



NEWSLETTER

STUDENT NEWS FROM BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
29th March
at 11.30am

Easter Hat Parade and BBQ lunch
Wednesday 5th April at 12pm

Athletics Carnival
Thursday 6th April

P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 2nd May
at 6pm
in the Staff Common Room



Education

Kindergarten visit Mr & Mrs Murphy

This term in Science, Kindergarten have been learning all about Living Things and what they need to survive. On Friday, 17 March we walked to Mr and Mrs Murphy's house and were shown all of their beautiful birds in their aviaries and Mrs Murphy explained how they need food, water and shelter to survive. She showed us what the birds eat and how it is important to keep their cages clean. We learnt that the male birds are the ones with rings around their necks. She also showed us a day-old baby bird, it was very cute! Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Murphy for their hospitality, even giving the students a cool drink and icy pole on what was a very warm afternoon.



Principal's Page



I announced to staff and students last week that I have been appointed as Principal at Balranald Central School. I am honoured to work alongside a committed staff as well as to have the opportunity to watch students grow through their educational journey. I have lived in Balranald for more than 22 years, and my philosophy for education is based around the uniqueness of each student as an individual, and how that uniqueness contributes to the growth of the class as a group and ultimately the school.

Growing up in Hay I have always had strong links to the Balranald community, as my mother and her family, as well as my husband and his family, have all attended BCS. Following my graduation from High School I attended the University of Queensland for four years and have worked in regional NSW and Queensland, from a large Catholic school (with more than 1,100 students) as well as smaller Central Schools.

I started at Balranald Central School in 2003 as Head Teacher English/HSIE. Since this time, I have stepped into a few different roles as well as finding a moment or two to have four children of my own.

The process of applying for a position like this is an opportunity to really reflect on what leadership looks like, and the sort of role that you want to play in a school. A leader needs to act with their 'head, heart, gut and feet'. I am on a learning curve with different aspects of this role (so bear with me 😊) but am committed to BCS in both my passion for what we can achieve and a willingness to work towards making it happen. I am committed to being a collaborative, collegial and empathetic leader.

HEADSPACE

We welcomed some wonderful visitors from Headspace Swan Hill to school last week. Kat and Dwayne met with students and enjoyed some time in the playground at recess and lunch.

If students would like to access the services of Headspace, please see Mr White for further information.

PAUL KELLY CUP, KINDER EXCURSION & NAPLAN

Congratulations to students who competed in the Paul Kelly Cup. Look for a great report from 5/6 later in the newsletter. It's great to have students report on their own experiences on an excursion.

A big thank you to Heather & Kevin Murphy for hosting Kinder during their recent excursion to see your pet birds.

Thank you to all staff who coordinated an intensive 'blitz' to successfully deliver NAPLAN '23. All tests have been completed online.

UNIFORMS

I have been reminding all students that they need to wear the correct school uniform. Please ensure that ALL jumpers are clearly marked with student names. If it is 'really' cold, students may wear layers UNDER their school jumper.

ATTENDANCE

There are a few illnesses around now, so it's wonderful to see 4 class groups achieve 90%+ attendance in W8 and 9.

Don't forget to complete absences on the PARENT PORTAL using the only reasons for school absence in NSW:

- Sickness
- Medical/paramedical appointment
- Participation in non-school special event
- Domestic necessity
- Funeral
- Travel in Australia & overseas

Note: You MUST provide a comment to add details to the reason for the absence

PARENT PORTAL

Make sure you have Portal access set up on your phone before the holidays. Call by the front office AT ANY TIME to set it up. We can also check your details and sign you up at the Whole School Assembly on the 29th, Easter Hat parade on the 5th and the Athletics Carnival on the 6th.

RECESS FUNDRAISING

Congratulations Year 7 and Year 9 on some fabulous fundraising during recess this fortnight.

ASSEMBLY

In advance I would like to thank Mrs Helgeland for her coordination of the Term 1 assembly, as well as the students busily preparing for **Wednesday at 11.30**. All are VERY WELCOME to attend in the hall.

Nadine Matarazzo

Percentage Attendance this fortnight @ BCS

Primary	%	Secondary	%
Kinder	96.3	Year 7	87.1
Year 1/2	93.2	Year 8	92.8
Year 3/4	92.1	Year 9	88.8
Year 5/6	87.1	Year 10	71.8
		Year 11	82.7
		Year 12	82.5



Congratulations Kinder, 1/2, 3/4 & Year 8 on cracking 90%+ attendance in Week 8 & 9

PRIMARY PERSPECTIVE

K-6 Easter Hat Parade

All parents and carers are invited to come and join students for the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 5th of April at 12:00pm.

Students from K-2 will need to make their hat at home.

Students from 3-6 will be making their hat at school during sustainability lessons with Mrs Harper.

Year 5/6 will be drawing their Easter egg raffle after the parade; tickets will be available on the day for 50c. Year 5/6 are also cooking a sausage sizzle (\$3) on the day and will be selling cans of drink for \$3.



Healthy Harold Visit

Harold is a lovable giraffe, caring and loyal friend, and a passionate advocate for health and safety of all Aussie children and their families, Healthy Harold is an Australian icon. Harold will be visiting the school on the 1st and 2nd May (Week 2 Term 2); the cost is **\$12** per student. Notes will be sent home the first day back next term.

Grip Leadership

Primary Captains and Sports Captains will have the opportunity to attend the Grip Leadership conference in Mildura, on the 3rd of May. Notes will be sent home next term.

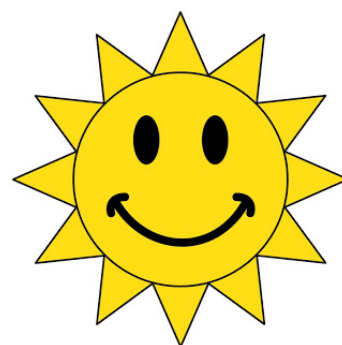
Harmony Day

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This year students from K-6 participated in activities that celebrated how we are all different.





Students of the Week



YEAR 5-6 REPORTS

Year 5/6 Bulb Fundraiser *by Sienna Comitti*

Year 5/6 is running a bulb fundraiser to raise money for their Canberra excursion. All students in Year 5/6 have sheets with heaps of beautiful flowers on them but if you look online, there are many more to choose from.

You're probably wondering how to order online? You need go to www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BALRANALDCS . When you order online you get your bulbs posted directly to you.

Bulb orders will be closed on the 31 of March which is coming up soon. We would really appreciate your help to bring down the cost of our Canberra excursion. Thank you <3!



Paul Kelly Cup *by Zaidyn McAlister*

On Thursday we went to Deniliquin to play footy. We had to wake up at 6am to be at Jones Lane at 6:40am to catch the bus. Mr Longford drove us to Deniliquin and after we played all our games, he told us we could go and get McDonald's.

Our first game was against Barham, and we smashed them.

Our second game we played Edwards Public School, and we smashed them as well. The last game we played Jerilderie School unfortunately, we lost against them. Angus took heaps of marks, and I only marked the ball once, but I did lots of tackles.

On our way home I sat next to Isei on the bus, we ran into Maccas, I got a cheeseburger, frozen coke and an Oreo McFlurry. We got home at around 4pm and then we had to go home and get ready for footy training. I was very sun burnt and tired, but I still went to training.

Paul Kelly Cup *by Lewis Hussey*

On Thursday, Year 5/6 went to Deniliquin and played against Edwards Public School, Barham and Jerilderie. Mr Longford was our bus driver and Sarah Old was our guest. We saw some kangaroos and emus on the way which was fun and there was a kangaroo that Jaxon and I found, it was horribly big probably around 1.25 metres long.

We played three games altogether, we won two and lost the last one. We beat Edwards Public School and Barham. We got to the semi-finals but unfortunately, we did not make it to the Grand Final as we lost to Jerilderie, but we gave it our all to win.

This was bad but funny, Ryan had the ball and when he went to kick it, a kid jumped in and smothered the ball, but the only problem was he smothered it with his face and got a blood nose. I got to meet some people and make some new friends; I even saw Cody from the last AFL Gala day we had. I was on him for two rounds and tackled him like six times just before he got a goal. Some people played in the playground and played tag.

On the way back home, we got to eat McDonalds for lunch as our reward for being good. We had a really good time, hung out with friends, sang songs, made jokes and had a pretty good laugh.

YEAR 5-6 REPORTS

Paul Kelly Cup *by Joshua Renfrey*

I woke up at 6.00am sharp but decided to lay in bed for another 5 minutes, dad came in and got me out of bed. I quickly got changed into my school uniform and by 6.20am dad and I were out the door, but we went up to the Servo to get 2 water bottles because I forgot mine in the fridge.

I was the first one there at about 6.30am. Everyone was there by 6.45am. We then headed off too Deniliquin which is a 2-hour drive, and it was the quickest bus ride of my life. When we got there, we all went into the toilets to get changed, after that we were warming up then the first game started. Our team didn't play the first round we played the second.

When our game started, I played centre half back the ball didn't go down there much but we won the score 9 to 19. The second game I played centre half back and mid field, we played well and won 38 to 1. Our third and final game we played the best team. The first half they were 9 points to 0 then the second quarter we came back, and only lost by 2 goals. So sadly, we didn't make it to the Grand Final.

After our games we went to watch Isla play and play keepers off. Once Isla finished, we went to get Maccas for lunch, and then we were on our way back home. We got back around 4.00pm, my sister came and picked me up, then I had to go to footy training. It was one of the most painful training drills of my life. In my bed that night I fell asleep so fast it could have been a world record.

Harmony Day *by Lily Haynes*

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australia's multiculturalism. Harmony Day is when you appreciate other cultures and learn more about your friends, classmates and family. Harmony Day is on Tuesday the 21st of March.

Wear the colour orange to represent the beautiful culture that you are! Orange was chosen for the colour Harmony Day because orange stands for communication, conversations, freedom and respect.

For acknowledgement of Harmony Day, our class did some fun activities like colouring peace doves that have a joyful hidden word on it. We then cut them out to display them in the school foyer. We also iced biscuits for us and shared some with Kindy and Year 1/2. Differences make you special and unique remember that!



Easter Hat Parade *by Braxton Rhook*

Primary are holding an Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 5th April at 12 noon. Year 5/6 are selling raffle tickets for Easter Egg baskets. The tickets are 50c per ticket and will be drawn at the parade.

Year 5/6 are cooking a sausage sizzle on the day of the Easter Hat Parade. For a sausage it is \$3 and also \$3 for a can of drink. We need volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle, can you help? The money is for the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion.

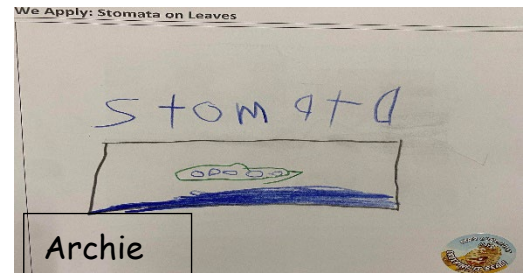


Kinder Science

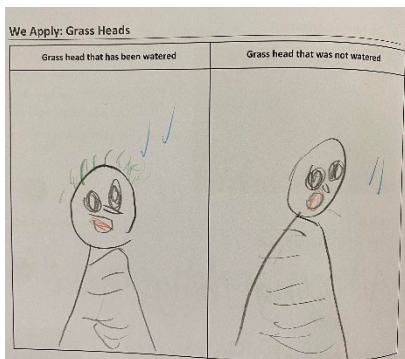
Kinder have been very busy this term in Biology learning about living things. All living things need food, air, water and shelter.



Stomata are tiny pores in leaves. They take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen. This is an important part of how they make energy to live and grow. We covered a leaf with water, after a few hours we turned the leaf over and could see bubbles where the stomata had released oxygen.



We made grass heads. We watered some and not others and observed the importance of water.



We made bird feeders and hung them around the school to see how many birds we could attract.

We went on an excursion to Mrs Murphy's to see all her beautiful birds. We saw how the birds use the materials around them to build shelters to protect their eggs.

Hull's Happenings



We've had a very busy term in Lab 11, with Year 7 learning the ropes of scientific inquiry. After a few lost eyebrow hairs, Year 7 can now confidently light a Bunsen Burner and no longer hold onto glass beakers as if they were newborn babies. Year 8 are investigating body systems, and so far, have learnt how all systems work together to keep us functioning in a healthy state. They will be dissecting a heart next week, as well as a chicken wing to really test their precision with a scalpel.

Year 9 have looked at heat, sound and light, with particular reference to how these forms of energy are transferred using several real-world examples. Turp demonstrated what not to do when dissecting an eye, walking out of the lesson looking like he spent a day at the butchers again. Currently, we are looking at how our body maintains a stable internal environment despite our variable external environment. Students will be investigating how our body regulates our temperature and blood glucose levels thanks to our nervous and endocrine body systems. We will be dissecting a brain and kidney, as well as running a few other practicals looking at how our bodies response to certain stimuli.



Year 11 are well and truly into their Biology course, with the past couple of weeks being dedicated to their compulsory 15-hour depth study. Students designed and are now conducting their investigations into factors that affect enzyme activity. The smell of 5-day old, minced liver is enough to keep bringing them back for more.

Year 12 Biology seems to fall on the last period a lot, so to keep the 3pm sugar low at bay, Charlie has been using various lollies to model DNA replication and protein synthesis. This has been the foundation for our study of genetic variation in populations, where Charlie is learning through her study of Punnet Squares why she inherited all the good looks and smarts in her family.



Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 have assessment tasks due in our final week of term to cap off what has been a busy first term!

Balranald Central School

P & C News—Term 1 – 2023

Next Meeting to be held: 6pm Tuesday 2nd May 2023, in the BCS Staff Common Room

Uniform Shop Corner

It's starting to get cool in the mornings! School jumpers & beanies are available at Balranald Sports, or contact Lisa Dalton 0428 995 489 to access the P&C Uniform Shop

At the AGM the following Executive positions were filled:

President—Lisa Dalton

Vice Presidents: Kate Harper & Tameeka Hankin

Secretary: Janelle Dalton

TREASURER POSITION REMAINS UNFILLED – nominations will be called at the next meeting Tuesday 2 May 2023 @ 6pm

Please feel free to contact any of us any time if you have any questions.

You may not be on the committee—but you can help out in lots of ways

- ◆ **Support fundraisers**
- ◆ **Assist at stalls**
- ◆ **Pass on suggestions great or small**
- ◆ **Give feedback even if it may be something that can be done better**
- ◆ **Bring yourself and chocolate to any meetings :)**

Please support our upcoming Fundraisers, by either volunteering to help serve on the day or by purchasing from our stall!

Athletics Carnival

Beef & gravy rolls \$7

Hot dogs \$4

Muffins (Sara Lee) \$2

Cookies/Jelly Cups/Mixed

Lollies/Zappos/Chips \$1

Drinks will be available from \$2

Homebush Rodeo

Hot beef & gravy rolls

Loaded Nachos

Fairy Floss & Popcorn

Did you know that P&C makes the following Contributions every year:

Annual Excursion Donation:

K, Yr1, Yr2 - \$10 each student

Yr 3& 4 - \$15 each student

Yr 5&6, Yr 7&8, Yr 9&10) - \$20 each student (\$30 if more than 2-night excursion)

Yr 11 - \$25 each student towards Year School Jumper

Yr 12 - \$25 towards Formal

State representation

Individuals competing at State Level - \$150 upon request.

Groups competing at State Level - \$300 upon request.

Contribution to department Assets & Facilities

\$1000 be given annually to both Primary and Secondary Department – Teachers have been invited to put in a request for their department – submissions will be considered at our next meeting 2nd May.

The P&C welcome all families to join our Facebook page, where you can keep up to date on fundraising activities or volunteer when we are looking for helpers. You can message us by using Facebook messenger.



BALRANALD CENTRAL SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC

You are invited to attend

P & C Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 2nd May 2023
In the BCS Staff Common Room
All welcome!

NOTE: Treasurer Role remains vacant – we will be calling for nominations

Come along with your fundraising ideas and discuss any current and future needs of our school & canteen

Contact us!

Email: balranaldcentralschoolpandc@gmail.com

Facebook: Balranald Central School P & C



TERM ONE - 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	27 MARCH	28	29 Whole School Assembly @ 11.30am Secondary Sport	30 U15's Soccer Bill Turner Cup @ Deni	31 K-12 Sports Day
Week 11	3 APRIL	4 Open Boys & Girls Soccer @ Deni	5 Easter Hat Parade @ 12pm Secondary Wellbeing	6 BCS K-12 Athletics Carnival	7 GOOD FRIDAY

TERM TWO - 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	24 APRIL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY	25 ANZAC DAY	26	27	28
Week 2	1 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i> <i>Healthy Harold</i> U 15s Basketball @ Deni AURORA Residential School @ Sydney	2 <i>Healthy Harold</i> AURORA Residential School @ Sydney	3 <i>Group Leadership @ Mildura</i> AURORA Residential School @ Sydney	4 AURORA Residential School @ Sydney	5 AURORA Residential School @ Sydney
Week 3	8 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	9 NSW CHS AFL @ Albury	10 NSW CHS AFL @ Albury	11 NSW CHS AFL @ Albury	12
Week 4	15 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	16	17	18	19
Week 5	22 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	23	24 Zone Secondary Cross Country @ Barham	25	26
Week 6	29 MAY <i>Exec meeting</i>	30 U 15s AFL Swan Shield @ Barham	31	1 JUNE	2
Week 7	5 JUNE <i>Exec meeting</i>	6	7 Girls & Boys Tennis Trials @ Wagga	8	9
Week 8	12 JUNE King's Birthday	13	14	15 Primary Cross Country @ Gundagai	16
Week 9	19 JUNE <i>Exec meeting</i>	20	21	22	23
Week 10	26 JUNE <i>Exec meeting</i>	27 U 15s Netball @ Tooleybuc	28	29	30 JUNE NAIDOC Day Celebrations Last Day of Term 2

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

Vacancy at BCS***Chaplaincy/Wellbeing Officer***

There is an opportunity for a suitably qualified person to work with our wellbeing team to support our students.

If this role interests you, please contact:

Your Dream on Tel: 1300 792 856 (9am – 5pm)