



# NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Ride-on Farm Vehicles Training Course

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# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

The end of Term 1 is upon us and there have been a few cancellations due to COVID such as the Beach Carnival, Paul Kelly Cup (AFL), Bill Turner Cup (Soccer) and the Whole School Assembly. Even though this has happened people remain fairly upbeat and positive in the hope that next term will be a better one (what did they say in the Shawshank Redemption – “Hope is a dangerous thing!”). Thanks to the students for having a go, the staff for providing an engaging curriculum as well as extracurricular opportunities, and the parents for being interested and supportive.

ANZAC Day is also just around the corner, and I am hoping for a big turnout of students on April 25th for the school march.

My thanks to Mr White and the Gaston family for organising and assisting with the Ride-on Farm Vehicles Training Course a couple of weeks ago. I am confident that the students all received excellent pointers in this area and can engage in safe riding practice and maintenance on most 2 wheel and 4-wheel machines.

Our second round of Secondary BEAR scores are due this Thursday and hopefully there will be an improvement on our 12 Blue Bear students from the last reporting period. A reminder that blue BEAR students (those with an average of 8.5 or above) will have a free BBQ in the first week back next term as a reward for their engagement and achievement efforts in the last 5 weeks of Term 1.

My thanks to Mrs Matarazzo who has been coordinating a series of practice NAPLAN and Check In assessments over the last few weeks. This has been a difficult process for her due to the sporadic attendance of students during this period, but because of her indomitable spirit she somehow has got the job done to the usual high standard.

Following on from Pi Day a few weeks ago I have challenged myself to remember Pi to 100 decimal places by 22nd July which is Pi approximation day or casual Pi Day (22/7). I am currently on 50 decimal places i.e., 3.14159265358979323846264338329750288419716939937510

My thanks to all the students and families that donated eggs toward the Easter Egg raffle which is happening later this week. A reminder that tickets are still on sale with the Year 5/6 students.

Word of the week is indomitable (impossible to defeat).

My saying this week is "Easter egg hunts are proof that children can find things when they really want." This saying also rings true for adults but reminds us that as educators we are challenged to skirt along the line between discovery learning and explicit teaching to enable our students to discover things in their learning without necessarily spoon feeding them.

I would like to wish everyone a holy, happy and cracking Easter. Hope it's an eggs-traordinary holiday. I carrot wait for it!

*Gus Comí*





# PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

## BMX Show

Unfortunately, this show which was to take place on Tuesday 22nd March at 9:30am has had to be postponed to a date to be advised. This is a show about self-discovery designed to encourage students on their own life journey with a can do and what if I, questioning approach.

## Beach Carnival

Unfortunately, due to the number of absences the Beach Carnival has been postponed until Term 4.

## Whole School Assembly and Easter Picnic

Regrettably both events have also been cancelled due to COVID in the community. However, we will be planning a particular family afternoon for next term. We will keep you posted.

## Year 5/6 Easter Raffle

All students in primary are asked to donate an egg towards the raffle. Thank you to those families who have bought their eggs in. The Year 5/6 Easter raffle will be drawn on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. It will be videoed and uploaded to the school's Facebook page. If you haven't bought any tickets, please see a Year 5/6 student.



## Year 5/6 Excursion

The organisation has begun for the Year 5/6 yearly excursion, and we have teamed up with the Woonona Surf Life Sailing Club (Wollongong NSW). We are re-establishing the 'Bush to the Beach Program', which successfully ran six years ago. Year 5/6 are very excited as planning has begun and we will be spending one night at Taronga Zoo and a night in Canberra on the way home. They will be heading away for 6 days (Mrs Harper is very excited). They will be leaving on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and returning on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## ANZAC Day

As ANZAC Day is occurring during the school holidays, this is a reminder that if you are in town, we would love for your child to march in the town's ANZAC Day March. Students are to be in full school uniform and meet at the post office at 10:30 on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## Measurement and Maths

Year 5/6 led measurement activities with Kinder, Year 1 and 2. A fun learning time was had by all.



# Students of the Week

## Week 8



Kinder – Noah, Rupeni, Mylah, Micah



Year 1-2 Dempsy & Joshua



Year 3-4 Rachael & Noah



Year 5-6 Lucas & Layla



# Students of the Week

## Week 9



Kinder – Korban & Oliver



Year 1-2 – Karson & Callen



Year 3-4 – Annalee & Lyncon








Year 5-6 – Will & Harrison



# Bonjour from Kinder

Kinder have had a busy few weeks. Covid didn't stop us seeing the world! We packed our bags and took a trip to Europe with Leighton and his Papa Yodok. Our first stop was Madagascar where we visited some Meercats. Then off to Belgium we went to meet Leighton's grandma 'Mamou' and his grandpa 'Grandpapa.' Leighton taught us how to count to 10 in French, I think we have mastered un, deux, trois. We weren't game to try the frogs. However, we were inspired to paint our portraits "Picasso" style in Yodok's beret!

Merci Yodok, au revoir, until next time!

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-  quatre [katr-reuh]
-  trois [trwa]
-  deux [deuh]
-  un [uhn]



Imogen caught the travel bug too when she heard we were learning the letter **a**. She offered to take us on a trip to the birthplace of her exotic pet, Mrs Pickle. Now, Mrs Pickle is native to only **one** place in the world, so we packed our bags yet again and set off to Mexico City! Here Imogen introduced us to **an** amazing **a**quatic **a**mphibian. Imogen taught us that this **a**stounding creature is critically **endangered**, is **carnivorous** and can **regenerate** body parts. Can you guess what it is? We'll give you a small hint.....it starts with the letter **a**



We've enjoyed our first term here at BCS and are all exhausted from our travels; thank God for Easter, we need a rest! **Happy Easter Balranald**, love us!



## Ride-on Farm Vehicles Report *by Mr Richard White*

Stage 6 Primary Industries were lucky enough to be involved in a 'Ride-on Farm Vehicles' course which revolved around safe operation and maintenance of two and four wheeled motor bikes. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March was mainly a theory day discussing safe riding and maintenance of your vehicle. Even a bit of mandatory paperwork was completed with enthusiasm as the students waited for the opportunity to get on a bike.

The sun shone brightly on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> after a couple of overnight showers settled the dust ready for some explosive bike operation. The destination was the lighter soiled, local property of Tom and Deb Gaston, after initial discussions regarding the darker clay country of Charlie and Nadine Matarazzo being slightly sticky and dangerous. (It was pointed out that the ambulance drivers in this area know their way to the Matarazzo farm.)

The students were supplied helmets, gloves and goggles to go with their long pants and sleeves. After some initial safety instruction, the students shared out equally the 4 two-wheel bikes and the 3 quad bikes. Final comments from Andrew, the instructor included –

“Keep it simple, no need for fancy riding now”

“Keep all the wheels on the ground...Blair”

“Keep your feet on the stirrups”

“Maintain social distancing when on the machines”

Logan had selected a well-maintained track that included some irrigation channel, dam banks, muddy water and some flat paddock area with, bush and woody weeds present. All the students were comfortable on the machines, so they were into the serious riding very early on. They alternated the bikes, so they experienced the various sizes and styles of bikes present. I must say that Caleb looked rather awkward on the little 80cc machine.



The possible highlight was the opportunity to ride the quad bikes through some serious mud and water. (Only if you wash the machines was the instructor's nervous response to this request from Blair and Logan.)

The students spent most of the day riding, creating dust and mud in the process. Deb had supplied some morning tea which was appreciated, and Tom gave up an hour or so of his time to cook a BBQ and knock up a pavlova for lunch. The instructor couldn't believe how good a day he was having and vowed to come back for another crack in the future.

A big thankyou to the Gaston's for hosting the course and to Wagga Rural Training that provided the course.







# AFL VICTORIA FOOTY 4 FUN

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY

COME AND TRY

**WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL**

**SWAN HILL      KERANG**

**11.30 AM - 12.30 PM**

**SWAN HILL REC RESERVE**

**2.00 PM - 3.00 PM**

**RIVERSIDE PARK KERANG**

**8-12 YEARS OF AGE BOYS & GIRLS  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN!!**

**REGISTER USING THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE**



<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/4a895c>

ANY QUIRES PLEASE CONTACT  
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**TERM ONE - 2022**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>4 APRIL</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> BEAR scores out	<b>8</b> Last Day of Term 1

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

**TERM TWO - 2022**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>25 APRIL</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>26</b> <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b> - PUPIL FREE DAY	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>2 MAY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> U15 Basketball (Deni)	<b>6</b> Athletics Carnival
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>9 MAY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Open AFL (Finley)	<b>10</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>11</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>12</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>13</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9  National Walk Safely to School Day
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>16 MAY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>17</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>18</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>19</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9	<b>20</b> NAPLAN - Yrs 3,5,7 & 9
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>23 MAY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i> Healthy Harold	<b>24</b> Healthy Harold	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>30 MAY</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 JUNE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>6 JUNE</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>13 JUNE</b> <b>Queen's Birthday</b>	<b>14</b> Zone Athletics (Deni)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>20 JUNE</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>27 JUNE</b> <i>Exec meeting</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 JULY</b> NAIDOC Day Celebrations Last Day of Term 2