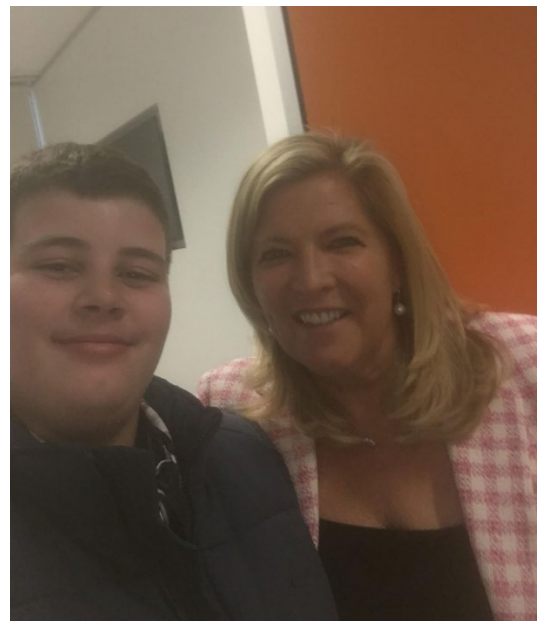


Gus Comí

Regional Youth Task Force in Sydney

On the last weekend of the school holidays, I had the privilege to represent Balranald at the Regional Youth Task Force in Sydney. On the task force we looked at problems that effect youth in regional towns (the drought, mental health, isolation etc.) we had discussions and tried to find solutions to the problems and report back to Minister Taylor's office (as she is the Minister of Children) and she will bring up our solutions to Parliament. We will attend meetings a number of times in 2020 in Sydney to continue from our last meeting. I am very honoured to be a part of this task force and what I will do for the State. I would just like to say a huge thanks to Mr Comi for bringing this opportunity to my attention and Chook for helping me with all the paperwork and hours of writing to make this all happen I don't think I can thank you enough. THANK YOU.

Ben Johnstone



Students of the Week

(Week 4)



Back Row (L to R) Ella Renfrey, Seth Paton, Abbie Renfrey, Harry Ross

Front Row (L to R) Isei Verevakabau, Sienna Comitti

Absent: Ben Johnstone

Students of the Week

(Week 5)



Back Row (L to R) Akita Holness-Reyland, Isabella Scalora, Taylor Lewis, Wyatt Lowe

Front Row (L to R) Sarah Johnstone, Zara-Jane Ellis

Absent: Reagan McCartney

Balranald Central School P&C presents



Christmas Cash Bonanza

Raffle Tickets - \$20 a ticket
(Only 200 tickets available)

Tickets available from all P&C members, the Front Office and Balranald Sports Shop.

1st PRIZE - \$1000

2nd PRIZE - \$500

3rd & 4th PRIZE - \$200

5th PRIZE - \$100

Drawn at BCS Presentation Night – Tuesday 10th December 2019

**Merry Christmas from all at
Balranald Central School P&C!**

World Kindness Day at BCS





The purpose of
WORLD KINDNESS DAY
is to highlight good deeds in the community
because **KINDNESS** is the common thread
that unites us all. **NOVEMBER 13**

On Wednesday 13th November, we celebrated **World Kindness Day**. The global campaign aims to encourage a "Kinder World" by engaging in small acts of kindness. Here at BCS, 5/6 students kindly offered their assistance with helping the Kindy students bake some delicious treats. They later shared these treats with students, staff and our visiting 2020 Kindy class. Group 4 provided a lovely lunch for the staff. Stage 4 generously gave up their lunchtime to serve jelly crystal ice cream and cones kindly donated by Food Works and IGA. Primary classes read books about Kindness and completed Kindness activities. Michelle sent us all an online hug. Nala paid us a "beary" friendly visit; I think she enjoyed our cuddles as much as we did! Some students received certificates who were "caught being kind." Whilst we witness kindness everyday here at BCS, Kindness Day allowed us to inwardly reflect and assess our personal efforts along with acknowledging the efforts made by others in making our school a "Kinder" place. Often in our rush, this simple virtue can get lost. So, a huge thank you to everyone that put a smile on someone's face this day.



KINDNESS.....it's the gift we all can afford to give!

Year 3/4 Echuca Excursion



It was an early start, six thirty in the morning we got on the bus and drove three hours to Echuca. Finally, we got there and had recess outside the Echuca Library. After that we walked across the road to "TwistEd" and went down to the very back room.

TwistEd was amazing. Our first activity was a chemistry workshop, where we did four different experiments like, separating iron filings from red sand with a magnet, crushing rock salt and making liquid jelly worms.

When we finished the experiments, we got to play with lots of different activities such as colour changing sand, a plane launcher, rock climbing and lots more.

After leaving TwistEd, we went to McDonald's for lunch and then it was off to The Gravity Shack. When we got there, we took off our shoes and socks and got a special pair of grip socks.

There were lots of trampolines; one lot had basketball hoops on the end of them and other trampolines where you had to bounce and climb the wall and skinny rectangle trampolines where you ran up and jumped into a massive pillow.

In the other half of the building there was a huge castle like play gym with lots of things to do inside it, there was also a vertical slide, which was so much fun. After an hour of playing and jumping, we were as red as tomatoes. We put our shoes back on and then Mr Longford shouted us a refreshing slushy. After our big

fun day, we drove back home all tired and exhausted!

Thanks to our amazing teacher Mr Longford for driving our bus and organising our trip and thanks to Kim Lloyd for coming along and supervising us.

By 3/4





Saturday November 30th
5.30 - 9PM

St Joseph's Primary School, 106 Church Street,
 Balranald

ST JOSEPH'S 2019
CHRISTMAS
FETE

Santa Will Be There!

PLENTY OF..... Dim Sims, Hot Chips, BBQ, Pasta,
 Wood Fire Pizza, Goujons, Cake Stall, Tea & Coffee,
 Hot Donuts, Popcorn, Cold Drinks & Slushies

AWESOME RIDES..... Whizzer, Inflatable Train Tunnel,
 Gigantic Slide, Ferris Wheel, Obstacle Course

LOADS OF LOCAL STALL HOLDERS..... Variety of
 Raffles, Scratchie Tree, Colouring Competition, Show
 Bags, Christmas Stocking, Activity Corner for the
 Little Ones

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St Joseph's Parish School Fete

Golden Ticket

TICKETS \$1
ENTER AS MANY TIMES AS
YOU LIKE!

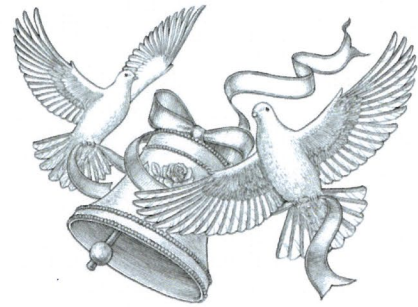
GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN 2 X
WRISTBANDS & 2 X MEAL PACKS!

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NOVEMBER 2PM

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Keep the date free for the
Annual Balranald Community

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

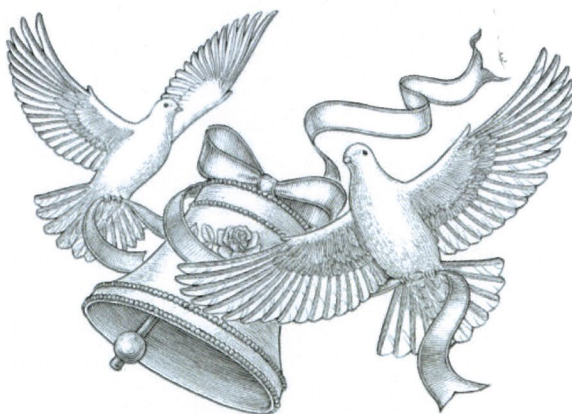


Sunday 8th Dec 2019
BBQ from 6.00pm
Carols @ 7.00pm
Greenham Park Hall

Come along for an evening of fellowship and fun to
celebrate the joy of Christmas.

- * Balranald schools
- * Community groups
- * Fijian Christian choir

* Presented by Balranald combined churches



Phone
Pastor Dennis Rayson
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SOUTH WEST MUSIC PROUDLY PRESENTS

AWARD WINNING
VOCALIST

Emma Pask

**SATURDAY
23 NOVEMBER 2019**

7.30PM - SOUTH WEST MUSIC
241-245 CRESSY ST, DENILIQUIN

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West Music call **03 5881 4736**
or book online at
swmusic.org.au

ADULTS \$35
UNDER 18 FREE



SOUTH WEST MUSIC LIVE MUSIC EXPERIENCES ARE SUPPORTED BY...



TERM FOUR - 2019

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

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

In conjunction with our theme of KINDNESS this term, a number of BCS students are supporting a community initiative.

What is it?



Come to our Whole School Assembly at 12.15pm on Wednesday 4th December to find out.

P.S. If families could start saving and bring in as many bread clips as they can muster on the day, that would be greatly appreciated.

