Lamb Marking at ‘Glen Ewan’

The Year 9 and 10 Agriculture class spent Monday 2nd June shooting the breeze with Mr Bruce Salau on his “Glen Ewan” property, west of Balranald. The deal for the day was to help Bruce with lamb marking. In preparation for this, Bruce had grown the lambs out to marketable size and made sure that they were just too big for the marking cradles. Because of this the elastrator rings were just small enough to not go over the tails, and the testicles were just big enough to not go through the rings. The ears were just tough enough to make ear tagging difficult and the ears just big enough to bleed everywhere when cut!

Despite all this, the day was a great success and all the kids had a great time. With a can of coke and a couple of snags for lunch, as well as some of Jo’s great cooking for morning tea, nothing else mattered.

Thanks to Bruce, Jo and Tom for allowing us to traumatisce their sheep. We will be back again next year.
Principal’s Perspectives

Secondary Athletics
Best wishes go with our students from Years 7-12 who will travel to Deniliquin today to compete in the Zone Athletics Carnival. We wish them speed, agility and strength as they participate in their representative events and we know they will do us proud!

Immunisation
Community nurses will be at school on Wednesday this week to administer immunisations to students in Years 7 and 9.

Art gallery
On Wednesday, students in Ms Wood’s Stage 6 Visual Arts class will travel to Swan Hill Art Gallery to view their work on display. Thanks to Ms Wood for coordinating this.

AFL Competition
On Friday, some students in Years 5&6 will travel to Deniliquin to participate in the Paul Kelly Cup and we wish them well!

PSSA Athletics at Tooleybuc
Congratulations to all those primary students who represented our school so well last Friday. Their participation, behaviour and high level of positive and encouraging sportsmanship has been commended by Mrs Stevens and Lloyd Murray, who accompanied the student.

DISCO
How exciting!
The social event of the term!
Hopefully all our students will be eager to attend the SRC disco on this Friday, 13th June, especially when ‘Friday 13th’ is such a wonderful theme to get dressed up to. I can visualise the witches, ghosts, zombies and ghouls already! Special thanks to Ms Jones and Mrs White for their organisation of the disco as well as SRC members.

Quote:
I am constantly astounded by the breadth of educational opportunities and learning experiences offered to our students and am heartened that so many students in Balranald take advantage of these opportunities through engagement and participation. In a lesson I taught last week, Merlin, the magician, was discussed. After reflection, I share this quote on learning.

T.H. White, "The Once and Future King" 
The best thing for being sad," replied Merlin, beginning to puff and blow, "is to learn something. That’s the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then — to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting. Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn."

Enjoy your week!
School Happenings

Moulamein District PSSA Athletics

On Friday, 6 June, 29 of our Primary Students travelled to Tooleybuc to represent our school at the PSSA Athletics. Even though it was a cold and wet day, students were eager to participate in their events. All students performed to the best of their ability and several students made it to the next level. Congratulations! Also thanks to the parents who helped on the day, without their help it would have been difficult to for the program to run smoothly and efficiently.

*Laurel Stevens and Lloyd Murray*

**Book Fair**
The winners of the Book Fair Colouring Competition were:
- Leo Gaston
- Anna Scoleri
- Shelley Dalton
- Tess Purtill
- Zahlia Field
- Macy Lloyd
- Sarah Grant

Winner of the ‘Guess how many pages’ Competition was Lani Wilkinson.

**Students of the Week**
For Week 7 Term 2, 2014

- Year K/1/2: Mollie Calleja
- Year 3/4: Mitchell Carmichael
- Year 5/6: Faith Jolliffe

**DEC NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**

**Teenager’s seeking more independence**
Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www. bit.ly/1jCxKhe

**Study help for high school**
It’s often quite difficult parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don’t feel bad, teachers’ own children do exactly the same thing.)

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.
Central Schools Netball U16’s Report

The night was dark, the air was cold... but this warmed up as the lights and heater were turned on the bus at 6.00am Tuesday morning 3rd June. We were joined on the bus by the girls from Tooleybuc for the trip to Leeton.

Netball is a simple game. Just get more goals than the opposition and you win. Unlike another game where you can miss more goals than your opponents and still win.

The girls played 4 games on their way to the final. This is how it went.

We were not sure if jetlag would play a part in the first game but the girls from Colly looked a tough and menacing lot. From the first bounce however, it was clear the BCS girls were in for a good game. Chloe Militto was unstoppable in the centre and pumped the ball out quickly to her sister, Maddles, at centre half forward. Maddles was excellent in close all day and won plenty of hardball. Paynto Jolliffe on the forward flank has unbelievable hands and the tricks this girl can’t perform with the netball are not worth performing. During the second game against Hillston, Paynto got so bored, she started catching the ball behind her back.

What a sight to see young Jessy in the goal square taking hangers under the basket and scoring goals. This girl has long arms and knows how to grab a mark. At the back end, you have Sam Renfrey at full back, vying for the golden fist with spoil after spoil. Samantha spent a lot of the day standing next to her opponent as they had a shot at goal. I thought this was very sporting of Samantha to encourage them in this way.

In the back pocket, we had the mercurial Jordyn, “young Gazz”, Jolliffe, who was attacking each contest with the enthusiasm of a dog in a butcher shop. Young Issy Harding was attacking off the back flank, pumping the ball forward at every opportunity. The reserves for the day were young Baxy, who played out of the centre square and was the reserve ruckman. She dominated when given the opportunity and proved too tall for her opponents. Kiandra, “the enforcer,” Dalton swapped off the back flank and maintained the squeeze on her opponents. Having these players coming off the bench allowed the Balranald girls to maintain the pressure all day.

Balranald had the most forward entries for the day, most contested marks, most tackles and most attacking bounces. They mixed up the forward entries with long bombs-in as well as shot stab passes. The coaching on the day was exceptional, especially in the game against Barellan, or was it Batlow or Boorowa. Lisa Jolliffe deserves a lot of praise for her efforts to keep the girls up for the day.

For the record, Balranald defeated Coleambally Central heaps to not many, Hillston Central by more to a lot less and Barellan or was it Batlow or Boorowa by a lot as well. In the semi-final, we played a team in blue, or was it black; and stitched them up in convincing style. This win meant the girls had qualified for the finals in Dubbo and joy was demonstrated by all. We were ready to go home but the organisers wanted us to play Tooleybuc for bragging rights on the way home. A short game was played which the Tooley girls managed to win. Yeah them!

There is some work to be done before Dubbo in August but with Coach Jolliffe, the girls are in good hands.

What a day!

Cheers
The bus driver.
Prizes for the best scary costume

SRC Disco

Friday the 13th

$2 entry

Drinks and snacks available

BCS Hall

Primary 5:30—7:30pm

Secondary 8:00—10:00pm
### Canteen Corner

**Thursday 12th June**

Marinated Chicken Burgers

Plain $4.00 Salad $5.00

(instead of Tuesday 10th)

**!!! ATTENTION ALL BBQ SAUCE LOVERS !!!**

Try the **Yummy** **New** **BBQ Wrap** $2.50

Chicken goujons sprinkled with cheese, drizzled with BBQ sauce and toasted to perfection!!

Don’t forget to order yours at lunch time or miss out 😞 (full size at lunch $5.00)

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