Congratulations to our Lawn Bowlers

On Wednesday, 29 April 2015 Daniel Woolhouse, Adam Simpson and Zachary Jolliffe travelled to Finley to play Albury High School in the fourth round of the CHS Lawn Bowls Competition. Congratulations to these boys who defeated Albury High and will now play Wagga Wagga High for a shot at the state finals. Full report can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter.

Students of the Week

Pictured: Kaitley Linnett, Keely Gaston, Jordyn Jolliffe, Nicholas Zotov, Nandini Bhavanam, Tahlia Haigh and Prue Harper
PRINCIPAL’S PERSPECTIVES

Welcome back to week 3 of term2.

There are a variety of extra activities and workshops happening in the school this week. Our school is committed to setting our students up for success. To contribute to this we have sourced Elevate Education to provide a high impact study skills and motivational sessions for our students and staff. The seminars will demonstrate that success is possible for students of all academic abilities. The sessions can set up a lasting behavioural change that will be reinforced in regular classrooms.

Also this week we are providing “Cyber Bullying” and “Bullying No More” seminars for our students. Once again this will reinforce lifelong skills such as resilience, respect and valuing each other’s differences. Balranald Central School is committed to reinforcing the importance of being good citizens for benefit of each other and the community.

The cross country was run and won last Thursday. Congratulations to all of the age champions. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the event and to the parents who turned out to support and volunteer.

Well done to the year two students who presented an excellent dragon themed assembly last Wednesday. I was particularly impressed by the costumes. Congratulations to all the students who received awards.

Well done and congratulations to the boys who represented our school last week in lawn bowls. The boys defeated Albury High School and will now play Wagga High School later this week. Once again thank you to the parents and staff involved.

A reminder that our study centre is open every Wednesday from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This is a fully staffed facility that provides an opportunity and a great way for students to get extra work done such as homework, assignments, research, study and support with general skills such as reading and writing. Our stage six students have now started the Higher School Certificate component of their courses and it is now time and for the next six months for those students to prioritise their study over other activities that occupy their time. This attitude will maximise results and therefore maximise opportunity.

I would like to welcome Amy Zanker and Glenda Redpath to our staff team. Both Amy and Glenda will be working two days a week as Learning Support Officers. Providing extra learning assistance is a key strategy to improving literacy and numeracy achievements. It is also important to develop skills and understandings that enable our students to independently participate in class activities.

Have a great week!

Aaron Flagg

Weekly Quiz

Student Name: _________________ Year: ___

1. Of which country is Paris the capital?
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2. What is the capital of Iraq?
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3. Of which country is Helsinki the capital?
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Lawn Bowls by Richard White

With the temperature pushing 8 degrees and the sun trying to find a spot in the sky, our lawn bowlers headed off to Finley. The team of Zac Jolliffe, Daniel Woolhouse and Adam Simpson had high expectations as they made plans to defeat the mighty Albury High team. A neutral venue at Finley Bowling club was selected.

The boys looked great in the warm-up, with matching Balranald shirts, matching lime-green rocks and matching body language which said “I’m ready to rumble”.

The first end produced a very nervous start, and by all accounts, the boys were lucky to be only one shot down. A couple of decisive deliveries from Zac reduced a potential disaster to a manageable one shot deficit.

The second end was much better with both Adam and Daniel finding their range. A very productive end was reduced to two after the Albury skip played his part. However, 2/1 up after 2 was a reasonable start.

The third end saw a very congested kitty with mainly Albury bowls in its vicinity, except for one lonely Adam Simpson effort. With Zac trying to even things up things were not improving. He did push a couple close enough to eventually reduce the damage to one down. With the scores even, the boys knew they had a battle on their hands and the fourth end proved no different. Bowls is a funny game and it is not always the best bowl that gets the bickies. After looking like grabbing a couple of shots on this end, the last bowl from the Albury skip stuffed everything up and we were down another shot.

I suggested to Zac at this stage it might be a good idea to ‘kneecap’ this lad before he cleaned us right up. The umpire, (a young lass in her eighties) must have heard, (good hearing) because she kept a close eye on Zac from that point. I’m not sure if a measuring tape would have made much difference but we thought it was worth a try.

The fifth end was similar, with the kitty being unceremoniously moved from a position of power. Zac finished off with some good work from Daniel and Adam, this time however, to get the score back on level terms after 5 ends.

Adam made an interesting comment at this stage mentioning how quick the greens were. I thought rolling the rock a bit slower might have compensated for this but apparently there are other factors involved. It was noticeable that although the green was fast it definitely lacked some bounce.

The sixth end was very interesting with the majority of Balranald bowls surrounding the kitty like the crows surrounding the road-kill we saw on the way over. When Adam was given the chance, his kitty rolling was exemplary, regularly putting it where it was supposed to go. There was one lonesome Albury bowl however, that after a lengthy measure resulted in only one shot. We could easily have gained five or six shots here, but I guess the Albury skip has the right to throw one close. At 4 shots to 3 after six ends the boys were pretty pumped and were sure they were on their way to another solid win. There was mention at this stage of what celebratory feast would be had at the bakery with Daniel undecided between a fruit juice or water to go with his pie and sauce.

An open kitty with a positive outlook described the seventh end head, but with a bit of carnage from the Albury skip this soon changed. Each skip took turns disturbing the kitty with shot bowl continually changing. When the dust settled after an unlucky deflection Albury had taken 4 shots. Four flamin’shots! I couldn’t believe it. The crowd went delirious with occasional claps, some hearty well done’s and a quick fist pump from the Albury coach. We were 7/4 down after seven ends and all thoughts of the bakery lunch went out the window.

Adam stood up straight away and reminded everyone why he had the impressive bag and good looking shoes with three excellent bowls to open the eighth end. Daniel was struggling a bit to find his range but his final bowl gave the kitty a nice peck on the cheek. Zac had to finish off well but his well-directed attack just missed the mark. The boys drew one shot however, and were now down 7/5 with half the game gone.

The ninth end may have been the turning point with a bit of luck finally riding with the Balranald boys. After the kitty was shifted a few times Zac pulled a couple of really good deliveries and 4 shots were added to our total. The game changes quickly so the boys were keen to stay positive and keep pushing for the win now that they had an extra bit of belief.

Adam through a long end in for the tenth and this created a bit of confusion with weight and grass. Dan had the advantage here as he had been long all day and true to form put a couple in some very good spots. These were good enough after a bit of reshuffling of the head to gain another 2 shots. It was just a matter of time before the kitty started chasing Dan’s rocks.

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enough extra support for Dan as well. Polite clapping and well-timed sledging from parochial supporters is always welcomed to give that little extra edge when needed. Thanks team.

Back to the bowls.

A short end followed which yours truly could not understand, as we had been going well with the longer ends and we had control of the kitty. Maybe Adams thumb got caught in his pocket as he swung his arm, maybe a bit of kitty scratch, I don’t know but it certainly made things interesting. After the first 4 bowls ended up 5 metres past the dumbstruck kitty, Daniel snuck a couple close to keep us in the game. The head ended up fairly spread and with a bowl to go we somehow were sitting three shots, (this means we had the three closest rocks to the kitty). It is always that one bowl to come that can cause the problems. This time it was a great line and speed from the Albury skip that kissed the kitty, but this time it pushed it to our advantage and we claimed another two shots. How good was this? Thirteen to seven after eleven ends.

The boys were playing well at this stage and were combining well on the field. Even their walking to the other end was being done with distinction and without the strut that often accompanies teenagers when they think they are hot.

A longer end was produced for the twelfth end and this length seemed to suit our boys. Maybe it’s the distance we always travel or maybe it’s the long time between successes but in this case long is good. Daniel and Adam started well and had an assortment of lime green bowls surrounded the jack as Zac took his place, but once again the last bowl from the Albury skip changed a five bowl end to a single bowl success. After twelve ends the score was 14/7 in our favour.

The thirteenth end saw the Albury lead stick a couple close with Adam and Dan grouping theirs close to each other but some distance from the kitty. Zac changed this with his first roll given the jack a big pash (large kiss) and pushing it to our other bowls. Albury then shifted it to their advantage and it was game on. Things change on the last bowl and the Albury skip knocked our shot bowl and their closest bowl out which left us with three more shots. (Not sure if this explains it but the amount of kitty kissing nearly made the report M rated). At 17/7 after thirteen the boys started to relax knowing that if they maintained their pressure they would win. Back to thinking about lunch at the bakery!

The penultimate, (second last) end saw some toing and froing with both Adam and Dan targeting the kitty. This was a good plan all along but not always successful. Once again the measure came out with the lime green bowls missing out this time. One shot down and Albury needed a clean sweep on the last to take the game to overtime. The boys knew that at nine shots up, this was a long shot and the smiles suggested they were already thinking of their next game. To be honest, so was yours truly. There was a noticeable ripple through the crowd as the result was becoming obvious and when the opposition skip starts talking about who is shouting Macca’s on the way home you know it is in the bag. The final result was 17/10.

It was a great effort from the boys and showed that by sticking to the game plan and enjoying the opportunity, success will come. Thanks must go to the opposition as the game was played in a great spirit. Thanks also to Finley Bowling Club for the use of their facilities.

We now play Wagga High for a shot at the state finals. Bring it on.
2015 K-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Secondary Age Champions

Secondary Sub-Junior Girl Champion – Jada Phillips
Runner Up Secondary Sub-Junior Girl Champion – Lani Dalton

Secondary Sub-Junior Boy Champion – Drew Lloyd/Brandon Soraggi
Runner Up Secondary Sub-Junior Boy Champion – Wyatt O’Halloran

Secondary Junior Boy Champion – Kobe Lloyd
Runner Up Junior Boy Champion – Jack Farnsworth

Secondary Junior Girl Champion – Madison Jess
Runner Up Secondary Junior Girl Champion – Jordyn Jolliffe

Secondary Senior Boy Champion – Trent Nelson
Runner Up Secondary Senior Boy Champion – Connor Soraggi

Secondary Senior Girl Champion – Kaitley Linnett
Runner Up Secondary Senior Girl Champion – Paynton Jolliffe

Secondary Record Broken at the 2015 Athletics Carnival
Junior Girls High Jump  Madison Jess  equalled 1.40

SECONDARY HOUSE POINTS
YANGA = 577
MUNGO = 306
2015 K-12 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Primary Age Champions

Junior Boy Champion – Khy Jess
Runner Up Junior Boy Champion – Logan Gaston & Jack Helgeland

Intermediate Boy Champion – Andrew Charles
Runner Up Intermediate Boy Champion – Mitchell Carmichael

Senior Boy Champion – Darcy Carmichael
Runner Up Senior Boy Champion – Nicholas Zotov

Junior Girl Champions – Maggie Finch
Runner Up Junior Girl Champion – Grace Morton

Intermediate Girl Champion – Macy Lloyd
Runner Up Intermediate Girl Champion – Molly Finch/Molly Helgeland

Senior Girl Champion – Lauren Jess
Runner Up Senior Girl Champion – Hannah Morton

Primary Records Broken at the 2015 Athletics Carnival

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PRIMARY HOUSE POINTS
MUNGO = 554
YANGA = 368
2015 DONATION DRIVE
for Stewart House Day

You could win a $4,000 holiday for your family to the destination of your choice! Just place a donation of at least $2 in the envelope that has been sent home with your child and return it to the school’s front office by Friday, 8 May 2015 to be eligible for the draw. Help Stewart House achieve number one charity status across all NSW public schools. Your donation helps fund the program that supports the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year.

P & C Mother’s Day Stall

~~~ Tuesday 5th May ~~~ Wednesday 6th May ~~~

Don’t forget to spoil Mum this Mother’s Day with a beautiful little gift bought from the “P & C Mother’s Day Stall”. Primary students will be able to go over to the stall with their class to buy a little something. All items are $5 or under. Secondary Students will be able to buy at recess. Happy Mother’s Day!
CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

The Primary and Secondary Cross Country was held on Thursday, 30 April 2015 – results are as follows:

Primary Cross Country

6 year old boys
1st Edward Murray
2nd Billy Renfrey
3rd Landyn Jones

6 year old girls
1st Baylee McCartney
2nd Ellie Finch
3rd Alayna Dalton

7 year old boys
1st Leo Gaston
2nd Kadison Dalton
3rd Nicholas Davies

7 year old girls
1st Nandini Bhavanam
2nd Rhiannon Lanteri
3rd Elouise Hines

8 year old boys
1st Harry Ross
2nd Michael Gorman
3rd Chase Militto

8 year old girls
1st Grace Morton
2nd Anna Scoleri
3rd Prue Harper

9 year old boys
1st Ryan Jackson
2nd Lachlan Camin
3rd Jack Helgeland

9 year old girls
1st Tahlia Haigh
2nd Jorja Finch
3rd Kyarah Hines

10 year old boys
1st Khy Jess
2nd Logan Gaston
3rd Isaac Lloyd

10 year old girls
1st Skye Haigh
2nd Sophie Mitchell
3rd Lizzy Bell

11 year old boys
1st Ian Charles
2nd Andrew Charles
3rd Mitchell Carmichael

11 year old girls
1st Macy Lloyd
2nd Molly Helgeland

12 year old boys
1st Darcy Carmichael
2nd Nicholas Zotov
3rd Wyatt O’Halloran

12 year old girls
1st Hannah Morton
2nd Lauren Jess
3rd Bonnie Jolliffe

Secondary Cross Country

13 year boys
1st Brandon Soraggi
2nd Drew Lloyd
3rd Paul Murray

13 year girls
1st Abbie Renfrey
2nd Jada Phillips
3rd Keely Gaston/Faith Jolliffe

14 year boys
1st Riley Pearce
2nd Kane Johnston
3rd Blair Field

14 year girls
1st Sophie Renfrey
2nd Chloe Militto
3rd Lily Dunn

15 year boys
1st Kobe Lloyd
2nd Brendon Weekley
3rd Will Morton

15 year girls
1st Madison Jess
2nd Jorja Finch
3rd Kiandra Dalton

16 year boys
1st Rhys Gervasi
2nd Jeremy Morris
3rd Trent Nelson

16 year girls
1st Payton Jolliffe
2nd Caitlyn Simpson
3rd Shania Bax

17 year boys
1st Jamie Simpson
2nd Jacob Lister
3rd Connor Soraggi

17 year girls
1st Kaitley Linnett
2nd Samantha Renfrey
3rd Kate Norton

18 years boys
1st Bailey Brougham
2nd Shannon Leadbetter
3rd Zac Jolliffe

18 years girls
1st Georgie O’Halloran
2nd Laree Johinke
3rd Katherine Kay
Balranald Interagency Group SERVICES EXPO

The Balranald Interagency Group Services Expo has been designed to bring together local and outreaching service providers to share information about the services they offer.

The Expo will provide professional development opportunities to strengthen individual knowledge of the services offered to residents within the Shire and strengthen referral pathways for families.

The Expo is inviting the community to come along and discover the vast range of services available and how they can assist you and your family.

There will also be a BBQ lunch provided and children’s activities including a jumping castle.

For further information regarding the Expo, please contact Tim Humphries, 0427 944 303

Where: Greenham Park Hall, Church St. Balranald
When: Wednesday, 27 May 2015
Time: 10.00am - 2.30pm

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**CANTEEN SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY**

Lite creamy bacon fettuccini – Small $3 and Large $5