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WHAT'S ON?

Thur 12.12.13	Yr6 Graduation 9.15 & morning tea
	Yr6 Farewell evening
Frid 13.12.13	Big Day In – Fun Day (Mufti)
Mon 16.12.13	Talent Quest Day 1 12.00-1.50pm
Tue 17.12.13	Talent Quest Day 2 12.00-1.50pm
Wed 18.12.13	Students Last Day

11.12.13

TERM 4 – WEEK 10

where our younger students performed. They were sensational. It was especially lively with many photos and short clips of our students in their everyday world. It is wonderful to share in some of those times with our children. Thanks to the classes and teachers who came to celebrate the end of the year with our school.

First day back for students Years 1-6, is Wednesday 29th January 2013.

Our students will be in their 2013 classes on Wednesday and when we confirm numbers, we will move our students into their new classes. Currently there will be thirteen classes. The Early Years Team will be assessing our new Kindergarten students Wednesday to Friday and the students will start on the next Monday.

Term dates for 2014 – for students

Term 1	Wed 29 th Jan – Fri 11 th Apr for Yrs 1-6.
Kindergarten	begin on Monday 3 rd Feb
Term 2	Tues 29 th Apr – Fri 27 th June
Term 3	Tues 15 th July – Fri 19 th Sept
Term 4	Tuesday 7 th Oct – Wed 17 th Dec

Goodbye. We say goodbye to Mrs Robyn Dunnell who is taking leave pending retirement in Term 1 2014. Mrs Dunnell has been teaching for 35 years. We will miss her dedication, good humour and her excellence in teaching the students in her care. You have touched the lives of many students and their families Mrs Dunnell, and on behalf of the students, parents, staff and community we say thank you and good luck for the next exciting phase of your life. We will miss you and hope that your retired life is wonderful, filled with doing the things that you enjoy. Enjoy every minute.

Thank you Morning tea well attended. For those of you who have helped this year to make our school a better place, our staff say thank you!! Thanks to those who came and shared a cuppa and to those who couldn't come, we say thanks to you as well!! Your contributions are always appreciated.

K-2 Concert full of fun and love. All parents, families and students delighted in the K-2 Christmas assembly

Presentation Day is a success. Congratulations to our award winners and a special mention to those who have achieved whole school awards. It is a wonderful way to celebrate learning.

Dux	Noah Bailey
Arts	Jamie Walsh
Citizenship	Lachlan Cosier
Sportsperson of the year	Travis Effting
NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal	Zarah Yagmur
Keira High Award	Hunter Turnbull
Keira Leadership Award	Hayley Bannerman

Our 2014 school leaders were also announced and they are:

Claudia Konza	Max Whalan
Mitchell Welsh	Molly Drain

Year Six Farewell I would like to congratulate our Year Six students on finishing Primary School and wish them a wonderful holiday before their new adventure begins at High School. Enjoy the Farewell! I would like to thank the parent team for their tireless efforts in organising and preparing the evening. I would also like to thank the Stage Three teachers for the time and effort they have devoted to ensuring the Year Six Farewell is a success.

At this time I also wish to especially thank our four school leaders, Emily Sproal, Jordan Kipps, Noah Bailey and Hayley Bannerman for their hard work and leadership this year. These students, together with the other student leaders in our school, have excelled in their duties and our school is a better place because of their dedication and enthusiasm. You will be a hard act to follow!

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LIVING AND LEARNING

This is the last newsletter of 2013. I want to thank some people. Schools are places where people come together to help our children. They are our legacy and our future. Thanks to the:

- Students of Balgownie who make each day a joy to come to work. Your manners, smiles and hard work are a credit to you and your families.
- Parents and Carers who work in partnership with us to help make our children the best they can be.
- P and C who work so hard to make our school a better place.
- Staff who teach our children and work to maximise each child's potential while caring for their welfare. Our staff are a great team who collaborate to make sure our students have as many opportunities as possible.
- The Administration staff who greet people with a smile and work hard in the background to make sure that events run smoothly.
- The Cleaners and our GAs who make our school a pleasant place to be.
- The Executive team who lead our school in the direction we know will be the best for our children.

Thank you everyone for a fabulous year. Have a great holiday and spend it doing all the things you enjoy with family and friends. I am looking forward to working with you all, and our new families in 2014.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week

Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant and a fish?

A: Swimming trunks!

Thought of the Week

Always remember to smile

- Nelson Mandela

GYMSPORTS

To help you get organised for the beginning of the 2014 school year, please be advised of this program being offered to all students.

The Gymsport Program will be conducted again in Term 1, 2014. It will be an 8 week program commencing in Week 2. The cost of the program is \$40 for 8 sessions. A family concession is also available – the third child in a family is half price and fourth child is free.

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

Well done!

Aston Rowles
Jaxon Stokes
Holly Rosser
Olivia Gillen

Zacariya Baytieh
Jett Mortimer
Lizzie Walsh

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

Finn Kelly
Tahlia Nakamura-Bell
Cooper McAndrew
Nicole Issa
Brodie Hawes
Layla Anderson-Bull

Amelie Macleod
Zoe Caires
Ella Perry
Cameron Welsh
Eva Lynch
Jye Sheean

LIBRARY

An URGENT reminder that all outstanding library items must be returned. Could all families please check at home for any Library books which may have been overlooked and return asap.

CANTEEN ROSTER

2013 Week 11, Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Mon	16.12.13	CLOSED
Tues	17.12.13	CLOSED
Wed	18.12.13	CLOSED
Thurs	19.12.13	CLOSED
Fri	20.12.13	CLOSED

CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Angie Newman, Mum of Jess in 2J, is shaving her head to raise money for Cancer Council NSW on Monday 16th December. Any donation, however small would be greatly appreciated – just go to the link below:

<http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/DYT13angibald>

If each family donated just \$5 we could raise over \$700!!

P&C NEWS

Tea & Tissues

Tea and Tissues will once again be held for the new kindy families on the first day of kindy next year, Monday,

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND REAL LEARNING



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February 3. The annual tradition continues with outgoing kindy families hosting the welcoming morning tea for incoming kindy parents and carers after they've dropped off their children. Outgoing kindy parents from this year are needed to help set up, bring plates of food and chat to new families. Please contact Emma Dyson on 0425 228 786 if you can help out.

Grounds & Environment Subcommittee

Vegie garden: families are invited to help themselves to produce in the school vegie garden so it doesn't go to waste over the school holidays. Head down there with your children and see the great work that's been achieved this year.

Mobile phones: remember to donate your old mobile phones to our phone recycling fundraiser. Please put them in the marked box in the school library. Money raised goes towards environmental initiatives in the school.

Working bee: Saturday, March 29, from 2pm-5pm has been earmarked for a working bee next year to spruce up the school for the 125th anniversary celebrations. the following week.

END OF YEAR MUMS NIGHT OUT

We made it through another year and decided we Mums deserve a night out together. Please join us at The Hideaway Cafe on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm and BYO. Contact Delvene on 0411 286 361 to RSVP.

All welcome!

UNIFORM SHOP

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Orders for Polo Shirts and Culottes

We are currently out of stock of some sizes of polo shirts and culottes. Unfortunately we have been informed by the suppliers that these will not be in by the end of the year. However, they will be delivered prior to the children starting back next year. If you are currently waiting on an order for polo shirts or culottes - orders for current students will be delivered to the classrooms on the first

day back. Orders for new Kindy students will be available for pick up from the office.

Summer Dress Orders

If you have placed an order for a summer dress, it will arrive later this week and will be delivered to your child's classroom. Orders for new Kindy students will be available for pick up from the office. These dresses were available by pre-order only. If you still require a new dress, they are available for purchase from Crystal Bears. The uniform shop has a selection of second hand dresses.

If you have any questions, please phone Megan on 0403 233 875





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DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

ALERT:

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:

1300 792 755

Make your child “Ready for School “ by :

- 1. Regular review by GP before school starts**
- 2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms**
- 3. Review and update of asthma action plan**

