



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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CANTEEN

The last day for the Canteen is Wednesday, 15th December

School Resumes
8th February 2022
for Year 1 to
Year 12 students
and 10th February
for Kindergarten
students

Class of 2021

The Year 12 graduation class of 2021 held their formal on Friday, 3rd December in the school hall attended by family and BCS staff. Congratulations Class of 2021, we wish you well in your future endeavours as you approach the next stage of your life after school.



A huge thank you to Jamie J's Creative Cakes. When Jamie heard that Year 12 were raising as much money as they could to donate to Can Assist, she kindly offered to donate the cake which everybody enjoyed for dessert.

What an amazing effort! Year 12 with their fundraising, donated \$3,500 to Can Assist.



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

In the last few weeks, we have had the pleasure of hosting events such as the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, Year 6 Graduation Assembly and the K-12 Presentation Day which were opportunities for the school community to celebrate the achievements of our students. In my Principal's address at Presentation Day, I made a comment that even though it was a time for certificates, badges and awards it was also a time to acknowledge the small victories that we had experienced this year. By this I meant the kids who have strived for their personal best but may not have been recognised. The ones who have walked away from a fight. The ones who have found school a struggle but have still turned up. To the children who have found kindness in their heart for others by sharing, helping or just being a friend. Each year there is progress and growth, and we don't need a podium or a handshake in order to be noticed and applauded. Thanks to all our students who have had a go this year and tried to honour our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Care and Personal Best. My thanks to all people who assisted in the organisation and the running of these events and particularly Nadine Matarazzo, Gema Hull, Kate Harper, Sam Lockhart, Sharon Nelson, Kaitley Linnett, Pam Barker, and Vicki Lister.

Best of luck to our departing Year 12 students, Macey, Seth, Bonnie, Akita, Natalya and Kasey. This group has to be admired for the way in which they have approached things, particularly in the last 2 years during the disruptions and disappointments of COVID. The class of 2021 have proven to be a resilient group who will be missed for their generosity and no fuss attitude. This was exemplified when they presented Can Assist with a cheque for \$3500 from their fundraising. Thanks to all the staff and parents & carers who have nurtured and assisted these young people through some interesting and challenging times. My parting advice for Year 12 came from the philosophy of June Dally Watkins, who espoused that every moment is an opportunity to create that lasting loveliness in your character and personality by the way you think, act and talk.

As I reflect on 2021 the feeling I have is one of gratitude. I am grateful for the students, staff and parents of the Balranald Central School community who have contributed and made it a memorable year. My wisdom for the week comes from Kevin Coombs who is a Wamba Wamba and former Balranald man who became a paraplegic at 12 years old and overcame adversity to represent Australia at 5 Paralympic games in wheelchair basketball. He reckons that "he has been more fortunate than most". If we maintain this attitude of gratitude on a regular basis, for the big and small things alike then just like Kevin we will build strong relationships, stay positive and operate from a place of abundance.

I hope that Christmas and the holiday season allows you time to reflect and turns what you have into enough, and more!

Word of the week - Abundance (a very large quantity)

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Primary Students of the Week (Week 9)



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 10)



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

Primary Students of the Week (Week 11)



Year K/1 – Karson Barnes & Ava Moore



Year 2 – Sarah Johnstone & Chloe Renfry



Year 3/4 – Shania Lanteri & Lucas Paton



Year 5/6 – Cassidy Lowe & Ellie Finch

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Congratulations to Year 6 who had their Graduation Assembly this morning. The Year 6 class will also celebrate their completion of primary education by having a meal with Primary staff at the Billabong Restaurant on Monday evening.



BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS 2021

CLASS MERIT AWARDS



Kindergarten



Year 1



Year 2

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CLASS MERIT AWARDS



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

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CLASS MERIT AWARDS



Year 6



Year 7



Year 8

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CLASS MERIT AWARDS



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12

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SPECIAL AWARDS



Masonic Lodge Primary Citizenship Award



Balranald & District Ex-Servicemen's Memorial Club Award



Balranald ICPA NSW Inc. Commitment to Education Awards



Balranald Shire Council Cultural Achievement Awards

Helen Dalton, MP Primary & Secondary
Citizenship Awards



BCS ANNUAL K-12 PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS 2021

SPECIAL AWARDS



Sussan Ley, MP Primary Year 10-12
Citizenship Award



Balranald/Tooleybuc Teachers Federation Award



Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Award



Primary Principal's Award



Secondary Principal's Award



Ampol Best All Rounder Award