



# THE BALLYBUZZ

## LIVING & LEARNING

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6.11.13

TERM 4 – WEEK 5

### WHAT'S ON?

Thu 7.11.13	Playgroup – New School Hall
Fri 8.11.13	Brokers Gala Day Guest & Dalton Pk
Mon 11.11.13	Remembrance Day
Wed 13.11.13	Kinder Orientation 9:30-11 Session 3
Thu 14.11.13	Ice-cream Day
Sun 17.11.13	BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**Choir showcase our school in the mall.** One of the pleasures of my job is to celebrate our school and students with others in the community. Our choir, led by Mrs Lynch were sensational last Friday singing five songs to entertain the lunchtime crowds. The joy and enthusiasm displayed by our choir was infectious and many of the crowd were humming the songs as they passed by. Gordon Bradbury met me on Saturday and asked to pass his congratulations to our students and teachers as he thought they were fantastic. Thanks to Mrs Lynch, Mrs Hockey and Miss Wilson our wonderful singers and giving them this unique opportunity.

**Netball gala day another success.** Mrs Lynch was very busy last week. On Thursday, a netball gala day was held in Berkeley, and Mrs Lynch took two teams to compete. Our girls were successful and came second to Nareena Hills. Our Bally girls showed skill and team work. The referees and other teachers commented on our girls' sportsmanship and fair play. Just what we all want to see, teams who play fairly and are gracious in winning and defeat. Great job ladies!

**Congratulations** to Lachlan Cohen, Aiden Nakamura-Bell and Lara Sheedy for being accepted into the Opportunity Class at Wollongong Public School for 2014. These students show exceptional application to learning and we are proud of their achievements. Well done!

**P and C meeting** is next Wednesday night. At 6.45pm is a principal talk on our 2013 achievements based on our school plan and future directions. At 7.15pm will be the regular P and C meeting. You are more than welcome to come at either 6.45 or 7.15pm!

**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. You can purchase tickets at the office or pick up booklets to sell at your workplace. Both of these close on 11.11.13.

**Remembrance Day** is the day Australians, like so many others around the world, pause to reflect upon those who gave their lives during times of conflict. Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day. It is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month and was marked as a commemoration of the end of hostilities for the Great War (World War I). On Monday, our students will observe of a minute's silence at 11.00am. **Lest We Forget.**

**Kindy 2014. ( the class of 2026)** It is lovely to meet our new cohort of Kindergarten students and they mostly looked confident and happy at school last week on their first official orientation. They shared a lesson with their parents in the classroom.

This week they will be in class by themselves and their parents will be learning about our school and how to help their child with reading. The new Kindies meet the Year 5 students today who will be their buddy in 2014. It is wonderful to see the responsibility and care shown to these students by our older children, who genuinely want this to be a smooth start and fun experience for the new generation of Balgownie Kids. Not to mention they can help unwrap those challenging packaging items at lunch and recess!

**Transition Playgroup is a huge success.** Thanks to the parent team who have continued with the third year of this important initiative to build relationships with our new families and to make sure that the new generation of Balgownie Kids are happy and confident to come to 'big school.' They play hard and have a great time. The focus of the group is for the children starting school in 2014. It is on from 9.15-10.45am on Thursdays in the hall and complements our three orientation sessions.



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We also say thanks to the P and C who have donated a Balgownie School Hat to each new student. It is a great way to start our expectations of school uniform with our students.

### Comprehension Skill 4 -Monitoring

**Description:** Learners stop and think about the text and know what to do when meaning is disrupted.

#### Example questions/ statements.

- Is this making sense?
- What have I/you learned?
- Should I/you slow down or speed up?
- Do I need to re-read/view/listen?
- What can help fill in the missing information?
- What does this word mean?
- What can I use to help me understand what I'm reading/viewing/hearing?

*Have a wonderful week.*

**Aloma Stewart**

### BOOK COVERING HELPERS PLEASE

Due to the generosity of our P&C, the school has been able to purchase many new reading resources for our students. This means that we now have a large number of books that require covering with contact. We are currently seeking volunteers to help us out with covering. If you are able to do so please see Mrs Birchall in the Library.

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

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

Skye Spencer	Skye McCreddie
Gemma King	Andrew Vlachos
Ella Perry	Nishaan Kana
Nazif Sohel	Laila Chesworth
Jemma Baytieh	Monique Jones
Ayden Harrison	Ellie Iskra
Alex Down	Corey Allport
Penelope Grierson-Brownlowe	Milos Zeljkovic
Jake Whalan	Ruby Mulquin
Daniel Cohen	Olivia Sheppard
Zoe Caires	

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### Sydney to Gong Bike Ride

A very big thank you to all our Balgownie PS parents and friends sponsors. The Sydney to Gong Bike Ride was a very tough challenge however we did it all for a great cause **Multiple Sclerosis**.

With thanks

Mrs Hockey and Miss Main

### Thought of the Week

Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep your foot on first. ~ Fredrick B. Wilcox

### Joke of the Week

Q: What kind of TV do you find inside a haunted house?

A: A flat scream TV.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

### 2013 Week 4, Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Mon	11.11.13	Martha Newman <b>2 helpers needed from 9am-11.30am</b>
Tues	12.11.13	Callie Heyman and Rachael Quinn
Wed	13.11.13	Elissa Kohler and Lisa Tunstall
Thurs	14.11.13	Nazneen Nowsher, Alison McKillop and Michelle Hodge
Fri	15.11.13	<b>CLOSED</b>



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## 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 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

### P&C NEWS

## Bunnings BBQ Sunday 17th November.

We only have a week and a half til the Bunnings BBQ and we still need more volunteers! Dads, Mums, Aunties, Uncles, Nana's, Pop's or friends! Please call Scott on 0419875540 or email on [Scott.Spencer@bluescopesteel.com](mailto:Scott.Spencer@bluescopesteel.com) so we can slot you in and lessen the load on the few that have already so generously volunteered. Ideally we would like another 6-8 volunteers so that the day runs smoothly and no one has to stay longer than needs be. It is an extremely lucrative fundraiser for our school and our students so please try to find an hour that you can help!

### BUNNINGS ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Time Setup	P&C Rep	Helper 1	Helper 2	Helper 3
8:30-9:00	Scott Spencer	Chris Neal		
9:00-9:30	Scott Spencer	Chris Neal	Shane Brown	Ray Morrison
9:30-10:00	Scott Spencer	Chris Neal	Shane Brown	Ray Morrison
10:00-10:30	Nathan Grierson		Shane Brown	Ray Morrison
10:30-11:00	Nathan Grierson		Shane Brown	Ray Morrison
11:00-11:30	Nathan Grierson			
11:30-12:00	Jacqui Birchall		Yue Zhao	
12:00-12:30	Jacqui Birchall	Meikell McCreddie	Yue Zhao	
12:30-1:00	Jacqui Birchall	Meikell McCreddie	Yue Zhao	Stewart Howie
1:00-1:30	Jacqui Birchall	Meikell McCreddie	Yue Zhao	Stewart Howie
1:30-2:00	Alison Kerema	Meikell McCreddie	Mr Kerema	Stewart Howie
2:00-2:30	Alison Kerema	Geoff Dewar	Mr Kerema	Stewart Howie
2:30-3:00	Alison Kerema	Geoff Dewar	Mr Kerema	Juan Martinez
3:00-3:30	Aloma Stewart	Geoff Dewar	Emma Kipps	Juan Martinez
3:30-4:00	Aloma Stewart	Scott Spencer	Emma Kipps	Juan Martinez
Cleanup	Aloma Stewart	Scott Spencer	Emma Kipps	Juan Martinez
4:00-4:30				

## SKOOLBAG APP

Please download the Skoolbag App on to your smart phone. The instructions are on the reverse side of this page.

It only takes a few minutes and is a fantastic way to communicate with parents and the community about school events and functions. You can also download documents such as newsletters and current notes.

## 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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