



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Book Week



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Well done to all the staff and students who got right into Book week. There were some great costumes on the day with Where's Wally being a solid favourite. Book Week reminds us of the importance of reading, comprehension, analysis, memories and imagination. Thanks to all the staff who ran engaging activities during Book Week and incorporated the Library into their schedule. We also achieved our target of \$1000 of book sales at the Book Fair (2 weeks prior) and I must thank Mrs Comi for her excellent display which stimulated and engaged the students into making some excellent purchases. Thanks to all the students who entered and congratulations to Isla Old who won the Book Week competition. Isla won a \$25 Book Club voucher for her 13 correct responses in her entry. I also had the pleasure of listening to a short story called "Up in the Territory" written by none other than Isla Old. It was a gripping tale where Isla and her family were cornered by a Crocodile and in trying to escape her father Dustin got his arm nearly bitten off. I hope he is recovering well.



The TWIST theme (Teamwork Will Inspire Students & Teachers) theme continues with our 16s netballers travelling to Dubbo to represent at the Central Schools Knockout last week. The report, which is a great read, shows the importance of working together as a team both on and off the court. Thanks to all the girls for giving their personal best and apart from some minor hiccups (like leaving the netballs behind) it exemplifies the importance of being able to be flexible when things go awry. Congratulations to all the students for being excellent ambassadors for BCS and to Mrs Harper, Jordyn and Elli for all their preparation, organisation and perspiration. Thanks to our volunteer bus driver Nigel Dalton who was able to balance the 15 females on tour but most importantly keep them safe on the road.

Thanks to Mrs Longford for organising the Emergency Services Careers Day last Thursday. From all reports the students who attended found it an enlightening experience.

Our BCS Secondary Captains will be elected next week. My thanks to Mrs Matarazzo for organising the student nominations and assisting them with their assembly speeches.

It was great to see Ron Murray here at the school last Wednesday play the didgeridoo whilst young Ava Moore clapped the sticks. All the kids had a great afternoon.

Year 12 are receiving Trial HSC feedback and completing structured revision in the lead up to the HSC. My thanks to Mr Cutting who has enabled our Year 12 team to focus on their study routine.

Year 11 final examinations are fast approaching on the 15th September and hopefully they have already started preparing for these assessments. I encourage all parents and carers to assist their children by:

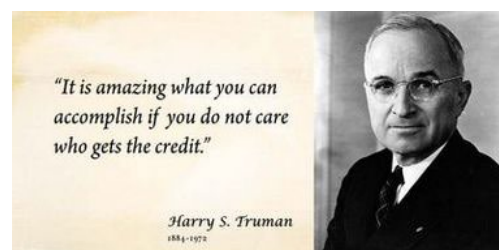
1. Ensuring they are getting enough sleep.
2. Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
3. Knowing when their exams are so that study time can be organised and have regular breaks.
4. Help them avoid distractions such as too much screen time.
5. Remain positive and hopeful and reassure them.

If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance.

Word of the week is awry (off the expected course)

My saying this week comes from Harry Truman "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

Gus Comi



PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

Riverina Athletics Carnival- Albury

For the first time in 2 years, the Riverina Athletics Carnival was held. Ryan and Sarah Johnstone, Jaxon and Isei Verevakabau, Angus and Loxlee Potter and Lucas Paton represented the Moulamein district at the Riverina Athletics Carnival 2 weeks ago. The Junior boys relay (Ryan, Lucas, Jaxon and Isei) came first in their heat but missed out on making it to Sydney for the State Carnival. Well done to all students who represented our school. You have made us very proud.



Book Week

Guessing Comp - How many books are in the Library?

Fun Fact: *our library has 18018 resources (books, CDs yes CDs, fiction and non-fiction, teacher resources, home readers, dictionary, textbooks, and big books)*

How many Fiction and Non-fiction Books do we have – 4446 books

Mia Haynes guessed closest to this.



Guessing Comp - What is the staff's favourite book? This was tricky with Reagan and Jye only guessing 6 right. Oscar came 2nd with 3 correct. Mr Comi Junior guessed 8 correct (but may have cheated). The answers are on page 5 of this Newsletter.

Year 5/6 ran speed dating with a book. Students listened to 8 different books. Year 5/6 did a great job reading.



Softball

Congratulations to Ryan Johnstone. He is the first student to represent BCS in softball.

He played in the Riverina team last week in Mudgee. It was cold, and by all accounts, Ryan played very well with mixed results. The Riverina finished 9th overall.



100 Nights of Reading

Congratulations to Evie Carter for being the first student this year to reach 100 nights of reading. Congratulations also to Isla and Fletcher Old on reaching 100 nights of reading.



VALID Science test- Year 6

Last Tuesday Year 6 students sat the VALID test.

VALID Science 6 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations.

This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 3 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus.

Students are tested on their:

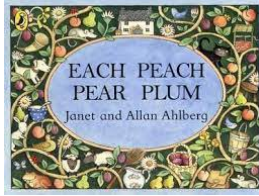
- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas. Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values about science.

Working Bee in the Garden

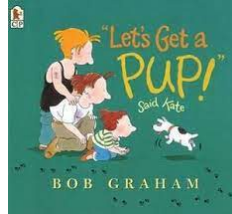
Mrs Linnett arranged for a large volume of garden mulch to be delivered to school last weekend. Mrs Harper hopes to have a group of students help her weed and mulch the garden after school. She will be providing afternoon tea. The dates for the Working Bee will be on Thursday 15th and Thursday 22nd September between 3pm and 5pm. Please let Mrs Harper know before these dates so afternoon tea can be arranged. Please bring a change of clothes and work boots or suitable shoes.

Book Week Competition - Answers
Which staff member at BCS loves what book?

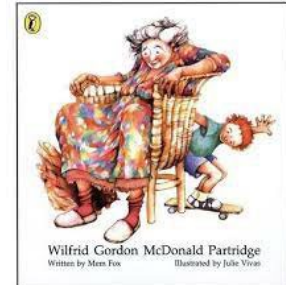
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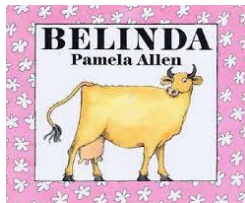
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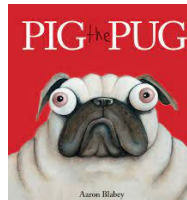
Vicki Lister



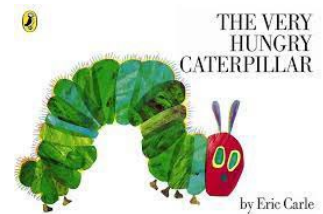
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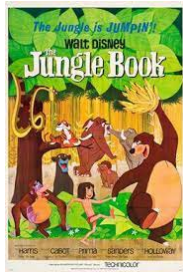
Mrs Sengoz



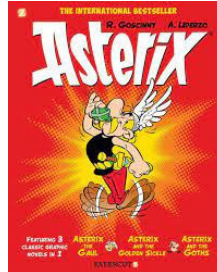
Jordyn Jolliffe



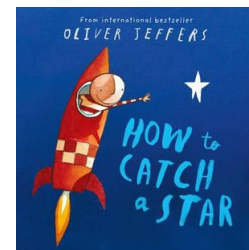
Mr Barrie



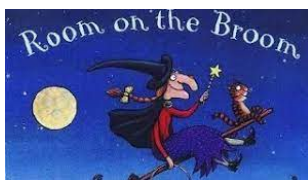
Mr Comi (Senior)



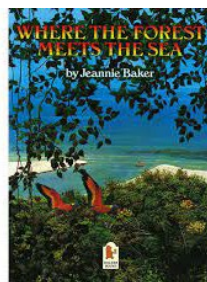
Mrs Helgend



Marysia Dunn



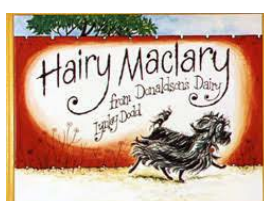
Mrs Harper



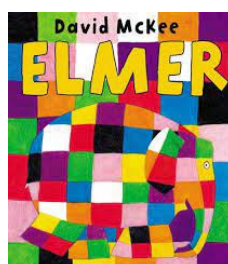
Mr Patterson



Kellie Hodgson



Mrs Linnett



Mrs Lockhart



Students of the Week

Week 6



Kinder – Micah & Mylah



Year 1-2 – Sophie & Callen



Year 3-4 – Mia & Imogen



Year 5-6 – Jye & Jack

Week 7



Kinder – Pia & Rupeni



Year 1-2 – Layne & Beau



Year 3-4 – Navaya & Nikey



Year 5-6 – Sienna & Braxton

Central School Netball

It was a crisp morning, and for the first time in 2 years, BCS girls were heading out of town, Dubbo bound. Nigel and his girls were pumped!

Central School Netball was back on!

We had two alumni ladies on the bus, their first trip as adults and not junior netballers. Ellie-Jane Brougham as the Umpire, Jordyn Jolliffe as The Coach, and an old-hand supporter in Lisa Dalton. Myah, Tilly, Nicole, Shelley, Prue, Lilian, Helaina, Sheridan, Holly, Ayla and Baylee made up the team. (Nicole was the only member who had played Central School Netball before).

Everyone was instructed by the bus driver to go to the toilet before they left as there was no stopping until we reached Goolgowi! 20 km out the Hay Road, plans changed. Someone hadn't quite filled the bus up, and it was a quick pit stop in Hay! Now with munchies on board, no more stops till West Wyalong! Full steam ahead.

We hit Dubbo Discovery Park around 5pm, and as we got off the bus (great backing by Nigel), a group of Bingara Central School boys walked past, checking out the competition for their netballers. Bags were dropped in cabins, and the girls checked out the 'facilities!'

Tummies were rumbling when we headed for tea at the Dubbo RSL Club. We were lucky to dine with Tilly's Grandparents, who drove 160km to support the BCS girls. We found out some family history and the connection they have with some Balranald locals. Dinner was delicious though Ellie and Jordyn are still waiting for their meals to arrive.

After that, we headed to Coles for ice cream and snacks. Nigel and Lisa headed back to the RSL Club to rock the night away ... no someone forgot their wallet!

We were all up at the crack of dawn on Wednesday morning, ready to take the courts. First stop, Maccas, to fuel up on frozen coke and hashbrowns. We hit the stadium and were ready to warm up! This job would have been easier if someone had bought the balls! Who needs netballs on a netball trip?

The girls had a bye in the first round; they checked out the opposition, and Coach Jolliffe was making notes and whispering tactics to the girls without being obvious.

Second round, and we were up! Manilla came out strong; BCS caught up and were four goals up on them. Then some very, very,

very questionable calls were made by the umpire. The girls went down by 1 goal. 24-25. I was unsure who was more annoyed, The Coach or the girls.

After a quick pep talk, the team was back in high spirits taking on Bingara in a one-sided affair. BCS won comfortably 34-6. Round 3 saw the girls go down to Trangie (winners of the comp) 15-25.

Rounds 4 and 5 saw the girls take on Dunedoo and Coolamon, winning both these games. 28-15 and 16-11.



Shopping Centre fun late at night!



The girls finished third overall and should be extremely proud of their sportsmanship, composure, and resiliency.

The trip home didn't feel like an 8-hour trip. Karaoke (by the adults), laughter, Snapchat reels, BeReals and science lessons with Nigel kept us all entertained. Astronomers Miss Jolliffe educated us on the moon being a Wax Crescent Moon and got fact and fiction mixed up about humans living on Mars; the Matt Damon movie 'The Martian' wasn't real! We also learnt from Shelley that fatigue is measured when the truck driver's eyes are closed as they go through the Safe-T-Cam!



A fabulous, exhausting two days we had. Thank you to Nigel for driving the bus and putting up with 15 females for two days. Thank you to Coach Jordyn and Umpire Ellie, as well as the BCS's Netball Cheer Squad's number 1 ticket holder Lisa, as well as Tilly's Grandparents.

Bring on next year!

Mrs Kate Harper (Yes, I forgot the netballs)



Life is tough being the Coach!



Emergency Services Careers Day

On Thursday, 1st September the Police, Ambulance and Fire Services visited the school and spoke with our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Students had the experience of undertaking the Police Entry Fitness Test. Thank you to our local emergency services for volunteering their time to speak to our students.



Uncle Ron visits BCS *by Ava*

On Wednesday, 31st August I invited my Uncle Ron to come to my school to play the didgeridoo and I played the clap sticks. Then he told us the story of Australia. I have played the clap sticks since I was three. My cousin Louie plays sometimes, and he plays it with me.



TERM THREE - 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	5 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals</i>
Week 9	12 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	13	14 Whole School Assembly/Captain Speeches @ 11.20am	15 Year 11 Final Exams	16 Year 11 Final Exams
Week 10	19 SEPTEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 11 Final Exams	20 Year 11 Final Exams	21 Year 11 Final Exams	22 Yr 12 Assembly @ 11.20am Year 11 Final Exams	23 K-12 Sports Day Last Day of Term 3 Year 12 Formal

TERM FOUR - 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	10 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	11	12	13	14
Week 2	17 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	18	19	20	21
Week 3	24 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	25	26	27	28
Week 4	31 OCTOBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4
Week 5	7 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	8	9	10	11
Week 6	14 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i>	15	16	17	18
Week 7	21 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 9 Excursion	22 Year 9 Excursion	23 Year 9 Excursion	24 Year 9 Excursion	25 Year 9 Excursion
Week 8	28 NOVEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	29 Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	30 Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	1 DECEMBER Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	2 Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience
Week 9	5 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 10 Work Experience	6 K-12 Presentation Night Year 10 Work Experience	7 Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	8 Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	9 Year 10 Work Experience
Week 10	12 DECEMBER <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 6 Graduation	13	14	15	16 Last day of school for students
Week 11	19 <i>Exec meeting</i>	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY	21	22	23

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