



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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R U OK Day

On Thursday 8th September it was R U Okay Day and the SRC decided to acknowledge this important day by baking cupcakes for everyone at BCS. The gift of a cupcake helps to make people feel cared for and provides an opportunity for discussion between people within our community to ensure we are all okay. Special thanks to the Student Representative Council in particular, Lilian Matarazzo, Micaela Ricevuto, Shelley Dalton, Nicole Kayne, Charlie Ross, Billie Renata, Christina Scalora, Molly Helgeland and Stuart Matarazzo. Also, thanks to Mr Cutting for organising the cupcakes and the staff that helped; Mrs Sengoz, Mrs Senny, Mrs Campbell and Mr Comi Jnr. Thanks to Kaitley Amy for donating the oranges.



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Our Year 12 students are entering their final week of formal schooling before they begin their HSC examinations next term. Their week culminates in their final assembly on Wednesday 21st September with the Year 12 Formal being held the Friday night at the Roo's footy sheds. I hope that their last week is memorable and fruitful as they begin to open their next epoch. My thanks and congratulations to Mr Cutting for nurturing these young people along their journey. He has been an excellent role model and mentor for Year 12, and I am sure they are appreciative of his efforts and expertise.

The Whole School Assembly last week was very memorable. TWIST (Teamwork Will Inspire Students & Teachers) was the assembly theme, and this was evidenced through the outstanding teamwork of students, staff and parents, awards recognising effort and achievement and the speeches from our nominating 2023 Captains. My thanks to Mrs Helgeland for coordinating the assembly and to all the BCS staff who continue to "go the extra yard" in order to ensure that these events run smoothly and hit the mark. Thanks to "Where's Wally" for making an appearance to present some awards and bomb some photos. Congratulations to our 2023 Captains elect Ben Johnstone and Charlie Ross. I am very confident that they will take their leadership responsibilities seriously and will be excellent ambassadors for BCS. Thanks again to the team of Mrs Matarazzo and Ms Menta for their organisation before and during the election. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2022 Captains Molly Helgeland and Stuart Matarazzo for their leadership throughout the year and dedication to their responsibilities. They have laid a firm foundation for Charlie and Ben to build upon.



RUOK day was marked by lots of cupcakes and plenty of RUOK conversations. It is really important that these conversations don't just occur on this day, but we meaningfully connect with people just in case they are struggling a bit with life. The more we do it the better we will be at supporting all members of the BCS team.

Thanks to Mrs Longford for organising subject selections for Year 10. I believe she has drawn up some provisional lines so that students can start making choices for 2023.

The students were treated to some fantastic performances on Monday 19th September by Sean Choolburra who is one of Australia's leading indigenous entertainers. Sean presented a comedy and dance show to the secondary students at 9:30am and then did a cultural and dance performance for the primary school which included students from St Josephs, Euston PS and Clare. His unique style was energetic, funny, engaging and built on storytelling. He is an absolute star! Well done to Danelle Gervasi for coordinating the event and special thanks to Maari Ma Health for providing the funding for Sean to perform. Following the performance students were treated to a free sausage sizzle. This whole event was very uplifting and rewarding for students and staff.



A reminder to parents that this Thursday 22nd September is a public holiday due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break. The spring season is arriving, and people's moods are already improving. Hopefully with the increased daylight hours the kids can get out and about amongst the various outdoor activities on offer around the town and district.

Word of the week is epoch (period of time).

My saying this week comes from Mark Sanborn "In teamwork, silence isn't golden. It's deadly!"

Gus Comi

PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

Reminders

Primary students should not be at school prior to 8:30am. Supervision commences at 8:30am.

Lost Property

There are several school jumpers/lunch boxes outside the 1/2 classroom, if your child is missing either their lunchbox or jumper, please encourage them to check there.

RUOK Day

Students across primary completed activities around RUOK. Year 1/2 and Kindergarten spent the morning completing activities on what makes a good friend and being kind.



Grand Final Fever

Congratulations to our SLSO Elli-Jane who competed in the Central Murray A Grade netball grand final on Saturday, and Kellie Hodgson who assisted the coaching staff. Balranald defeated Swan Hill by two goals, in extremely trying conditions. We are all proud of your achievements.

Performance Term 4

Students from K-6 will have the opportunity to attend The Super Science Circus on Friday the 21st of October. Notes will be sent home early next term.

Year 1/2 Writing

My Pet Bunny

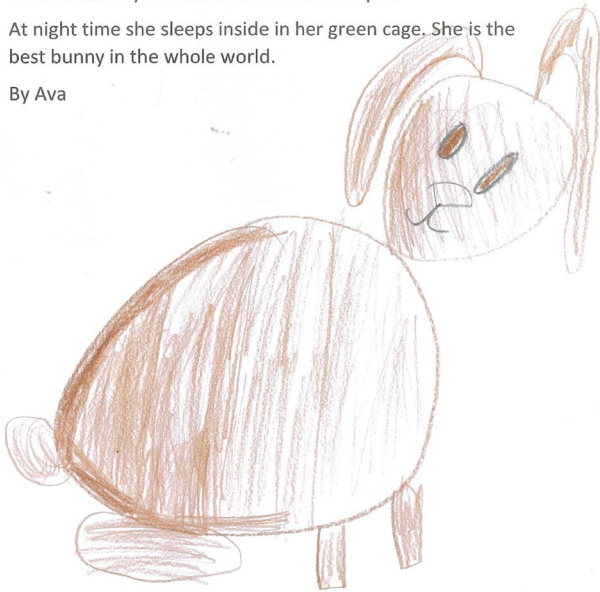
My pet's name is Big Mumma. She is a brown bunny. She is special because she jumps out of her cage, and we must round her up.

Big Mumma has a brown back, black feet, sharp claws, floppy ears, brown eyes and a small tail.

Big Mumma eats carrot, rabbit food and probably grass when she is outside. In the morning if she gets out her cage she hides under my bed and scratches the carpet.

At night time she sleeps inside in her green cage. She is the best bunny in the whole world.

By Ava



My Pet Dog

My pet's name is Ripper. He is a Jack Russel. Ripper likes to escape and run around the back yard at Grandma's house.

Ripper is white with brown spots, and I can pick him up because he is small.

Ripper likes to fetch the ball, but he never brings the ball back. I try to get the ball back and he growls at me.

One day I wish I could have a dog cage so Ripper could stay at our house instead of Grandmas.

By Josh

My Pet

My pet's name is Jack he is a dog.

Jack plays in the mud with Olivia, Ryan, Sarah and dad.

Jack the dog has brown fur long legs and two brown eyes.

We take Jack for a walk to the river and he likes to drink water at the river. I like my dog.

By Olivia



My Pet

My pet's name is Joony. Joony likes to climb. Joony has white and grey fur. She is fluffy and soft.

By Riley



Students of the Week

Week 8



Kinder – Korban & Evie



Year 1-2 – Cash & Jaylah (absent)



Year 3-4 – Jeanna, Rachael & Jaxon



Year 5-6 – Will & Ethan

Week 9



Kinder – Pia & Saxton



Year 1-2 – Connor & Karson



Year 3-4 – Eva & Chloe



Year 5-6 – Shania & Braxton



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Achieving a quality education for all students in a caring environment



WE ARE TAKING KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS NOW FOR 2023

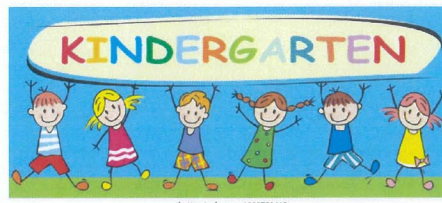
Before children can participate in these visits, they need to complete an enrolment form.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM VISITING DATES

Visit 1	9.00 am to 10.30 am Tuesday, 18 th October 2022
Visit 2	9.00 am to 10.30 am Tuesday, 25 th October 2022
Visit 3	9.00 am to 10.30 am Tuesday, 1 st November 2022
Visit 4	9.00 am to 10.30 am Tuesday, 8 th November 2022
Visit 5	9.00 am to 10.30 am Tuesday, 15 th November 2022



Each visit will comprise of activities, routines, skills, observations, speech and OT screening, determination of strength and weaknesses in the Kindergarten room.



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Year 7 Technology Mandatory



TERM THREE - 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	19 SEPTEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Year 11 Final Exams Sean Choolburra Performance	20 Year 11 Final Exams	21 Yr 12 Assembly @ 12.20pm Year 11 Final Exams	22	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 <u>Exec meeting</u>	11	12	13	14
Week 2	17 OCTOBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Year 8 Excursion	18 Year 8 Excursion <i>Kinder Transition</i>	19 Year 8 Excursion	20 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	21 Super Science Circus Show
Week 3	24 OCTOBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	25 <i>Kinder Transition</i>	26 Grandparents Day	27 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	28
Week 4	31 OCTOBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	1 NOVEMBER <i>Kinder Transition</i>	2	3 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	4
Week 5	7 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	8 <i>Kinder Transition</i>	9	10 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	11
Week 6	14 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u>	15 <i>Kinder Transition</i>	16	17 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	18
Week 7	21 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	22 Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	23 Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	24 Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	25 Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion
Week 8	28 NOVEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> 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 <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	2 Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience
Week 9	5 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	6 Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	7 Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	8 Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	9 Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 10	12 DECEMBER <u>Exec meeting</u> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	13 K-12 Presentation Night <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	14 Year 6 Graduation <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	15 <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	16 Beach Carnival <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
Week 11	19 <u>Exec meeting</u> Last day of school for students	20 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	21	22	23

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