



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Farewell Year 12

On Friday, 29th October Balranald Central School staff and students farewellled Year 12. Unfortunately, we couldn't give them the send off that we would have liked thanks to the level 3 Covid restrictions. We wish Akita Holness-Reyland, Bonnie Jolliffe, Macy Lloyd, Seth Paton, Natalya Gebert and Kasey Fisher all the best in the HSC examinations and beyond.



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Our Year 12 students, Akita, Bonnie, Macy, Natalya, Seth and Kasey are at the forefront of our minds at this time of the year. The delayed HSC is starting this week and it gives time to reflect on how they have handled the final 2 years of their secondary schooling during the COVID era. They certainly haven't felt sorry for themselves and have attempted to fill their senior years with strong friendships and fond memories and do some quality academic work along the way. Some words that typify this cohort are resilient, funny, collaborative, and compassionate. My thanks to their hard-working Year Advisor Ms Hull who has always had their interests at heart and has supported her students every step of the way. My thanks also to the staff, parents and wider community who have taught, supported and encouraged this group to strive for their personal best under adversity.

Our transition programs continue this week with Kinder Transition on Wednesday 10th November where 15 little ones will hopefully turn up for some structured learning activities and experiences. Mrs Helgeland with the assistance of Mrs Murphy have relished the opportunity to work with these young people in their preparation for big school. The 6 to 7 transition program will also happen on Wednesday with students from St Josephs, Euston PS and BCS participating. Mr White has put together a program of activities and experiences from 10am-2pm that will give students a taste of secondary school and assist with any fears or anxiety about making the transition. Thanks to Mr White and the participating staff and students involved with the program.

Secondary students completed their penultimate BEAR scores for 2021 last Thursday. Congratulations to all students who have set their personal best on this occasion. On the whole, these scores that indicate engagement and achievement in the classroom have been on the improve throughout the year which is very encouraging. The gold medal this time goes to Year 7 with an average of 8.3, Silver to Year 12 on 8.1 and Bronze to Year 10 with 7.8. I know that Year 7 have been striving to knock Year 11 off their perch, and they have finally succeeded. I challenge all the other year groups to try and get a podium finish for the final BEAR period which finishes on Thursday 9th December.

The Balranald Takeaway has kindly offered to make our student lunches for the next couple of weeks (10th-19th Nov) while our Canteen is out of action. Attached is their menu. Students will need to ensure that they put the correct money in their lunch bags. Secondary students will need to hand their lunch orders in at the front office and pick them up from the front office at lunch time. Primary students will continue to put their orders in the lunch box in their classroom. Recess may also be available for service of pre-packaged goods and will be manned by staff, senior students, or parents at this stage.

Grand-friend's Week was a huge hit in Week 4 where the BCS took time to support our community seniors with some tasty care packages. My thanks to Mrs Harper, the Primary students and the staff who made the wheels on the bus go round and round. Which augers into my saying for the week from Pooh Bear.

My word of the week is penultimate – second last.

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PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

Year 2 Visual Arts

Students in Year 2 studied a unit called Sweeney's Keepsake (1987) by Les Kossatz – part of the collection of the Heide Museum of Modern Art. They looked at how artists express their feelings and memories through sculpture. The students had to design a sculpture around their own feelings and memories of a keepsake.

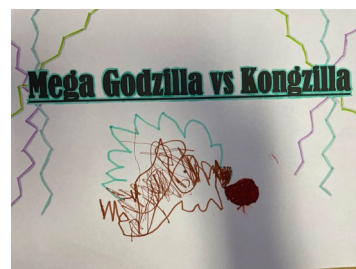
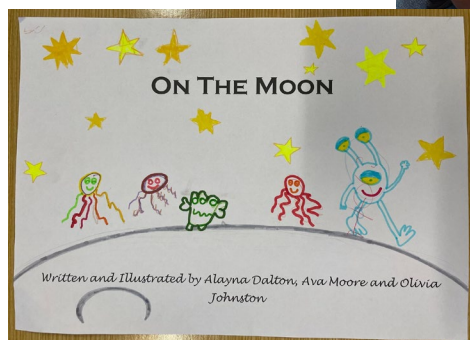
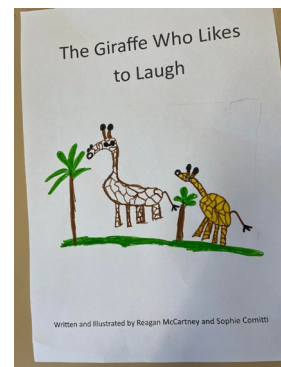
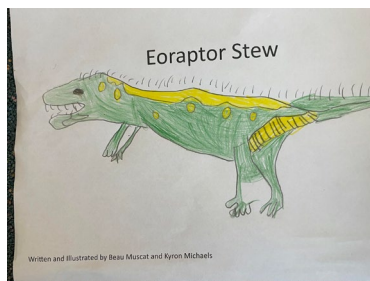


Aussie Backyard Bird Count

Kinder, Year 1, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 took part in the National Bird Week 'Backyard Bird Count'. Not only did they get to know our feathered neighbours, but they contributed to a vital pool of information from across the nation that will help see how Australian birds are faring.



K/1 and Year 5/6 have been working on writing their own book! We can't wait to see the final copies!



Kinder Transition

Our Kinder 2022 students enjoyed their second visit to our school.



Kinder Transition

For their third visit our Kinder 2022 students enjoyed activities such as making slime and visiting the turtles and lizard in the Science Lab.



Primary Students of the Week (Week 5)



Year 5/6 – Ellie Finch & Billy Renfrey



Year 3/4 – Noah Bartholomew & Shania Lanteri



Year 2 – Chloe Renfrey & Eva Gaston



Year K/1 – Layne Burkinshaw & Fletcher Old

Primary Students of the Week (Week 6)



Year K/1 – Riley Hussey & Beau Muscat



Year 2 – Isei Verevakabau & Annalee Lowe



Year 3/4 – Declan Eastick & Ryan Johnstone



Year 5/6 – Finn Leggett & Billy Renfrey

The boxes of goodies delivered included: Lemon Slice, Apricot Slice, Chocolate Crackle Slice, ANZAC Slice, Mars Bar Slice, Marshmallow Slice, Chocolate Cake, Golder Ginger Sultana Cake, Maple Date Loaf, Poppy Seed and Lemon Cake, Carrot Cake, Pound Cake and Spicy Sponge. All these delicious goodies were made by our Year 5-6 students.



Pictured are some of our Seniors at the Balranald Hospital enjoying the goodies for their morning tea.

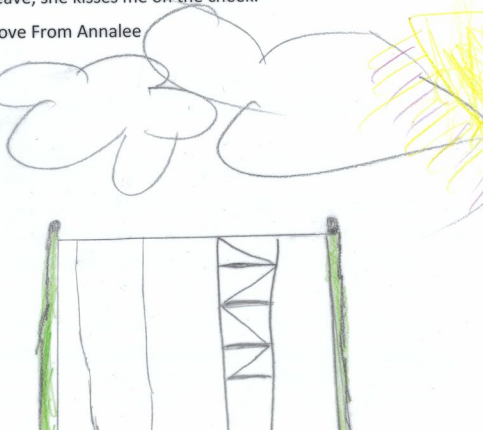
Nan

My Nan lives in Balranald, and she has white hair. She lives in a white house and has a lot of flowers in her garden.

When I visit her, we make pancakes for breakfast, and they are yummy. She also makes dinner for me. Sometimes she also lets me go to the park because it is close to her house.

I love Nan because she gives me cuddles and when I go to leave, she kisses me on the cheek.

Love From Annalee




Nanny

My Nanny's name is Lyn, and she has a dog named Chloe and she loves her dog. She lives in Balranald and my Nanny works with the doctor sometimes. My Mum drives my Nanny to work, and I go in the car with them.

What she like to do, is clean all day and do the dishes all night and then she goes to bed. I play cards with my Nanny, and she wins most of the time, but sometimes she lets me win.

I love her because she is kind and gives me lollies. My Nanny takes me for walks, and she helps to look after me. She gives me good hugs and sometimes she buys me toys.

Love Emma, 2021



Nan and Grandad

My Nan and Grandad are the most loved people in our family. They live in Baronga Summer Drive. They both are 73 years old.

When I go to visit them, we set up the train set. The train goes 50 k.p.h. Nan, Grandad and I play Zappo together. We stand two metres away from it, whatever hole you get it in that's how many points you get.

I love my Grandad because he takes me down to the river. I go on the platform that is out on the water, Grandad keeps his eyes on me.

I love my Nan because she bakes a lot of yummy things especially the slice with the bumpy stuff on top.

Love from Mitchell 2021



Nanny Ryan

Nanny Ryan is a kind person, she is in my heart, and I love her so much. She lives in a hospital because she is in her ninety's, and she can't go to her house, so we take care of her house for her. We mow her lawn for her.

We go to the hospital, and we give her flowers, scratchies and play uno too, she lets us help her scratch the scratchies.

I love her because she is a helpful person, kind to me and she is also a lucky person, because she has all these people that help her to have a lovely life.

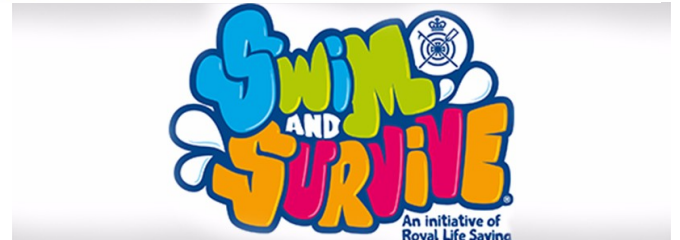
2021 Love Navaya



Swim and Survive Program

Primary Swimming Program

We are currently planning the organisation of the school's swimming program for **10** days. Swimming will take place during Week 9 and 10. All Primary students will participate in an intensive NSW Royal Lifesaving Society's *Swim and Survive* Program. Notes will go home this week.



Check In Test

Students are currently completing Check in Tests.

What is the Check-in assessment? The Check-in assessment is an online reading and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3 to 9. The assessment supports the department's School Success Model. Under the model, all schools set targets for learning growth for all students. The Check-in assessment are designed to provide teachers with formative assessments that can give an indication of how students are performing.

The Check-in assessment includes two online assessments

- reading
- numeracy

The reading and numeracy assessments are designed to be quick and easy to administer and can be administered by any school teaching staff. Each assessment consists of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions, with a suggested assessment duration of about 50 minutes each.

SCOOP OF THE WEEK

Travel With Me

By Billie Renata

Soft sand, waves crashing, salty taste of water, trees flowing, the trees flowing.

Imagine the greater feeling of this, how many of you really love travelling and going on holidays? I know I do, the more things you get to witness the greater your imagination grows and the more things you get to talk to your friends and family about.

Travelling is the best way to learn new things, whether it be a new language or new culture because you're experiencing it firsthand instead of just reading or looking at pictures.

In the future I hope to travel to Rome, Italy, and Paris because they are the most gorgeous places I have ever seen. Other people here have been there, and I want to get the chance to see it for myself and the great thrill and honour to say, 'I've been there!'.

Happier Days Ahead

By Ben Johnstone

What a crazy two years we have had fighting against Covid-19! We have been in and out of lockdowns, gone two years without shopping, online shopping increased, had to wear masks, and check in. But it is worth it because we have now reached our vaccination milestone. Did you know Canberra is the most vaccinated city in the world?

Reaching these milestones means we can now do more such as return to in-store shopping, travel around the country and soon travel overseas once again. We had the first Qantas flight land at Sydney on Monday the 1st of November. Then the first flight to London on the 4th of November from Sydney via Darwin. This is excellent news for NSW and soon Victoria will join them.

As borders open up and travel becomes popular again, we need to make sure we protect ourselves and others by still checking in, sanitizing, and wearing masks.

Girls in Video Games

By Chloe Gorman

"Girls can't play games!"

"Girls should be in the kitchen..."

"Go make me a sandwich!"

It sounds unreal, huh? Well sadly it's not, girls who play video games are constantly harassed or judged because they are playing video games.

Half the time girls don't talk because they are muted to avoid harassment from other players. It doesn't matter what game you play - if a girl has their mic on, half the time men are harassing women or just being sexist towards them just for playing a game.

Thankfully, there are a lot of female gamers on social media who make content about this issue and give girls advice to do whatever they want and to not let your gender stop you enjoying your favourite game!



#ItsInTheBag is Share the Dignity's annual event where they encourage everyday Australians to put together bags filled with essential items, to donate to someone in need for Christmas.

Thousands of women in Australia are homeless due to domestic and family violence, which is the number one cause of homelessness in the country. Almost 50 percent of those experiencing homelessness are women, often accompanied by children.

More than 1 in 5 women who menstruate have had to improvise when it comes to period products because they are unable to afford pads, tampons or reusable products. Almost half of respondents said they have worn a pad or a tampon for longer than recommended because they did not have enough to change them more frequently.

Share the Dignity has many initiatives to fight period poverty, including Share the Dignity donation boxes at most Woolworths and Priceline stores. If you are shopping and are near sanitary products and are buying some for yourself, be sure to think about others who are struggling to buy sanitary and hygiene products and add an extra product in your shopping cart to donate.

#ItsInTheBag is a Christmas drive to donate bags full of goodies for women in need. This year our Year 9 & 10 students have teamed up to help donate to this charity drive.

SCOOP OF THE WEEK

How do you donate your bags?

- Find a good condition or new bag to fill (e.g. handbag, backpack or duffel)
- Fill the bag with essential items (listed below)
- You can then add in some extra special additions and a handwritten note
- Tell your friends about #ItsInTheBag
- Take to any Bunnings across Australia for collection between 19-28 November 2021
- Feel warm and fuzzy for making someone feel special at Christmas!

From
The Crew

News Slice

WA Police announce Cleo Smith found 'alive and well'

The Age 3rd November 2021

Four-year-old Cleo Smith has been found alive and well inside a home in WA after vanishing from a campsite on October 16.

It's no-fly zones at home but Singapore here we come

The Australian 28th October 2021

Quarantine-free travel to London, Los Angeles, Fiji and Singapore will soon be a reality for most fully vaccinated Australians who still can't visit Brisbane or Perth.

Family of missing man Jeremiah Rivers seeks help from those who saw him last

ABC News 4th November 2021

The family of an East Kimberley man who disappeared on a group camping trip last month is calling on his companions to come forward and help search for him in the harsh Queensland outback.

Pacific youth 'grow up with fear' as climate change threatens their

homes and futures

ABC News 8th November 2021

Children and young people in the Pacific have grown up in the shadow of climate change, watching rising sea levels swallow landscapes and waiting in fear for the next natural disaster to strike.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

—AESOP

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Puzzle #004

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Puzzle Solution #003

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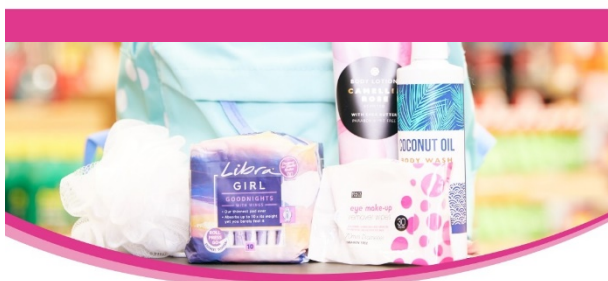




#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR ADULT BAG

Shampoo & Conditioner | Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Soap | Roll on Deodorant | Sealed Period Products



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR TEEN BAG

Period products suitable for younger bodies
Shampoo & Conditioner, Roll on Deodorant
Soap, Toothbrush & Toothpaste



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR MUM & BUB BAG

Maternity Pads, Breast Pads, Newborn Nappies
Shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste, roll
on deodorant, baby shampoo, disposable nappy bags,
baby wipes, dummies, baby wash, nappy rash cream.



This year, students in Year 9 and Year 10 are collecting for the #ItsInTheBag charity drive.

These bags go to women in need over the Christmas period, ensuring they have the essentials to afford them dignity, as well as some extra goodies to make them feel special!

If any members of the wider school community would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the Front Office.

Essential items are listed on the left. Personal hygiene products must be full size and unopened. The following CANNOT be included in these bags:

- Aerosol deodorants or body sprays
- Sharp instruments e.g. razors or scissors
- Food items
- Pharmaceutical products including condoms and medication

Good quality second-hand handbags, backpacks and small duffel bags are very welcome as well!

Let's help brighten this Christmas period for these ladies 😊

Thank you for your support!

TERM FOUR - 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 B	8 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	9	10 <i>Kinder Orientation Yr 7 Orientation</i>	11	12 White Card Training
Week 7 A	15 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	16	17 <i>Kinder Orientation</i>	18	19
Week 8 B	22 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	23	24 <i>Kinder Orientation</i>	25	26
Week 9 A	29 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	30	1 DECEMBER <i>Kinder Orientation</i>	2	3 Yr 12 Formal
Week 10 B	6 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	7 K-12 Presentation Night	8	9	10
Week 11 A	13 DECEMBER Year 6 Graduation	14	15	16 Last day of school for students	17 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY

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

Balranald Pizza & Takeaway

CANTEEN MENU TERM 4 2021

SPECIALS

MONDAY– PIZZA SCROLLS (Hawaiian or Meatlovers)	\$3.50
TUESDAY– BACON & EGG MUFFIN	\$3.00
WEDNESDAY– SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN WRAP	\$5.00
THURSDAY– HOT DOG (add cheese 50 cents)	\$3.50
FRIDAY– TOASTED HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT	\$3.50

LUNCHES

SALAD ROLL/SANDWICH/WRAP	\$4.50
HAM & SALAD ROLL/SANDWICH/WRAP	\$5.00
CHICKEN & SALAD ROLL/SANDWICH/WRAP	\$5.50
TOASTED HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH	\$3.50
TOASTED CHEESE SANDWICH	\$3.00
BAG OF 5 GOUJONS/NUGGETS	\$3.00
CHICKEN/SWEET CHILLI TENDER	\$1.50
PIZZA (HAWAIIAN)	\$2.50
CHEESEBURGER (BEEF PATTIE,CHEESE)	\$5.00
CHICKEN BURGER (LETTUCE & MAYO)	\$5.50
BAKERY PARTY PIE	\$1.30
BAKERY MEAT PIE	\$4.50
BAKERY SAUSAGE ROLL	\$3.40
SAUCE	\$0.20

SNACKS

MUFFIN (BLUEBERRY OR CHOC)	\$2.00
WHOLE FRUIT (BANANA, APPLE OR ORANGE)	\$2.00
FRUIT SALAD	\$3.50
SALAD BOWL	\$4.50
FRESH BAKED COOKIE	\$1.00

DRINKS

WATER 600ML	\$2.00
NIPPY'S (CHOC, STRAWBERRY OR COFFEE)	\$3.00
APPLE/ORANGE JUICE 250ML	\$2.00

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED