



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PHOTOS



Tuesday, 8th March

Information and envelopes will be sent home shortly

Special welcome to all our new students!



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Well done to all students who attended our annual swimming carnival last Friday and in particular to Yanga house for their resounding victory. Even though there was a bit of a fresh breeze, the participation rate was quite high and the cheering spirited. The departure from the traditional twilight format didn't seem to have a significant effect on student numbers and parent attendance was quite strong. Our decision to hold the carnival albeit under restrictions will hopefully prove to be a good one. Many thanks to the staff for their efforts during the day and to Mr Cutting and Mr White for their organisation prior. Thanks also to the P & C for their fantastic catering during the day. We now turn our eyes towards Friday 25th March for the Beach Carnival at Lake Benanee.

Our 16 little Kindergarten students have started their schooling in great fashion. With daily lessons from Pete the Cat and Mrs Helgeland they are fast approaching the "100 days" of school milestone and I am looking forward to seeing their Kindy tree grow as their BCS educational journey flourishes.

Tomorrow is Tuesday and is a very important date mathematically. Twosday the 22nd Feb or 22/02/2022 is a serious palindrome and Year 12 are celebrating it in fine style by wearing tiaras, tutus or ties and participating students are asked to bring in \$2 to go towards the year 12 fundraiser.

A reminder that our P & C AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd Feb at 6pm in the BCS staff common room. I encourage any new parents who have an interest in enhancing the educational experience of our students to come along. Hopefully some of our experienced members will turn up to continue their vital work and fundraising for 2022. A zoom link can be provided for parents who cannot attend.

Darron Watt from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre will be visiting BCS the week beginning Monday 7th March. He will be team-teaching with staff and conducting fieldwork in Geography and Science at primary and secondary level. He will also be providing staff and students with valuable resources in order to supplement the curriculum.

BCS will be undergoing an External Validation (EV) this year as part of the School Excellence Cycle. EV provides an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgements about the school's practice, and the evidence that underpins them, with a panel of peers. An EV process provides an assurance to the school and to the system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework. Training for EV has already commenced and will culminate in a panel meeting in Semester 2.

Word of the Week is Palindrome (a word, phrase, or sequence that reads the same backwards as forwards,)

I'm sure that you are all aware of the old Chinese Proverb "Learning is like rowing upstream: not to advance is to drop back" This reminds us to keep learning new things because otherwise we end up falling behind.

Gus Comí

IT'S TWOSDAY!

22.02.2022

To celebrate this palindromic number
The Year 12's are asking everyone to dress up
in:



tutus, tiaras or ties.



Or you could wear

The number 2, a tail



Or a top hat.



Please bring a \$2 coin donation to raise money for Year 12.

Deputy Principal's Message

Assessments

New families to BCS will start seeing "green sheets" coming home in secondary school bags. I'm sure that they are quite familiar to all students...

These are detailed notification from subject teachers for formal class assessments. These task sheets identify the outcomes being assessed, task requirements, conditions for the task as well as a marking rubric. Students AND parents should sign the task sheet and attach to the task on the due date.

Semester Reports will reflect these outcomes, as well as ongoing class work, in the reporting of an overall grade achievement.

- Do you have a special place for your "green sheets"?
- Have you put the due date for tasks on a CALENDAR at home? Or do you have a calendar on your phone/laptop to keep track of deadlines?
- Have you shown a DRAFT to your teacher for feedback BEFORE the due date?

Attendance

When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance

Well done to each of the 100 students @ BCS who are currently sitting on 100% attendance for 2022.

You are setting yourself up for GREAT things!

These are the statistics that show the impact of regular absences from school. Please don't hesitate to contact me at school if you have concerns about your child's attendance.

Google Classrooms

Please check that ALL secondary students have joined Google Classroom for each of their subjects. Not only will this help if we have to access work from home, it is also a good 'one-stop-shop' for access to additional class resources as well as communication with teachers.



Mrs Matarazzo

Kinder

16 excited little Kinder's joined the BCS family on Thursday 10 February. Staff and students enjoyed helping them with their scavenger hunt to find 'Pete the Cat' as they familiarised themselves with the school once again. Pete left us clues which had us visiting the library, canteen, office, toilets and playground. We finally found him hiding in our classroom! He thinks our school is cool, so he's decided to stick around to help us celebrate our 100th day!

To tie in with our Science Unit 'Living Things' we decided to plant a tree to mark the beginning of our learning journey. We look forward to watching it grow alongside of us.



Kindergarten



Swimming Carnival

Results will be published in the next Newsletter





Balranald Junior Football Club

Registration Night

THURSDAY 3rd MARCH from 5.30pm at
Greenham Park

**SIGN UP FOR ALL AUSKICK, UNDER 12 &
UNDER 14.5 FOOTBALLERS.**

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Attention: Netballers

Any girls wishing to play Saturday
Netball for the following grades
18's, 16's, 14's and 12's
Please contact Bronwyn Brougham,
Josie Harding or Jess Perry

TERM ONE - 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	21 FEBRUARY <i>Exec meeting</i>	22	23 Zone Swimming Carnival (Hay)	24	25 K-12 Sports Day
Week 5	28 FEBRUARY <i>Exec meeting</i>	1 MARCH	2	3 Open Basketball (Hay)	4 K-12 Sports Day K-6 AFL Skill Development Day @ Greenham Park
Week 6	7 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i> EEC	8 Photo Day EEC	9 EEC	10 BEAR scores out EEC	11 K-12 Sports Day EEC
Week 7	14 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	15 Bowls & Tennis (Hay)	16	17 Open Boys/Girls Soccer (Deni)	18 K-12 Sports Day
Week 8	21 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	22	23	24	25 K-12 Sports Day
Week 9	28 MARCH <i>Exec meeting</i>	29	30	31	1 APRIL K-12 Sports Day
Week 10	4 APRIL <i>Exec meeting</i>	5	6	7 BEAR scores out	8 Last Day of Term 1

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

BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thank you to our sponsors Maari Ma and IGA.

If anybody has excess fruit on their trees, the Breakfast Club would happily accept donations!

