



# THE BALLYBUZZ

## LIVING & LEARNING



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### WHAT'S ON?

Thu 10.10.13	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thu 10.10.13	School Starters Playgroup in Hall 9.15am to 10.45am
Wed 16.10.13	Stage 3 to Canberra – return Frid

Welcome back! It is lovely to see all the staff, students and families back for another term of fun and learning.

#### Brave Balgownie girl highlights research for cancer

Maddy Tiernan in Year 4, is shaving her head today for breast cancer research. If you wish to donate to Maddy's fundraising efforts the link is listed below.

[www.everydayhero.com.au/maddison\\_tiernan](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/maddison_tiernan)

It is wonderful to see one of our students showing respect for others in the community. Well done, Maddy!

#### Hands on learning in biology 'Chicks are us' are here.

Kinder to Year 2 are eggscited that there are three chickens and nine eggs in an incubator outside KK. This is part of their unit of work on Growing and Changing. What an eggcellent way to watch the wonders of nature!

**Excursion to our Nation's Capital.** Next week, all Stage Three students are going to Canberra for three days. They will be touring the High Court of Australia, the National Museum of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport and the Australian War Memorial, just to name a few.

This is part of their unit of work on democracy and our political system. Thanks to the teachers, Mr Loxton, Mrs Burns, Mr Barrett and Mrs Birchall who are spending three days with our students so that they can have a great experience. Have fun Stage Three!

**Hard Work this term** The units of work being studied by the stages are:

Early Stage One – Our place

Stage One – Powering on

Stage Two – People and their beliefs

Stage Three – Energy and climate change plus design and make experiment, Imagery and Fairy Tales

9.10.13

TERM 4 – WEEK1

Parenting Magazine is available at

<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine>. It has some hints and tips that you may find useful!



**Information on Instagram** I have included with the newsletter some information about Instagram. This is the world our children live in and we need to find ways to help them manage it, and keep themselves safe.

**Naplan results** are expected to be sent home early next week.

#### For lexophiles.

1. A bicycle can't stand alone, it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. A backward poet writes inverse.
4. A chicken crossing the road - poultry in motion.
5. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
6. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
7. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
8. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
9. A calendar's days are numbered.
10. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

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11. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.  
12. When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall

*Have a wonderful week.*

**Aloma Stewart**

### Thought of the Week

Frame every so-called disaster with these words *'In five years, will this matter?'*

### Joke of the Week

A team of little animals and a team of big animals decided to play football. During the first half of the game, the big animals were winning. But during the second half, a centipede scored so many touchdowns that the little animals won the game.

When the game was over, the chipmunk asked the centipede, "Where were you during the first half?"

He replied, "Putting on my shoes!"

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

Amelie Macleod  
Alexcia Meloni  
Abbey Neal  
Natasha Trajcevski  
Sophie Elliott  
Samantha Cooper  
Lily Wood  
Jaide Snapes  
Darcy Felgate  
Damian Luzaic

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

Angus Kettley  
Declan McGarry  
Noah Baytieh

### STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you have informed the school of any changes to your contact information and/or emergency contacts. It is very important that we can contact you immediately regarding your child if required.

### MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

As of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students. This can be done via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

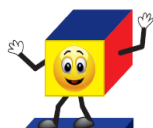
- the students name
- class
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please go to the schools webpage and download the Parents Online Payment (POP) Instructions.



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## **Canteen Closure this Thursday!**

Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers the canteen will be closed this Thursday. Without volunteers we are unable to provide your children with this wonderful service.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 Week 2, Term 4**

Day	Date	Name
Mon	14.10.13	Alison Knight Wendy Meyers <b>Help needed for 1hr</b>
Tues	15.10.13	Wendy Wyatt Barbara Picciolini Marissa Bull
Wed	16.10.13	Margaret Williams Ann Foreman <b>Help needed for 1hr</b>
Thurs	17.10.13	Corina Firpo Megan Hammersley Michelle Hodge
Fri	18.10.13	CLOSED

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **Urgently needing canteen volunteers!**

There's not long til the end of the year and to keep our canteen running we desperately need volunteers. If your situation has changed and you can help in any way please contact Delvene on 0411 286 361 or email [bally\\_canteen@gmail.com](mailto:bally_canteen@gmail.com)

### **P&C NEWS**

**NEXT P&C MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

### **BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER**

We have been very fortunate to secure the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 17th November. It has proven in the past to be very profitable for the school and we need your help! Dads, Mums, Uncles, Mates, we need YOU! it will take a few hours of your day so please contact Scott

Spencer on 0419 875 540 or email [scott.spencer@bluescopesteel.com](mailto:scott.spencer@bluescopesteel.com)

### **TRIVIA NIGHT!**

Our school is hosting a trivia night at Collegians Club Balgownie on Friday 25th October at 7pm. There are only 10 tables of 8 available and they are selling fast. The cost is \$20pp or if you pre-purchase a table of 8 by Fri 18th Oct you only pay \$140. We are also asking our generous community to donate prizes such as business gift certificates, vouchers, bottles of wine, and any other new items you think may be appropriate. For tickets, enquiries and donations please contact Amie on 0439 411 246 or email [p.and.c@hotmail.com](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com)

### **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**

### **PRIMARY ETHICS UPDATE**

Building on the success of last term, Yuki Nakamura-Bell will be joining existing teachers Juan and Gabi to teach Stage 1 pupils from next week. Thank you to Jane who covered classes at short notice - hopefully we'll see Jane again.

In this term Stage 1 pupils will look at "unfairness" and Stage 2 pupils will consider "is lying wrong?"

Angie Newman has joined the team as co-ordinator while Karen Rogers will return to teach classes sometime after her surgery in late October. Any enquiries regarding Primary Ethics can be directed to Angie at [angie\\_newman@live.co.uk](mailto:angie_newman@live.co.uk).

Angie Newman



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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### WOLLONGONG SWIM CLUB REGISTRATION 2013/14

The Wollongong Swim Club is taking new registrations for the coming 2013/14 summer season. Point score evenings run every Friday night with entries from 5.45pm and cater for swimmers aged U6 (bubble club) to adults. We are a strong club that has both recreational swimmers, Country, State and National Competitors. Come and enjoy swimming for the summer season!

**Where:** Beaton Park Leisure Centre's Indoor Heated Pool.

**When:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Start of Point Score) and every Friday night after that until Christmas.

**Time:** 5.45pm for a 6.30pm start for point score. Finish approx. 7.15pm

For any enquires please email: [wollongongswimclubinc@gmail.com](mailto:wollongongswimclubinc@gmail.com) or contact Vanessa Cliff (0407240902).



## Balgownie Public School School Starters Community Play Group



If you have a child starting kindergarten in 2014 and would like to meet other parents/carers and their children who will also be starting next year at Balgownie Public School we would love to meet you! Siblings are welcome to come along.



Playgroup will be held each week on a Thursday between 9.15am and 10.45am in Term 4!

At each playgroup session there will be a different activity relating to the transition to school.

Attendance at playgroup has no bearing on successful application for out of area school enrolment.



#### Date Location

Date	Location
10th October	School Hall
17th October	School Hall
24th October	School Hall
31st October	School Hall
7th November	School Hall
14th November	School Hall
21st November	School Hall
28th November	Party - School Hall

For further details and to be added to our contact list please don't hesitate to contact us;

➤ Mary Dilber 0407 955 099  
➤ Shellie Lavery 0422 370 796  
➤ Gayle Galvin 0426 893 782  
➤ Natalie Young 0414 944 881

Alternatively you can email us; [bpsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:bpsplaygroup@gmail.com)



#### Term 3 – Remaining Dates

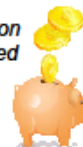
Date	Location
5th September	School Hall
19th September	School Hall



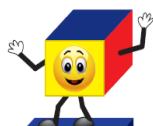
Simply bring your own morning tea and be ready for fun!



Please note a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated so that we can cover costs of craft materials for the children.



**\*Note:** Balgownie Public School is a NUT Free School



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## Uniform Shop Pre-Order Form for Summer Dresses

Size	Chest measurement	Length	Number ordered	Price per dress	Total Cost
4	70cm	60cm		\$28.00	
5	75cm	64cm		\$29.00	
6	77cm	68cm		\$29.00	
8	79cm	75cm		\$29.00	
10	84cm	83cm		\$30.00	
12	92cm	90cm		\$30.00	
14	97cm	96cm		\$31.00	
				<b>Total</b>	

Orders must be placed at the uniform shop on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:00 or placed in the canteen slot by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November**. Orders will be delivered to classrooms for current students or will be available at the uniform shop on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December for students commencing in next year.

Please note that this is the only opportunity to purchase summer dresses through the uniform shop. We do not keep dresses in stock. Dresses are made by Sweet P. If you need to make dress purchases throughout the year, they can be purchased from Crystal Bears.

Please email [p.and.c@hotmail.com.au](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com.au) or come to the uniform shop on a Tuesday morning if you have any questions.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date order received: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Last opportunity to order  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brick Enrolment Record  
Orders close November 16th 2013**



**Cheques** should be made payable to: **Balgownie Heritage School Museum**

**Please print clearly.**

**Each letter. number. punctuation mark or space represents one box**

Line 1: 12 Characters

Line 2: 12 Characters

Line 3: 12 Characters

Contact Name .....

Address .....

.....

Phone No .....

To order your paver please complete the order form and return it to the school

**Thank you for your support**

**Receipt No .....**



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## What's the big deal with Instagram?

*Kidproof's Catherine Gerhardt gives the parenting lowdown on Instagram, the new social media phenomenon currently sweeping across girlworld.*

Earlier this year my 11-year-old asked me if she could have access to Instagram. Heard of it? It's a social networking phenomenon that is taking the tween population by storm. In a nutshell, Instagram is a photo sharing app that makes photos fun.

Instagram is steadily growing in popularity among young and teen social networkers. At first it seems a relatively harmless way of sharing photos with each other via a smartphone. You can crop, adjust, reduce red eye and add filters. Even very ordinary photos can suddenly become appealing and interesting.

However, we are hearing from a lot of schools that Instagram is quickly taking over the social networking circuits and creating havoc within and between social groups. It is a sideways slide into social networking. Set up an account and within seconds you are able to comment, like and check out what your friends are doing. Facebook is out, Instagram is in.

### What parents need to know

Instagram is a social networking service, and just like all other social networks "You must be at least 13 years old to use this Service". Why 13? The age of 13 has to do with COPPA – the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (in the USA) which simply applies to the online collection of personal information by persons under 13 years of age. A child who provides a fake birthday to get onto a social networking site is helping that site break the law, as they are unknowingly collecting information from an under-age child. The internet is the biggest public place our kids can possibly hang out in. Rules and guidelines are there for good reason.

### How does it work?

Users can upload a photo from their smartphone photo album or take a photo right then and there and use Instagram to change the way the photo looks. Instagram





may be used as a photo-sharing social network on its own, but users also have the option to upload the photo to a number of other social media sites simultaneously, including Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Tumblr and Foursquare –depending on which one(s) the user syncs their settings with.

### Privacy

The most important thing for users and parents to be aware of is that Instagram defaults to a public setting. Your profile and photos are public unless you tell it otherwise. Many parents may feel more secure knowing that their child has set their account to private, but watch to see how many followers your child has allowed onto their site. A child with a private setting that claims to have 222 followers means they have accepted 222 people to follow them, and not many tweens can say they genuinely socialise face-to-face with that many kids – no way! Remember even a private setting is still in a global public space, and the user's profile information is always public.

Signing up for an Instagram account requires that the user provide a username. In many cases young children use their real first and last names to create their accounts. To make matters worse, the sign-up process has an optional phone number section where users can submit their

phone number as part of their **public** profile. Talking with your kids about what is private information, such as a phone number, and explaining why we don't give this away is a great place to start.

### Geotagging

Once a photo has been taken and is ready to share, the option of 'geotagging' – including details of the location of the photo – comes up. This option has to be checked, however as with most touch screen devices errors can easily occur and a photo can be inadvertently geotagged. Geotagging is a great way to showcase where a photo was taken, but it can also alert others to where the photographer has been, if not where they might be at that moment.

### Blocking and reporting users and content

Although it seems innocent enough, there are users out there who will post inappropriate pictures. People will and do upload nude photos, drug use, and other inappropriate content. Social networking sites such as Instagram provide tools to block or report content and users and it would be a good idea to learn how to use them.

### What can I do?

As a parent, continue to monitor your child's internet presence. At this time, it is not possible to sign up for an Instagram account on their website – it must be done by downloading the app to a smartphone. The app may be on your child's mobile device without you even knowing about it.

Help your child adjust their privacy settings at the outset so that their photos are only shared with face-to-face friends. Speak with your child about the safety concerns you may have if they accept requests from people they do not have real-life relationships with.

Sign up with Instagram yourself and have a go so that you understand how it works. If your child has an account, follow your child and monitor their behaviour to determine if Instagram is an appropriate hang out for them.

The answer for my 11 year old daughter was "not yet". However, she is welcome to use my account with my permission as we learn to navigate this new world of social media and digital citizenship together.