



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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### Absences

If your child is absent you can send an SMS to school number 0419 420 286.

### Canteen Special

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Chicken  
Drummies  
& Rice  
\$5.00



### FOR SALE

Fresh farm eggs  
\$4

Available at the  
front office



Education

## Book Week

On Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, our Primary students enjoyed coming to school dressed up as their favourite book character.



# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

It's hard to believe that it is week 4 already and soon our students will be concentrating on their end of year examinations and Year 10 will be off on work experience.

Book Week was very successful with book character dress ups, book sales and heaps of classroom activities. Snow White was even spotted with a bunch of aptly named dwarfs. Thanks to all the staff and students who got into the spirit of Book week and particularly to the organisation and hard work of Pam Barker in the Library who played a huge role in organising the book fair.

We have had the pleasure of hosting 3 practicum teachers in the primary school for the last 3 weeks. Sam Bunt, Sophie Allsopp and Morgan Duryea have been observing, teaching and really getting into the swing of life in a rural setting. My thanks to their respective supervisors Mrs Harper, Mr Longford and Mrs Lockhart for assisting and guiding them during their stay at BCS. They remarked that this prac has been their best ever and couldn't get over how friendly the staff were. Some of our students will definitely miss them as they have made a strong impact. My thanks again to all staff for embracing these pre-service teachers and for understanding the importance of these programs and the inexorable energy that they bring to a school.

Our Year 12 students have entered the last phase of their HSC with their final examination being Design & Technology on Wed 11th November. I wish them all the best for this final stretch and hope that they finish with a burst rather than a limp.

A reminder to all parents 7-11 that the next round of BEAR (Balranald Engagement & Achievement Register) scores will be available on Friday 6th November. These scores will be a snapshot of their first 4 weeks of learning and will be a good indication of their level of preparation for their final exams in Week 6 (Nov 16-20). Results will be posted on the school notice boards and parents can access these by contacting the Admin office.

Ian Backhouse from Thirroul will again be at BCS during week 6 in order to give our students and staff some surf boat rowing and sweeping lessons. Ian

last visited in March when he put 10 crews through their paces in preparation for a Beach Carnival which was scheduled for later in Term 1. With the Beach Carnival being moved to December 15 due to COVID we now look forward to him sharing his knowledge with students and staff at Lake Marimley next week. Our second surf boat is ready for action and hopefully we will launch both vessels on the water this Friday - it's boat race time!

Parents will also note that our annual Presentation night has been moved from an evening event to a day program. The main reason for this is that due to COVID restrictions we still cannot have parents at such events. We hope that the restrictions will be eased by the end of the year but at the stage the presentation assembly will be on Monday 14th December in the school hall. The year 6 graduation will also be a parent free event at this stage - we will keep you posted if the situation changes.

## Some dates that are on the horizon

Nov 9-13	NAIDOC Week
Nov 11	Remembrance Day (ceremony at school)
Nov 16-20	Year 7-10 exams
Nov 27	Year 12 Formal
Nov 30	Year 10 Work Experience (2 weeks)
Dec 14	Year 6 Graduation and BCS Presentation day
Dec 15	BCS Beach Carnival
Dec 16	Last day of formal lessons

*Gus Comi*



# Year 3/4 Fishing





# *Year 9/10 Dance*



## YEAR 5/6 CREATIVE WRITING

### USING WEEKLY WORDS

I gave the three men a warm welcome as they strolled towards me, presenting an award for the best garden; so I explained if it weren't for my swarm of bees there would be no flowers at all, but now I have no bees so they gave me another reward that was struck with a nought. I was a bit angry so I went down the street and bought a lukewarm coffee, the warmth from my coffee made my heart feel warmer and I thought I should have a nice shower. So I got my clothes out of my wardrobe and headed to the bathroom with no warning that the floor was slippery. I splashed into the lukewarm pool as the warmth shot through my body, it felt a lot warmer than yesterday.

*Ellie*

It was warm but it kept getting warmer without warning. I was rewarded an award as people started to swarm and crowd in front of a stage, I thought to myself, "What is happening?". I headed towards a random wardrobe on the stage and opened it. I felt the warmth of a lukewarm cup of water, I drank it as the crowd cheered. I took sips quarterly until no water remained. A random person gave me \$5.00 so I bought some lollies to give everyone, and they all left. I sought for my dad through the descending crowd and saw him playing noughts and crosses.

*Lily*

On a warm summers day without warning I was rewarded a lukewarm bath in my wardrobe. The warmth of my lukewarm bath got warmer when a swarm of bees thought the award could be bought. As I jumped out of the bath I thought I sought a man run towards the shop that sold noughts and crosses. I then ran into the shop and bought a quarterly share of their business.

*Kadison*

I was awarded a reward for training a swarm of bees to swim in lukewarm water but the move towards the island the warmer the water got and the bees got a warning to come back and when they did I bought them an icecream.

"Bang" I thought the pool was stable but lukewarm water was now swarming in our house, it wet my wardrobe, ruined by awards and rewards, our house was now full of warm water after the heaters made it warmer. I screamed to my mum warning her now we have bought a new house after we sought everywhere.

I thought I bought warm awards and rewards and a wardrobe after I sought in lukewarm water companies. I used all my money and now I'm at nought but a swarm of bees came in the mail and towards the end of the month a quarterly warmth award came but at least it made my wardrobe now warmer. But I got a warning that my house could burn down.

*Sheridan*

It was a warm day and I headed towards my wardrobe and sought after some clothes to wear. I thought I needed some warmer clothes and then I had a lukewarm shower to get some body warmth and once I left I saw a warning sign and I thought nought of it and headed towards a swarm of bees. But luckily I bought a quarterly pizza for a reward for myself and an award for my friend.

*Lucius*

It was a warm day when an old man came up to me and said that he thought I would be a perfect challenge for him, he said he would give me a big reward after if I'd win, but he didn't give me any warning! I sought after the quarterly challenge it would be very competitive, it was a challenge to see who could stay in the spa the longest. I sprinted towards the spa as a swarm of bees chased after me, I felt the warmth from the spa escaping it was warmer than I thought. I stepped in the spa it most definitely wasn't lukewarm it was boiling! It was a long challenge but finally I had won the old man had got nought points and I had ten. He bought me a big golden award and I proudly hung it in my wardrobe as it is still hanging there today.

*Alayna*



# *Hull's Happenings*

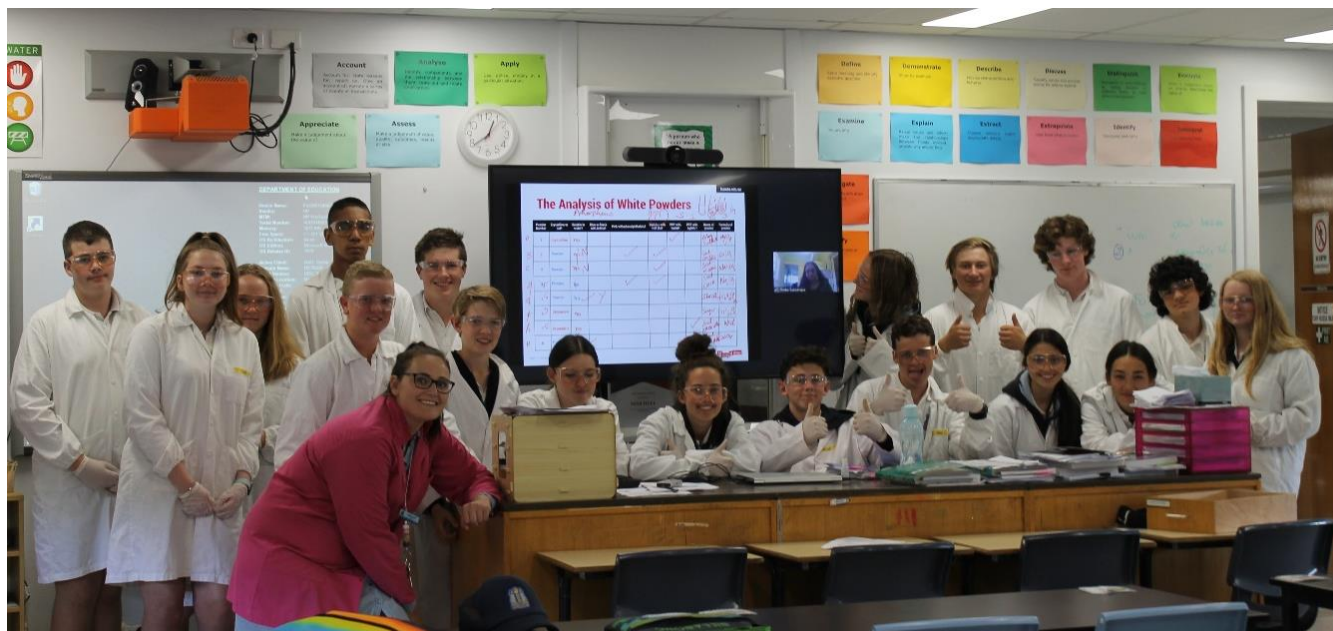
## Year 8 Science

Students have been busy in the lab these past couple of weeks completing hands on investigations into the various methods used to separate mixtures. Students will have a **practical assessment** on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** where they will be required to design and perform a first-hand investigation as well as analyse their results. **Year 8 Science End of Year Examination** will be held **Monday Week 6**. Assessment notifications have gone out for both of these assessments.

Today they will complete their **VALID 8 examination**, a compulsory state-wide test similar to NAPLAN, where their knowledge of scientific content and skills are assessed and compared to other students across NSW. The results of this test will be used to inform our teaching practice for individual students next year. Parents will also receive a copy of these results by the end of the year.

## Year 9/10 Science

Last Wednesday, Year 9/10 Science students participated in a Zoom meeting workshop with La Trobe University Science Lecturers. They were given a brief of a crime and were required to perform several chemical analysis tests on a variety of white powders and identify who committed the crime. This opportunity compliments our current unit of Chemical Reactions. Our students are to be commended for their mature behaviour and diligence during this workshop, with a standout performance by Blair Manning. Over the next two weeks, students will be looking at acid/base reactions and their uses in everyday lives as well metal displacement reactions. Year 9/10 students will be completing a **practical assessment** in class next **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, where their ability to perform first-hand investigations accurately and analyse data using their scientific knowledge will be assessed. Their **End of Year Examination** will be held on **Monday Week 6**. Assessment notifications have gone out for both of these assessments.



## Year 12 Chemistry

We are currently looking at quantitative data for equilibrium reactions. This involves lots of calculations and practicals. We will be working on our **depth study assessment task** over the coming weeks.

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**Year 5/6 Science**

Year 5/6 have begun **coming to the lab every Tuesday for a lesson in Science**. This is part of a transition program for our Year 6 students. Year 5/6 are currently looking at states of matter and chemical reactions for certain mixtures. So far, we have identified physical properties of each state of matter and looked at examples. Last week, students performed a first-hand investigation looking at the solubility of different substances in oil and water.

From **Week 4 to Week 9, Year 6 students** from **St Joseph's Primary School** will be attending our Tuesday lessons. During these weeks we will be **focusing on scientific skills** such as becoming familiar with lab equipment, performing first-hand investigations accurately, collecting and communicating data and analysing data.

**MESSAGE FROM MRS D**

Hi guys, Mrs D again,

Term 4 and we have survived so far! Home-schooling, Covid 19 restrictions, border closures and travel bans. Who knows what valuable lessons we have all learnt from this challenging time?

If nothing else, we have had the opportunity to put into practise that “Resilience” we hear so much about. The thing about resilience, is it's only in practise that we get to understand our capacity for resilience! I think as a community Balranald Central School has done a sterling job.

2020 has meant a time of innovation: learning to Zoom, attend Google meets, maybe use Tele-health. Wonderful uses of technology but as much as we all love using these tools there is also a downside? On-line bullying, replacement of face-to-face interactions, increasing sleep problems, less outdoor activities, friendship issues.... all things I see in my capacity as School Chaplain.

Please help our young people to monitor their social media use. Think about their maturity levels and understanding of this tool. Help them have the longest, happiest childhood possible. Nurture their imaginations and curiosity away from technology. I encourage you to arrange face-to-face playdates with your younger children or do simple things like nature walks where you count birds and try and name them.

Remember it's the quality of deep, nurturing relationships that build our children's capacity and the ability for them to in turn have healthy, ongoing, fulfilling relationships. This is the best gift we can give our youth: our time and our love.

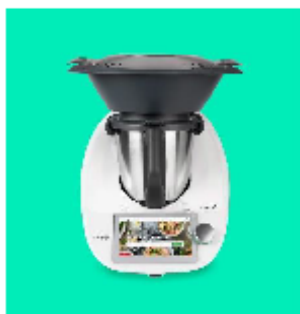
Lastly I just watched a documentary/movie on Netflix called “/the social dilemma”. Very interesting and worth the watch. A good conversation starter and a prompt to think about our choices and influences. The main messages I got from these tech experts was:

1. Turn off your notifications.... (??Something else is determining your time management)
2. Use search engines that don't track you. They suggested “Qwart” .... (??Keep your searches to yourself, something else is influencing your choices)
3. No social media for children under 16.... (??Their brains aren't developed enough before then)

Definitely food for thought?

Love as always Mrs. D.

**Balranald Central School P&C**  
**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
**BONANZA!!**



**THERMOMIX**

(valued at \$2269)

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

**OR**



**\$2000 CASH**

***YOU GET TO CHOOSE!!!***

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$500 CASH**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200 CASH**

**\$20 per ticket (only 300 tickets sold).**

**Get In quick!**

**Drawn via live video on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Tickets available from P&C Committee Members, School Front  
Office and Sports Shop.**



### **Balranald Swimming Club 2020**

**\*\* Starts Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November \*\***

*Please note the changes to training times...*

4 - 4.30 pm Sub Juniors

4.30 - 5.15 pm Juniors

5 - 6 pm Seniors

President: Rachel Fitzgerald 0417 019 837

Treasurer: Lou Bruton 0409 026 881

Secretary: Wyneta Dalton 0428 177 730

*Active Kids Voucher accepted*

*Bather orders need to be in ASAP*



## **CLEANERS REQUIRED**

Joss Facility Management are looking for cleaning staff to work at local Government sites across regional NSW.

PPE, Training and Uniforms provided.

Applicants need to provide a valid Working With Children Check upon application and successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre-employment medical prior to commencement.

Please contact Joss Facility Management via email on [careers@jossgroup.com.au](mailto:careers@jossgroup.com.au)



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