Pictured: Year 3-4 students working hard on their handwriting on Friday, 7 March.

K-12 Athletics Carnival
Please note that the Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday, 4 April 2014
Printed Newsletters
In these times of greater access to and use of technology, parents and community members are increasingly accessing the schools newsletter via computers and portable devices. We are also aware of the number of newsletters that end up in school rubbish bins, not even making it home. These newsletters are expensive to produce in terms of paper and coloured ink and the school needs to be conscious of funding allocations when budgets are becoming increasingly tighter. In support of all these factors, we would like to cut back on the number of hard copy newsletters we publish each week.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, as of today printed copies of newsletters are only being provided to those families who have specifically requested them. If you would still like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter please complete the form below or contact the school office. We are extremely conscious of the importance of parents and community members keeping up to date with school events and in support of this, newsletters will be emailed directly to all those families who provide email particulars and newsletters will continue to be uploaded onto the school website each week.

Printed copies of our school newsletter will continue to be made available to the local business houses.

Developing resilience
We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.


When older kids struggle with reading
If your child is struggling with reading, it's important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help.


Great books for tweens to read
Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between 9 and 13 to read read read!


Printed Copy of Newsletter
I would like my child: ________________________ of Year: _____ to be given a printed copy of the Newsletter each week.

Parent Signature: _________________________

Date: __/__/____

DEC Newsletter Briefs
2014 homework planner
The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


Students of the Week
For Week 7 Term 1, 2014

Year K/1/2 Ryan Jackson
Year 3/4 Elizabeth Bell
Year 5/6 Sarah Grant
Primary Ponderings

Year 5/6 Easter Egg Raffle
Once again the Year 5/6 class are holding their annual Easter Egg Raffle with the proceeds of this raffle to go towards the Year 5/6 Canberra excursion. The students of Year 5/6 would like to ask for a donation from every primary student of an Easter Egg for the raffle. This is one of our major fundraisers for this excursion and we would really appreciate your contribution. Tickets will be going home with the Year 5/6 students this week.

Could all primary students please contribute an egg for the Easter raffle which will be drawn at the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Friday, 11 April? All donations of eggs and cane baskets greatly appreciated.

Parent Teacher Interviews
It was pleasing to see so many parents take the time to meet with their classroom teacher to discuss how their child had settled into the 2014 school year. All Teachers seemed to be busy during the two hours with lots of positive, animated discussion occurring about the fabulous learning that is occurring in our classrooms. I would like to congratulate the Year 5/6 students for the maturity they showed in leading the student/teacher/parent discussions, sharing with their parents the areas they have improved in so far this year and what they plan to improve their understanding of as we move through the year.

School Jumpers
With the advent of a few colder mornings in the last week I would like to remind parents to make sure their students clothing, particularly their school jumper, has their name clearly marked. With the days warming up quickly, students take their jumpers off pretty early in the day and on occasion leave them in the playground. A name clearly marked enables us to return them to their rightful owner.

No Hat, No Play! Don’t forget all students are required to wear a school hat in the playground at all times. Please ensure you send a hat to school with your child which is clearly named.

Homework Club
Don’t forget homework club on Tuesday after school from 3.00pm to 4.00pm – a great opportunity for students to complete their home learning activities with assistance from the teachers on hand.

ICAS
Don’t forget to put in your entry form for the 2014 ICAS assessments. This is a great opportunity for students to experience test conditions with every student receiving a certificate.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

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Please tick choices to be entered:

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- [X] ALL of the above ($60.00)

Total enclosed $__________

Parent Signature: ______________________

Date: / /
Impetigo (school sores)

Time from exposure to illness
1 to 3 days

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

How can I prevent spread?
Careful hand washing.

To easily register and pay online for NAB AFL Auskick, just follow these simple steps:

1. Visit aflauskick.com.au
2. Enter your postcode in the centre locator
3. Select the centre you would like to attend
4. Complete the registration questions
5. Pay your registration online

Andrew Chapman
Photography Workshop
LENSES LANDSCAPES & LIVES
15th & 16th March 2014 9am daily meet at the Gallery

Cost: $50/day or $90/two days
Contact: 0488 728986 / 50201687 / 50201637

Here is a fantastic opportunity to join Andrew Chapman photo/journalist and professional photographer for a two day workshop at Yanga National Park. Andrew recorded the last shearing at Yanga, images which feature in his book ‘The Shearers’. An exhibition of his works can be seen at the gallery 51 Mayall Street Balranald on the 14th March. Doors open at 6pm with wine and nibbles. This exhibition continues until mid April.

This project is proudly supported by

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

ACT NOW! DEADLINE JUNE 2014

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.
If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.
The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement, so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 63 716 609 747
www.twelve.com.au
Principal Derek Nolen CA
Your Family Tax Specialist
Balranald Junior Football Club

Are seeking coaches for the 2014
Under 12s
Under 14s
Under 16s
Expressions of interest or more
information please contact
President: Gavin Lloyd 5020 1889/ 0409 460 336

Balranald Junior Football Club
Registration Night
Thursday 13th March 2014 at 6pm
Junior Football Oval
$35 registration fee to be paid on the night
Free sausage sizzle
For more information please contact:
President: Gavin Lloyd 0409 460 336
Secretary: Vicki Lister 0400 916 909
Treasurer: Joanne Simpson 0417 578 017

The SRC has been hard at work already this year, with members taking on the responsibility of helping with service in the school canteen at both recess and lunch. They have also been hard at work organising a series of events for Inclusion Week, which will coincide with National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Starting the week of March 17, students will be put into teams and asked to work together to complete a series of tasks. The team that works together best will undoubtedly win in the end.

Teams will be announced on Monday, 17 March 2014 and they will be asked to nominate team members to compete in each event, as well as agree on a team name and team colour (or costume) to be worn for the main event on Thursday, 20 March.

The SRC members are excited about Inclusion Week and hope to run an even bigger event next year.
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### Canteen Corner

**Thursday 13th March**

**Combination Singapore Noodles $5.00**

We would really appreciate a volunteer on Wednesday & Friday @10am
Canteen Credit offered. Please text Wyneta 0428 177 730