



THE BALLYBUZZ

LIVING & LEARNING

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WHAT'S ON?

Thu 31.10.13	Playgroup/ Netball Gala Day
Frid 1.11.13	BPS Choir singing in Mall
Wed 6.11.13	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11
Thu 7.11.13	Playgroup
Fri 8.11.13	Brokers Gala Day

Trivia Night Thanks to all who attended the trivia night. The costumes were fantastic and it was a fun evening. Well done to 'Team Brad' who won the event.

A special thanks to the organisers who spent hours collecting sponsors, prizes, writing the questions, setting up and the hundreds of small jobs that happen so that the event runs smoothly. Thanks also to the organisers on the evening. Well done!

Raffle and auction If you missed the night of fun, and want to be part of it, there are still two ways to participate. There is a 'Blind auction' where you can come and bid on a fantastic selection of prizes. This is being held at the office.

We also have a raffle for the Mercieca family. Which you can purchase tickets at the office or pick up booklets to sell at your workplace. Both of these close on 11.11.13.

Centre Garden is loved. Our garden with the lizard in it needs a rest. We have planted some new shrubs that will attract birds and will have colourful flowers. We have closed that garden for the remainder of the term and are watering it daily with the hope that the shrubs will have a chance to establish. It will be reopened in the new year. We have also put some plants in the turtle garden and will monitor how they are surviving.

Skoobag App. We have 241 people who use Skoobag app on their smartphones or tablets. Apart from receiving your newsletter electronically, you can also receive 'push messages' and alerts. This was a really useful communication tool when our children were returning from the Canberra excursion and we weren't sure of the way they were coming home. We could liaise with the teachers and then put updates on the app. Parents then receive a 'ping' which is a text message with the update.

30.10.13

TERM 4 – WEEK 4

How to load it Go into Safari or Play Store and type in "Skoobag Balgownie" or search on google and load! It takes five minutes and you will join the growing group of people on Skoobag!

Please help us and your children. We have had a number of children who have been ill in the past week, many who have vomited. If your child feels ill at home, especially in the next few weeks, please do not send them. We have reminded all students to wash their hands frequently and to use the hand sanitiser held in all classrooms. You may wish to reinforce this at home. Thank you for your help.

Savvy Fitness at Balgownie School. Savvy will start classes tomorrow, Thursday 31.11.13 from 6.00am-7.00am on Balgownie Public School Grounds.

Comprehension Skill 3 - Questioning

Description: Learners pose and answer questions that clarify meaning and promote deeper understanding of the text. Questions can be generated by the learner, a peer or the teacher.

Example questions/ statements. Ask these before, during and after reading with your child or reading to them.

- What in the text helped me/you know that?
- How is the text making me/you feel? Why is that?
- When you read / viewed/ listened to the text did it remind me/you of anything I/you know about? Why did it remind me/you of that?
- What did the composer /writer of the text mean by.....?
- Whose point of view is this? What points of view are missing?

Hints and tips. Write post it notes with a list of questions about the text. As they read, students continue to write questions. When an answer is found, students remove the post-it note.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

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Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated our values of *Respect, Responsibility* and *Real Learning* and earned themselves a wrist band!

Well done!

Casey Behan
Grace Abernethy
Charlotte Adams
Emily Gonzalez-O'Neill
Zoe Karaiste
Aston Rowles
Cooper Mc Andrew
Zoe Caires
Tyler King
Tahlia Nakamura-Bell
Lukas Chiaverini
Bella Golding

And well done to the following students who achieved their PBS badge!

Kalia Spencer
Ajay Kandilas

Thought of the Week

Most of the things worth doing in the world were declared impossible before they were done.

-Thomas Edison

Joke of the Week

Q: How do locomotives hear?

A: Through the engineers.

The Outreach Unit at TAFE Wollongong will be running Courses for development of skills for employment or further study. Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate 11 Skills for Work & Training (Computer Skills)
2. Certificate 1 in Access to Work & Training Introduction to Café & Hospitality
3. Certificate 11 in Skills for Work & Training (Office & Customer Service)

These courses have no TAFE Administration fee. Courses commence in February 2014, Contact Jenny on 4229 0149 before 13th December 2013.

Balgownie Hotel Fishing Club. Sign up at the AGM at Balgownie Hotel this Sunday 3rd November at midday in the Beer Garden. Monthly weigh-ins, Pub discounts, trips away, all benefits of membership. Family membership \$50.00 Single \$30.00 For more information contact Mick 040 772 4096

CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 Week 4, Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Mon	4.11.13	Matha Newman Alison McKillop Need help for an hour
Tues	5.11.13	Catherin James Rachael Mc Garry Shirley Mc Garry
Wed	6.11.13	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Ann Foeman Need help for an hour
Thurs	7.11.13	Sharyn Ross 2 HELPERS NEEDED OR CANTEEN WILL HAVE TO CLOSE.
Fri	8.11.13	CLOSED

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need **YOU!!** For either an hours help on call, or on the roster once a month for 3 hours. We are at the bare minimum and need new volunteers ASAP or we may have to close the canteen according to our volunteer numbers. Please contact Delvene Spencer on 0411 286 361.

NEXT P&C MEETING WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013

P&C NEWS

BUNNINGS BBQ SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

We have had a great response from Dads, partners and staff but still need 8 more volunteers to ensure the BBQ runs smoothly. Bunnings recommends we have 4 volunteers at all times. We need volunteers to fill in the 11.00am-4.30pm time slot. So if someone in your family can spare an hour or two to help raise money for our school please contact Scott on 041987554 or email Scott.Spencer@bluescopesteel.com Alternatively you might have some contacts that can supply sauce, bread, onions, serviettes and sausages at a discounted rate, we would love to hear from you!



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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on
TUESDAY mornings from
8.30am each week.

80% OF PEOPLE WITH A PEANUT ALLERGY WILL
HAVE IT ALL THEIR LIFE. BE SAFE CHECK THAT
NUTS ARE NOT ON THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS IN
FOOD SENT TO SCHOOL



**BE SAFE - BE A MATE
LEAVE PEANUT PRODUCTS AT HOME**

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