



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Twosday!

On Tuesday 22/02/2022, to celebrate this palindromic number, students were invited to dress up in tutus, tiaras, ties, a top hat, a tail, or the number 2.

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#### Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

Please ensure you send your child to school with their envelope on the day!



# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Mr Darron Watt from the Riverina Environmental Education Centre (REEC) is here all week to work with staff and students on all topics to do with sustainability. Darron will be team teaching via outdoor learning and fieldwork activities with a number of our Primary and Secondary staff in the key learning areas of Geography and Science. The outreach program is a focus for the REEC in order to improve the equity for opportunity for Rural and Remote schools. Darron will also be identifying local sites for local excursions for fieldwork or case studies.

A fortnight ago we celebrated Twosday 22/02/2022 and the day was well supported by students and staff. As mentioned last time the date was a palindrome (same backwards as forwards) but it has come to my attention that it is also an ambigram (same upside down on a calculator)-who would have thought? As a matter of interest, the first palindrome this century was 10/02/2001 and the last will be 29/02/2029 and there will be 29 such palindromic days in the 21st century but only one is an ambigram. The last ambigram/palindrome happened over a thousand years ago on 11/01/1011. Little wonder that we needed to celebrate with tutus, tiaras and ties!

Secondary BEAR scores will be out this Thursday. A reminder that these scores are a snapshot of the level of engagement and achievement in all secondary classes for a 5-week period. In addition to a certificate on assembly, students who achieve 8.5 or better will qualify for a special blue bear barbeque next week as an extra incentive.

The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May at 5:30pm. Thanks to all the parents who turned up to the AGM last week. My thanks to the P & C for their kind donations to the school. They currently assist with funding with our annual excursions, state representation, student of the week vouchers as well as pledging \$1000 each to both our Primary and Secondary departments for various school projects. The P & C are also gearing up for Easter by supplying each student with an Easter Egg and supplying prizes for the Easter Hat parade and raffles. I encourage all parents to become involved with this important organisation for the ultimate betterment of the students.

Last week letters were posted home to parents informing them how to register for access to our Parent Portal. The Student and Parent Portal provides both parents and students discreet information about each student's progress in the school. Some parents have already successfully registered, if you are having any issues, please contact Mrs Longford.

Congratulations to all our students who have achieved something this year already. Whether they be sporting, students of the week or just upholding the school values on a daily basis - Well Done!

I had the pleasure of the company of our little Kindergarten students over the past couple of weeks. We have enjoyed drinking tea, dunking biscuits and having a general chit chat about life and Looney Tunes. Their comments have been funny and insightful, and it has been an absolute pleasure to listen to them and what their early impressions of BCS are.

My congratulations to Mrs Harper who has been the main mover with the Aboriginal Learning River in the primary area. Although there are some things to still complete, the area is operational and is providing a great Indigenous space for students to interact or just spend some quiet time in. Once the finishing touches have been added we will have an official opening but in the meantime the students can enjoy another great facility.

Word of the Week is Ambigram (a word or design that retains meaning when viewed from a different direction or perspective).

My saying this week comes from Sydney J Harris "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows". Which means that before we embark on our education journey all we have is experience. Education opens a window to thought and lets you understand the world in a deeper and more complex way.

*Gus Comi*

*Kinder enjoying a cuppa and a chat with Mr Comi!*



# Deputy Principal's Message

## Tests

We have already conducted several tests this term. These have included Best Start Testing in Kinder, Best Start Reading & Numeracy in Year 7 as well as PAT testing across Primary and 7-10 in High School, and other test platforms e.g. Maths in secondary. From this we get invaluable data to inform teaching practice and monitor student progress over 2022. Please feel free to discuss your child's progress at any time, with all class teachers.



Celebrating student achievement

- Are you doing NAPLAN in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 this year?
- Have you got your OWN set of headphones for the tests in May? Or, better still, have a set ready to go for the 'Trial NAPLAN' test happening towards the end of March?

## Attendance

In New South Wales, 'compulsory school-age' means that all children from six years of age are legally required to be enrolled at and attending school or to be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10, and until they turn 17 years of age, students have the following options:

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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– full-time further education and training (e.g. traineeship; TAFE; apprenticeship);

– full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or

– a combination of the above.

Parents or carers are responsible for making sure that their children comply with these legal requirements. Schools support parents by monitoring student attendance and helping to address attendance issues when they emerge. Where schools have unsuccessfully tried a range of strategies to help resolve a student's non-attendance, schools can request support from the Home School Liaison Program.

## Homework



Just a reminder that effective homework in secondary helps students to develop and broaden their understanding and skills across new & familiar curriculum areas. All BCS teachers are available to support students develop time management skills, guide them to become independent learners and ensure workloads are manageable. Times will vary according to learning needs & individual programs.

- Have you got a set time to complete homework over the week? Do you have a study timetable that fits with your other commitments?
- In Year 7 and 8 you should be aiming for 1 hour/day; in Year 9 and 10 it would be about 1½ hours/day; and in Year 11 & 12 you should be trying to allocate 2+ hours to complete revision, homework & assessments

Mrs Matarazzo



# PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

## Hats

Parents and students are reminded that all Primary Students are required to wear the school bucket hat during outdoor activities. This includes morning, recess and lunch breaks. If students have lost their hat a replacement can be purchased from the school canteen. Under the school's Sunsafe Policy, a student who is not wearing a hat is unable to participate in outdoor activities.

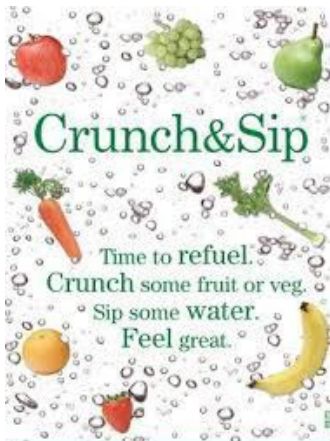
## Water Bottles

Please send your child/children to school each day with a clearly labelled water bottle.



## Home Reading

We encourage all students to participate in home reading each night. Each child has been given a reading journal/diary to record their reading, with a section for parents to sign. Students are recognised for their reading efforts, receiving a merit certificate on completion of 25, 50, 75, 100 etc., nights of reading.



## Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a break during class when students can refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water. The break assists students with physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Crunch & Sip also encourages healthy habits

## Year 5/6 Easter Raffle

Raffle books will go home this week

Year 5/6 are fundraising for their end of year excursion, so we are asking for students to bring in Easter Eggs to make baskets of assorted eggs for an Easter Egg Raffle. Students will be required to sell tickets at home as well as at school. The tickets are 50c each. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 8th April 2022 at the Easter Hat Parade. Mrs Harper is in the process of planning an excursion. All 5/6 students will receive books of raffle tickets to sell. When they have been sold students return their money to the front office. Students can request additional tickets once they have sold out by seeing Mrs Harper.



# Students of the Week

## Week 1



Kinder – Saxton & Pia



Year 1-2 Beau & Ava



Year 3-4 Karlie & Mitchell



Year 5-6 Lily & Jack

## Week 2



Kinder – Tyson & Evie



Year 1-2 Layne & Dempsey



Year 3-4 Mia & Isei



Year 5-6 Jye & Oscar

# Students of the Week

Week 3



Kinder – Harper & Leighton



Year 1-2 Jaylah & Joshua



Year 3-4 – Jeanna & Navaya



Year 5-6 – Lewis & Ethan

Week 4



Kinder – Milla & Jeon



Year 1-2 – Sophie & Riley



Year 3-4 Eva & Jaxon



Year 5-6 Sienna & Angus

# Swimming Carnival Champions



## Primary



Primary Junior Girl Champion – Rachael Jones  
Runner Up Primary Junior Girl Champion – Mia Haynes

Primary Junior Boy Champion – Ryan Johnstone  
Runner Up Primary Junior Boy Champion – Isei Verevakabau



Primary Intermediate Girl Champion – Lily Haynes  
Runner Up Primary Intermediate Girl Champion – Sienna Comitti

Primary Intermediate Boy Champion – Taylor Thomson  
Runner Up Primary Intermediate Boy Champion – Angus Potter

Primary Senior Girl Champion – Evie Michaels  
Runner Up Primary Senior Girl Champion – Cassidy Lowe

Primary Senior Boy Champion – Jye Harper  
Runner Up Primary Senior Boy Champion – Adrian Butler



## Secondary

Secondary Sub-Junior Girl Champion – Alayna Dalton  
Runner Up Secondary Girl Champion – Tyra Parke

Secondary Sub-Junior Boy Champion – Lucas Griffiths  
Runner Up Secondary Boy Champion – Landyn Jones

Secondary Junior Girl Champion – Prue Harper  
Runner Up Secondary Junior Girl Champion – Sheridan Dalton

Secondary Junior Boy Champion – Kadison Dalton  
Runner Up Secondary Junior Boy Champion – Levi Ryan/Leo Gaston

Secondary Senior Girl Champion - Charlie Ross  
Runner Up Secondary Senior Girl Champion – Nicole Kayne

Secondary Senior Boy Champion – Aidan McIntyre/Rylan Dalton  
Runner Up Secondary Senior Boy Champion – Logan Gaston



Winning House - Yanga



# Swimming Carnival



# Learning River



# Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Ryan Johnstone who played in Deniliquin on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February and won 3 of his 5 games of Tennis. He then played at the PSSA Riverina Tennis Selection Trials in Griffith on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Ryan competed with enthusiasm but came up against some hard competition on the day. Well done Ryan!



Congratulations to all students that participated in the Moulamein District Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. All students tried their hardest and represented the school with pride. Congratulations to Rachael Jones who swam extremely well and received a 1<sup>st</sup> in Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Butterfly and 4<sup>th</sup> in Backstroke. Rachael was also the youngest competitor on the day. Congratulations to Isei Verevakabau who came first in Freestyle. Rachael and Isei now qualify to attend the Riverina Zone Swimming Carnival which is being held in Leeton today. Thank you to all parents for helping on the day.

Congratulations also to our four secondary students who competed in Hay on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Aidan came 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Freestyle. Kadison came 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Freestyle and 100m Freestyle. Leo came 3<sup>rd</sup> in 50m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke. Alayna came 4<sup>th</sup> in 100m Breaststroke and 8<sup>th</sup> in 50m Freestyle. The next lot of swimming trials are held in Leeton on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.



WHICH BEAR AM I?

# BLUE BEAR

01.

I ASK FOR FEEDBACK  
FROM MY TEACHER

The student always seeks and applies teacher feedback to improve their work, both for in class and summative assessments.

02.

I COMPLETE ALL SCHOOL  
WORK TO THE BEST OF  
MY ABILITY

The student has produced outstanding work on assessment tasks, assignments, class tests, quizzes, problem solving.

03.

I ALWAYS CONTRIBUTE  
TO CLASS ACTIVITIES

The student consistently contributes to class activities in a constructive and enthusiastic manner.

BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

**TERM ONE - 2022**

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

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