Year 7 & 8 do the Illinois Agility Test

Last week Year 7 and 8 completed the Illinois Agility Test under the guidance of Mr Godber. After a thorough stretching session, the students attempted to complete the course in their best personal best time. Mr Comi and Mr White decided to join in the challenge. Blair Manning set an impressive time of 18.25 seconds. (see Mr Comi’s report on page 2 of this Newsletter)
“Stymie” which is a web application where students can use any internet-connected device to make a notification at any time about incidents involving bullying or harm had a soft launch last week. Both staff and students were very positive about how Stymie will make our school community more safe and supportive. Parents will be informed about Stymie at the next P & C meeting, which will be on Tuesday 26th March at 6pm and later with the official Stymie launch being held in mid-June.

A reminder that Parent/Teacher evening is on Wednesday 20th March for Years K, 7, 11, 12 and new students from 3:30-6:30pm. Please use this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in partnership with the school.

I had the pleasure of completing the Illinois Agility Test during the week with Years 7 & 8 and under the guidance of Mr Godber. After a thorough stretching session, the students attempted to complete the course in their best personal best time. I decided to join in the challenge and posted a creditable 21.65 seconds with the added bonus of not tearing a hamstring, achilles or calf muscle. Mr White then came along and could not resist beating my time, by posting 20.72 seconds. Being a little bit competitive, I pushed my luck and improved on his time by setting 20.36 as the new mark to beat. Unfortunately, Mr White got the “eye of the tiger” and with Dencorub in the nostrils and the wind in his mane, he set a new record of 19.30 seconds, which could stand the test of time (we shall see!). Apparently there were some students also doing the agility test with Blair Manning setting a fast time of 18.25 seconds, which could be a “bridge too far” for a couple of 1965 models (again we shall see!)

In an attempt to assist our K-6 students with their 100 nights of reading myself and a few other willing staff members are posting some videos on the BCS Facebook page. My first book is called “Moose on the Loose” and it will be posted this week for the students so that they can count it in their tally. I do apologise in advance for the quality of performance but I am sure to improve with a bit more practice. Congratulations to the 40 students who have already achieved 5 nights of reading and I encourage parents to assist and enable your child to participate in this important program.

My saying for the week is one that I mentioned at our first school assembly and one which underpins many of the things we do at BCS in terms of continual improvement. Its recent origins are from an inscription on the Furphy water tanks that were used in wartime but it has been traced back to the 4th Century to the memoirs of St Jerome.

This saying is telling us that we must not become complacent and we must continually change and strive to improve. I must acknowledge Brian Roberts who was the first Principal when I was a beginning teacher who loved this saying and imprinted it in my psyche throughout my teaching.

Gus Comí

Students of the Week
Back Row (L to R) Declan Eastick, Rhiannon Lanteri, Mitchell Carmichael, Ella Renfrey
Front Row (L to R) Isei Verevakabau
Absent: Brodie Kepa-Williams, Lani Dalton
Easter Hat Parade

This year the Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday, 12th of April. Year 5 and 6 students are organising a raffle and will be selling tickets to raise money for their end of year excursion. Tickets in the raffle will be 50c each. To assist with prizes for the raffle we would love donations of Easter Eggs to make up baskets as prizes.

Students are encouraged to make their hat at home and bring it to school on the day of the parade. Everyone who wears a hat on the day will get a ticket in their class raffle and one winner will be chosen randomly from each class to receive a prize. There will also be a P&C prize for each class for the best hat.

The parade will start at around 10:45am at the school. All parents/carers are invited to attend, and are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and share it with their students in the horseshoe area after the parade is over.

We look forward to seeing many parents here on the day and all the amazing hat creations.

NOTE FROM THE ART GALLERY

Hey kids! Help us celebrate Youth Week (10th - 18th April) by entering our “Waste To Art” competition. There are great prizes to be won and winners will be announced on Thursday 11th April. The artworks may be wearable, sculptural, collage etc and must be delivered to The Gallery @ 51 Mayall Street by Sunday 7th April.

The judge will be well-known Goodnight recycle artist Steve Cole.

A Fluid Art Workshop is coming up on Saturday 30th March. No painting experience required, just come along, have some fun and produce some great artwork.

On 23rd/24th May, Brooke Peace will share her needle felting skills with the community also. Phone 0488728986 or 0418316347 to register your interest in any of these activities.

Thanking You
Jan Lawler
Balranald Central School

Expression of Interest

For the casual position of

Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer

A position is available for a relieving Aboriginal Education Officer to work at Balranald Central School to assist Aboriginal students during 2019. The successful applicant will be required to work as a casual employee 31 hours and 15 minutes per week (6 hours and 15 minutes per day) with students in Primary and Secondary classes.

The successful applicant will be required to be flexible in their availability for employment as they may be called upon at other times throughout the year to work in the position.

Position Criteria

➢ Aboriginality
➢ Understanding of the needs of Aboriginal students
➢ Knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures
➢ Effective communication skills
➢ Ability to interact with Aboriginal students and parents
➢ Knowledge of the local Aboriginal community

Position Information

➢ To support Aboriginal students and parents and their teachers in developing student outcomes.
➢ To be a point of contact between the school and the Aboriginal community

Salary/Remuneration Details

This casual position will attract an hourly rate of $37.62 per hour.

Successful applicant will be required to pass a Commonwealth Working with Children Police check.

Interested persons should contact the Principal at Balranald Central School on (03) 5020 2222 to obtain an employment package for this position. This package will contain an application form, a request for criminal records check form and some more information about the position.

Applications should be addressed to:

Mr Agostino Comi
Principal
Balranald Central School
We Street
BALRANALD NSW 2715

Applications for this position close:
Completed applications should be submitted through the Balranald Central School Admin. Office by 4:00pm on Wednesday, 10th April 2019 or by email to gus.comi@det.nsw.edu.au
This week our PBL focus in Primary is Playing Together

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Each week in Primary there will be a different focus on the positive behaviours we want to see in different areas of the school. Keep an eye out for these each week and encourage your children to follow them.

Reading Homework in Primary
We are thrilled with the number of students that are participating in home reading so far this year. We have been able to give out rewards to over 40 students for achieving 5 and 10 nights of reading. This is an enormous improvement on last year. If your child has not started yet, it is never too late!
Thanks you to all the parents who are helping us improve this hugely important skill.

Year 3/4 enjoy gardening at the Discovery Centre
Stage 5 Street Art Excursion to Melbourne

Students from years 9 and 10 participated in an excursion to Melbourne to explore the alley ways of Melbourne and view the various artforms of stencilling, paste ups, street sculptures and spray painting. This coincides with the unit of work they are studying on Street Art and will form inspiration for their own art works.
Plain Clothes Day
This Friday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} March

As part of Year 12 fundraising, all students may wear plain clothes for a gold coin donation and the money raised will be donated to Headspace.

There will also be a sausage sizzle at lunch time for $2 and soft drinks will be an additional $2

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PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN 5-10 YEARS

THURSDAY’S AT NETBALL COURTS
STARTING: THURSDAY 28/03/2019
4pm to 5pm
(WILL RUN DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

COST: $100 PER PARTICIPANT
(CAN USE THE ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER TO PAY FOR REGO FEES-APPLY FOR VOUCHER ONLINE AT SERVICE NSW)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
ELLI BROUGHAM: 0448 005 607 (COORDINATOR)
JOSIE HARDING: 0448 401 361 (REGO INFORMATION)
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**Canteen Corner**

**Thursday, 21st Special**

**Succulent Steak Burger and Coleslaw $5.00**