



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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NAIDOC Day Celebrations

On Friday, 1st July we celebrated NAIDOC. The day started with a performance from the Women's Aboriginal Dance Group from Mildura and then we had a day of activities such as painting Boomerang/Shakers, Food Tasting, Shelter/Hut Making, Face Painting and Storytelling, Sports Games, Ironing Beads/Key Rings and making Johnny Cakes. Students finished the day with a Colour Run.

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PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Welcome back for Term 3 with a TWIST. Our theme for this term is TWIST (Teamwork Will Inspire Students & Teachers). We have many types of teams at BCS and whether they are sporting teams, class teams, leadership teams, student teams or staff teams, they are essential for our success, happiness and growth. Our Year 12 team are beginning their final academic term before they begin their HSC examinations in Term 4 and together with the staff and parent teams, they will garner plenty of support and understanding in the coming months.

COVID update - there is a 4-week blitz from the start of the term which has curtailed some of our intended activities.

- students who are close contacts should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days. The school has a stock of RATs. Please let Admin know if you need some.

From last term I would like to thank Danelle Gervasi, Pam Barker, Wyatt Cutting and all the other staff and visitors who contributed to our fantastic NAIDOC celebrations. Thanks to Headspace and MDAS for setting up a couple of stands and supplying heaps of freebies for the students. The message of "Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!" was loud and clear throughout each of the activities during the day which also conveyed the positive relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

In the coming weeks, our students will be setting their goals for the rest of the year. Some of their academic goals will be based on their semester one report results and comments. I encourage all students to think carefully about their goals and to seek assistance from an adult if you are struggling to set them. Remember that achieving your goals is often a team effort so it is important that you utilise the people around you and their strengths and talents.

Our Secondary students have started their 5th BEAR period which ends on Thursday 18th August. Hopefully, all students while they are working as part of their class team and year team can achieve their personal best scores for engagement.

Good luck to our PSSA Athletics team who are travelling to Tooleybuc on Tuesday to compete in the district level of competition. Hopefully, students will achieve their personal best in their chosen events and will be excellent ambassadors for BCS.

Education week will be held in Week 3, but the DoE has announced a 4-week blitz due to Covid. Unfortunately, this has derailed our plans to have open classrooms and a long lunch for parents during that week. These activities have been postponed to a later date as we feel that showcasing our school and building strong relationships are an integral part of what we do. However, we will still have student activities during that week, including an assembly with a high achieving and interesting alumni who will speak to our students on "creating futures."

Word of the week is "garner" (gather or collect).

My saying this week comes from Patrick Lencioni "Teamwork begins by building trust. And the only way to do that is to overcome our need for invulnerability."

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PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE



NSW Premiers Spelling Bee is on again

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will be competing in the school round during class this week. Spelling lists have been sent!

The winner in Juniors (Year 3/4) and Seniors (Year 5/6) will compete in a Regional Finals via Zoom.

All regional finals will be held online each day from Monday 29 August to Friday 9 September.

- Juniors 10:00 am-11:30 am
- Seniors 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

One Junior and one Senior student represent their school at regional finals. 2022 regional finals will be held using video connections. One senior and one junior speller from each regional will then go onto state finals.

CBCA BOOK WEEK

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

The theme for Book Week 2022 is **Dreaming with Eyes Open**.



As part of Book Week, Primary classes will be having a day celebrating their favourite books with many fun activities and competitions. **Dust off the dress-up box and come as your favourite book character on Wednesday 24th August.**

Over the coming weeks, we will be running some competitions that celebrate reading.

Our first competition is a photo comp.

'The best place to read a book'

Please email or text Mrs Harper with your entries. kate.harper4@det.nsw.edu.au 0428 148 349

Get creative!

Education Week

Education Week 2022 will be held from 1-5 August (Week 3, Term 3). This year's theme is 'creating futures – education changes lives' and celebrates the quality education we provide and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

Education Week is a chance to celebrate the achievements of our school, students or learning community.

Kindergarten starts the week by celebrating 100 days of school, by completing activities around the numeral 100. A Book Fair will be held in the school library. We had planned to have open classrooms and a lunch catered by Year 5/6 students, Mrs Harper and helpers. Unfortunately, due to the 4-week blitz that the DoE has announced, we have had to postpone this to a date to be advised.

Sport

Zone Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 26th July at Tooleybuc. Congratulations to students who have been selected to represent the school. We are proud of you and know you will try your best.

Congratulations to Ryan Johnstone who was successful in making the Riverina softball team to compete at Mudgee later this term.



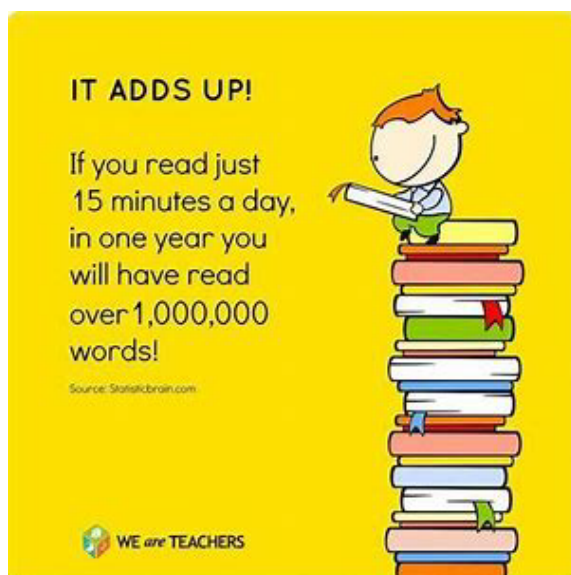
Ryan Johnstone

Performance

Tuesday 9th August a performance by Didjeribone will be at school. Students who paid for performance in Term 1 will not have to pay for this performance, a note will go home this week.

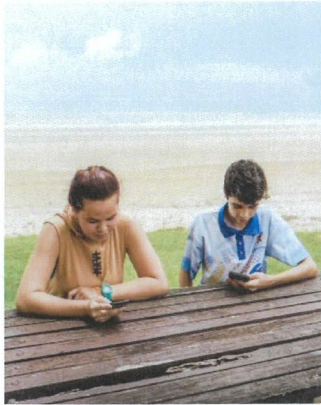
Home Readers

Kindergarten to Year 6 are having a focus on reading. You can help at home, by spending 10-15 minutes a day reading. We would like all students to consistently bring their home reading folder each day to assist us and enable readers to be sent home.



upcoming sessions

Parents, Carers, and Community Members in Murrumbidgee are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 3.



The sessions aim to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health definitions.
- Enhance your conversational approach to mental health and well-being.
- Build skills and strategies to support young people, including transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Increase your knowledge & understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today.
- Introduce you to some of the skills and strategies to encourage and support help-seeking.



Navigating uncertainty and change

Date: Monday, 18 July 2022

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm AEST

Location: Online webinar

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3uNpJkm>



Connecting and communicating with young people

Date: Tuesday, 16 August 2022

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm AEST

Location: Online webinar

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3uHsUKz>



For more information

Contact us at programsupport@headspace.org.au



NAIDOC Day Celebrations



Students of the Week

Week 10



Kinder – Micah & Tyson



Year 1-2 – Beau & Sophie (absent)



Year 3-4 – TJ & Eva



Year 5-6 – Angus & Taylor

Week 1



Kinder – Milla & Evie



Year 1-2 – Jaylah & Layne



Year 3-4 – Chloe & Isei



Year 5-6 – Olivia & Evie

TERM THREE - 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	25 JULY <i>Exec meeting</i>	26 <i>Moulamein District PSSA Athletics @ Tooleybuc</i>	27	28	29 <i>Riverina Athletics @ Albury (Secondary)</i>
Week 3	1 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i> Education Week	2 Education Week	3 Education Week	4 Education Week	5 Education Week
Week 4	8 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	9	10	11	12
Week 5	15 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	16	17	18	19
Week 6	22 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i>	23	24 <i>Dress up as favourite book character for Book Week</i>	25	26 <i>Riverina Athletics @ Albury (Primary)</i>
Week 7	29 AUGUST <i>Exec meeting</i> Central Schools Finals Knock Out in Dubbo	30 Central Schools Finals Knock Out in Dubbo	31 U16's Netball @ Dubbo	1 SEPTEMBER	2
Week 8	5 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	6	7	8	9
Week 9	12 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	13	14 Whole School Assembly/Captain Speeches @ 11.20am	15	16
Week 10	19 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Primary State Athletics @ Sydney	20	21	22 Yr 12 Assembly @ 11.20am	23 K-12 Sports Day Last Day of Term 3 Year 12 Formal

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