



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Remembrance Day



On the stroke of 11  
Be still don't say a word  
Honour a minutes silence  
Let not a sound be heard  
Remember the fallen  
Remember their sacrifice  
For we have our freedom  
But they paid the price

By John F Connor



# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Care is such a great value to have in a school. Empathy and caring are very close relatives, with empathy being the capacity to understand another person's point of view or their experience whereas caring is the actual act of someone who cares. When I look around the school, we have many people at many levels who have empathy and care for others. Staff, students and parents/carers demonstrate empathy and care to others on a daily basis. It has many benefits such as a heightened sense of wellbeing, creating a sense of belonging and purpose, and promotes positivity. The BCS school community showed that we cared when we stopped to reflect and remember our service men and women on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - Remembrance Day. This day commemorates the signing of the peace agreement that ended World War One but now is extended to remember those who have given their lives in service to their country in wars and conflicts around the world. We also remember those who have come home injured or ill, in body or spirit and to remember those who bravely serve our country today. Thank you to the entire BCS community who stopped for a moment and remembered last Friday.

The Department of Education also cares about the current mosquito problem that we are experiencing. The school grounds and buildings have been sprayed in order to disrupt the life cycle and the DOE is supplying heaps of repellent for students and staff in the coming days.

The floodwater around at the moment has made preparations for excursions quite precarious. Access to some parts of the country is difficult and excursion organisers are keeping abreast on Emergency Service and Police information in order to ensure a smooth running of any excursion with the first aim being to keep the kids safe. Apologies in advance to parents and carers for any changes that occur, and I appreciate your flexibility.

Some staff are currently undergoing training in Mental Health First Aid. This training is conducted by our own Deniliquin Wellbeing team over 4 days in the coming weeks - my thanks to Michelle White and Lyn Bond and to Mr White for coordinating the training. 1 in 5 Australians will experience a mental health problem in any given year. That means that every person is likely to know someone who is experiencing a mental health problem, whether that is a family member, a friend or colleague. In fact, mental illness is now said to affect every Australian either directly or indirectly. We need to have more support skills in our BCS community to help catch those students experiencing mental health problems and troubled times. This course will equip our staff with the knowledge and confidence to recognise, connect and respond to someone experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis.

Kindergarten transition is nearing completion and from all reports it has been a very successful program. My thanks to Mrs Calleja, Mrs Lockhart and Sue Murphy for coordinating these activities for our future Kindies. At BCS we view transition as a two-way experience, both an opportunity to build relationships with children, families and community as well as an opportunity to orient children to the school context. This program offers children and families multiple opportunities to feel a sense of belonging to the BCS community. This has been achieved over a period of 6 weeks and draws on a range of transition practices including getting to know the school, getting to know each other, a school tour, numeracy & literacy activities and game-based learning.

Word of the Week - precarious (tricky)

Quote of the Week - Students don't care what you know until they know that you care. (John C Maxwell)

*Gus Comí*

# PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

## Reminders

All students need to bring and wear their school bucket hat each day. If your child has lost their hat, they are available to purchase from the canteen for \$15. To encourage students to wear their BCS bucket hat, as a primary staff we will be rewarding a class that has 100% of hats for a week.

## Excursions

Thank you to Mr Patterson for organising the Year 3/4 excursion to Altina Wildlife Park, and Vicki for helping to supervise on the day. By all accounts, a fantastic day was enjoyed by all.

Week 8 will see Year 5/6 head off on their excursion. Unfortunately, due to floodwaters and road closures the excursion to Woonona has had to be cancelled. We have secured a trip to Ballarat Sovereign Hill for 2 nights instead, leaving Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and returning Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. We are disappointed, but safety comes first.

Year K-2 will be heading to Mildura for a day of fun.

A big thank you to Balranald Shire Council for subsidising the cost of travel, and our hard-working P&C that also contribute money towards our yearly excursions. This support is greatly appreciated and allows all students to access these experiences.

## 100 Nights Reading

Congratulations to Archie, Milla and Mylah on 100 nights of reading.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## Week 4



Kinder – Leighton & Pia



Year 1-2 – Cash & Olivia



Year 5-6 – Evie & Adrian

## Week 5



Kinder – Archie & Harper



Year 1-2 – Fletcher & Callen



Year 3-4 – Isei & Mitchell



Year 5-6 – Angus & Braxton (absent)

# Year 3/4 Excursion to Altina Wildlife Park

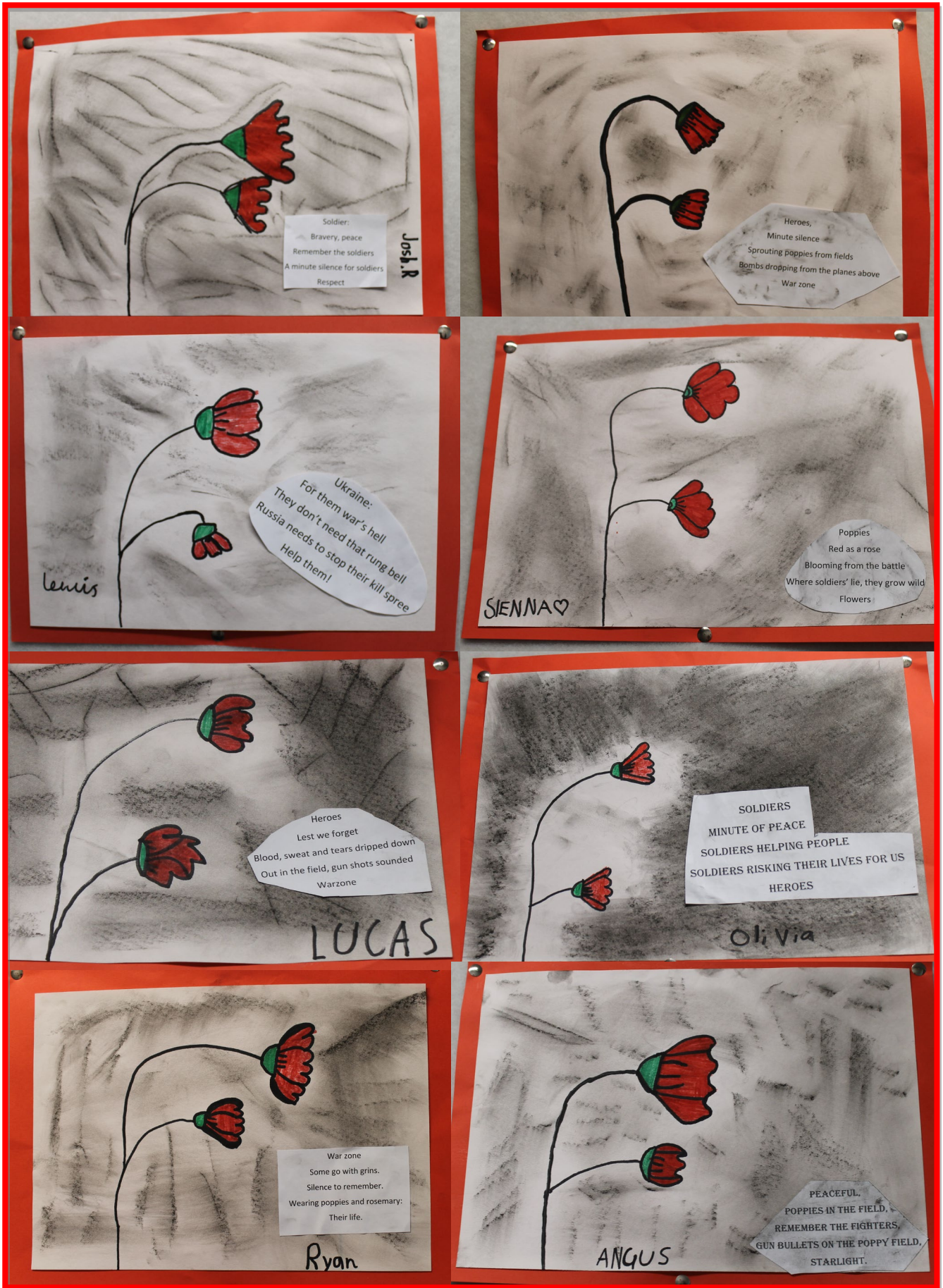
The 3/4 excursion to Altina Wildlife Park was a fun day. Students rode in horse-drawn or motorised wagons as they observed wild animals at their feeding times.


A highlight was watching the powerful and beautiful African white lioness rise to her full height to feed - fortunately on chicken scraps rather than BCS kids!

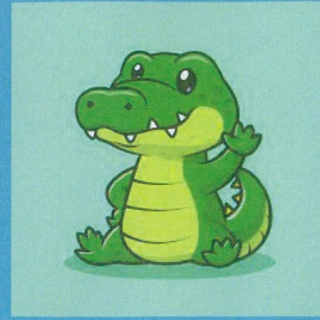
It was a big day of driving, broken up by stops at Hay and Darlington Point to eat and play. Students were perfectly behaved and a credit to our school.



# Remembrance Day by Year 5/6



  
**Crikey!**  
**It's Steve Irwin**  
**Day!!!**



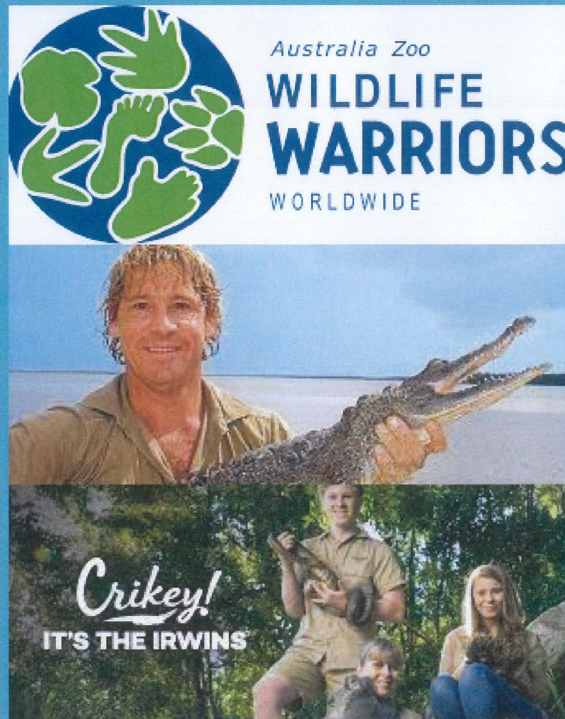
**Casual Day – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

*Come dressed in your best Aussie gear or Khaki and look like one of the Irwins*

*Gold Coin Donation*

*BBQ, drinks and lollies available for sale on the day*

This fundraiser is to support animal research through the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors and Year 12s Charity



**TERM FOUR - 2022**

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>14 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Kinder Transition</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>21 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	<b>22</b> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	<b>23</b> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion	<b>24</b> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	<b>25</b> Year 9 Excursion Year 10 Excursion
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>28 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 5/6 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience	<b>29</b> <i>Year 5/6 Excursion</i> Year 10 Work Experience	<b>30</b> <i>Year 5/6 Excursion</i> Year 10 Work Experience	<b>1 DECEMBER</b> <i>Year 5/6 Excursion</i> Year 10 Work Experience <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Year 5/6 Excursion</i> Year 10 Work Experience
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>5 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>6</b> Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>7</b> Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>8</b> Year 7 Excursion Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i> <i>Transition PreLit program 9-11am</i>	<b>9</b> Year 10 Work Experience <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>12 DECEMBER</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>13</b> <b>K-12 Presentation Night</b> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Year 6 Graduation</b> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Intensive Swimming</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Beach Carnival</b> Last day of school for students <i>Intensive Swimming</i>
<b>Week 11</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>20</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> – PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>

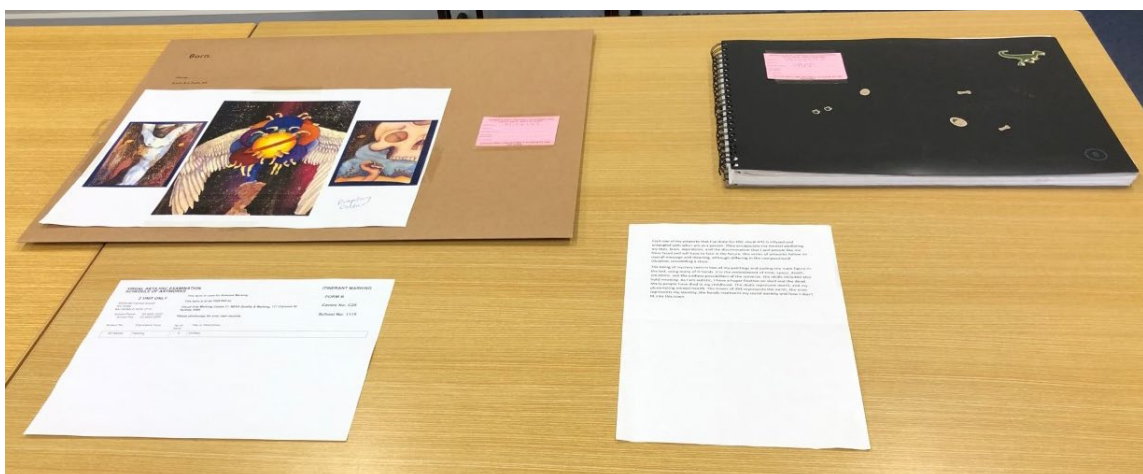
*Italic: K-Yr 6*    Normal: Yr 7-12    **Bold: K-Yr 12**



The Balranald community are invited to the Fire + Rescue Station 212 Balranald Open Day this Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November from 10 am to 1 pm at the Fire Station located at 123 Market Street Balranald.

Come and learn about fire safety, home safety checks that are offered to the community for FREE, how to become an on-call firefighter, try out our gym, and much more!

For more information call or text, us at 0418 472 067 or email our station at [stn212@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stn212@fire.nsw.gov.au)



*Zahlia's Art set up for marking*