



THE BALLYBUZZ

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WHAT'S ON? Calendar attached to this newsletter for the term. Add to it as new events are announced!

17.7.13

TERM 3 – WEEK 1

Attendance at our school in Semester One was excellent with our average at 96.3%. Great effort Balgownie! Let's build on this fantastic achievement in Semester Two. It is important that children attend school every day as a day missed can **NEVER** be replaced.

School contributions. Thanks to those families who have paid their contributions. If you have not paid your school contributions for 2013 it would be greatly appreciated if you did as soon as possible. The school depends on these funds to help meet our day to day costs and buy resources for our children to help them learn. We take cash, cheques and we have eftpos.

Class supplies At the start of the second half of the year it is a good time to check your child's pencil case and replenish the used items eg glue sticks etc. If you don't mind, please send a box of tissues in to your class teacher to help us through the winter season. Thanks.

Uniform reminder There have been some variations to our uniform that are occurring and I would like you to revisit your child's uniform and remember:

- Black shorts, trousers or tracksuit pants worn by boys and girls should not have any logos or any colour other than black. That includes white piping or stripes.
- Jumpers and jackets are to be Balgownie School jumpers only.
- All hats are to be Balgownie School hats only.
- Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Boots or high tops are not part of our school uniform. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. It is recommended that the canvas shoes are not worn as they provide limited support for growing feet.

Our school has a good reputation in the community and one of the reasons for this is the pride our students show in our school by high standards of uniform. It is an expectation that students will be wearing the correct uniform. If there is an issue with finance, please come to see me. Otherwise,

please support our school by ensuring your children are wearing correct uniform from Term Three onwards. The details matter!

Kindergarten students for 2014 in our local area. If you know of any students who are in our local catchment area please encourage them to visit our school to enrol.

Work to begin on Balgownie Road. From Thursday, there will be disruptions to traffic, parking and drop off zones on Balgownie Road for approximately two weeks. This is because the current pedestrian crossing will be moved closer to Ian Bruce Crescent and turned into a Children's Crossing. The path is being widened and the 'Kiss and Drop' zone will be moved to the western side of our school gate. This should mean that there are no cars queuing over the crossing making it safer for our children.

Children's Crossings are active when the flags are up and require drivers to stop at the line and not to move forward while there is anyone on the crossing. Our current traffic supervisors will be putting the flags out and bringing them in before and after school. There will be more information about these during the next few weeks.

NAIDOC Week celebrated at Balgownie This is one of the most important annual cultural events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - and all Australians. It is a celebration of the contribution made by Aboriginal people to our national identity and time to explore ways we can work together to build a better future.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is **We Value The Vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963**. This is a celebration the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament.

In August 1963, the Yolngu people of Yirrkala in northeast Arnhem Land sent two bark petitions – framed by traditional ochre paintings of clan designs – to the Australian House of Representatives. The petitions protested the Commonwealth's granting of mining rights

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on land excised from Arnhem Land reserve and sought the recognition by the Australian Parliament of the Yolngu peoples' traditional rights and ownership of their lands.

Our garden is really taking shape and the plaque with part of the Apology has been installed and the rocks delivered for the frog pond. All classes will be learning a Dharawal story about peace and getting along with others. It is called Yandelora, or the Lyrebird story. The values we learn from this story will be the ones displayed in our reconciliation garden

In the first three weeks of this term, all students will have the opportunity to put a handprint on a pole. If you do not want your child to do this, can you please let either myself or Mrs Shum know. If you do not contact us, we will assume that you are giving permission for your child to have paint on their hand and to print on the pole. You may wish to provide a paint shirt for the occasion as this paint will not come out of clothes.

Exciting learning this term. Our classes are already immersed in learning and ready for what is always an exciting term. The topics that our students are studying are:

Early Stage One – Healthy Choices/Our needs

Stage One – Growing and Changing

Stage 2 – Magnetism

Stage 3 – Government

After School Supervision is provided by class teachers and then by a member of staff who supervises the after school care and bus students. This teacher, usually a member of our executive, is also responsible for ensuring that any children who can't find their parents, or vice versa are cared for and arrangements made.

We have a number of children and families who are playing in the school grounds for a short time after school. You are more than welcome to do this, but please remember that parents are responsible for their children. It becomes confusing for students if they are permitted to do things after school, that during the day they are not allowed to do. You need to be able to see your children at all times to actively supervise them.

Our children will be having Positive Behaviour for Success lessons this week around the playground reminding them of our rules and expectations. This is part

of our proactive approach to ensuring that all students are explicitly taught our expectations and are reminded about 'in bound' areas. This includes all times that our children are in our school grounds.

Please support us and help your children by following school guidelines and making sure that toddlers and students are not in the car parks unsupervised, or down near the neighbours' fences as we want to keep our children safe and maintain good relationships with other people. Please also ensure your children and toddlers are behaving in a way that is mindful of the wonderful things in our playground eg chess pieces, sandpit covers and the cubbies. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Update of student enrolment data is becoming increasingly important. The importance of maintaining accurate and current information, while always necessary, continues to become increasingly important for school management and operation.

In particular the student information held on ERN, initially captured at enrolment and ideally updated at regular periods, is important for meeting student health and welfare needs, student learning and in managing emergency situations.

The accuracy of data held also potentially impacts on all schools and their students. In particular, data on parental background including occupation, school education and qualifications, current address, language background and Aboriginality, while perhaps not considered necessary for day to day teaching and administration in a school, are becoming more widely used (in aggregated form only).

Student and parent background data entered on ERN is used for example in;

- compiling the Index of Community and Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) applied to each school on the My School website by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and;
- needs based resource allocation at state government level.

It is important to keep all details updated about your children and yourself. While current medical information assists in any emergency situation, other information provided may also benefit our children and our school, in terms of the provision of funding and levels of additional educational support. Please call in and update student details and other information as soon as possible.



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Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

Thought of the Week

We've got to come together, that's what we want for Australia. One people. We are all Australians, regardless of your ethnic background, regardless of your political belief, regardless of your religious beliefs we are all Australians.

-Neville Bonner, Australia's first Aboriginal senator.

Joke of the Week

What did Gibraltar say to Uluru?
You rock!

CHORAL FESTIVAL TICKETS

First round Choral Festival tickets can now be purchased and collected from the office. Please note that once tickets have been collected, they become the

responsibility of the student/parent/carer. Second round ticket requests will be considered from Thursday 18th July.

LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Book week 2013

This year we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 3 of Term 3. This coincides with Education Week so there will be lots of fun activities to look forward too! This year we are having a fancy dress parade and picnic lunch on **Tuesday the 30th July 2013**. The theme for Book Week is 'Read Across the Universe' so we will be asking children to come dressed as either their favourite book character or as a character associated with the 'universe/space' theme. A coffee van and an ice-cream van will be on site at lunch time on the day of the parade. The schedule for the day is:

11-11.50 – Picnic Lunch

12-12.50 – Open Classrooms (parents/carers invited into classrooms to observe education week/book week lessons)

1-1.50 – Book Week Fancy Dress Parade in the School Hall

This year we will not be holding a book fair. Instead, we have organised a visiting performance to our school called 'GREAT GALAXIES'. This whole school performance will also take place in Book Week on Thursday 1st August and will cost \$4.00 per student. A permission note is attached to this newsletter.

Many thanks, Mrs Birchall

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures are being distributed this week. Book Club money and orders are due back by Friday, 26th July. Please ensure that correct money is provided. Remember, if you place a phone or internet order to Scholastic, you will still need to put the order form through the school.

DISCO & MUFTI DAY

The SRC has organised a Disco and Mufti Day (gold coin donation) to subsidise the costs for the Southern Stars Dance Group.

Tue 23rd July – K-2 Disco at lunch and Mufti day

Wed 24th July – 3-6 Disco at lunch and Mufti day

CANTEEN NEWS

PIE DELIVERY

Thank you to all the families and friends who have ordered pies and cakes - we received over 300 orders! The delivery date is next Tuesday 23rd July. I am looking for a few volunteers to meet me on the 23rd to assemble the orders in the hall between 1-3pm. If you are available



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to help out, please contact Delv on 0411 286 361, or email delvenehenington@hotmail.com

CANTEEN ROSTER

2013 Week 2, Term 3

Day	Date	Name
Mon	22.7.13	Ailsa Bailey Jane Morrison Lisa Sheedy
Tues	23.7.13	Sharon O'Brien Yuki Nakamura-Bell Jodie McLaughlin
Wed	24.7.13	HELP NEEDED
Thurs	25.7.13	Helen Lewis Tanya Vilestra Michelle Morton
Fri	26.7.13	CLOSED

Urgent!

We desperately need more canteen volunteers!
Days needed are **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**.

If we are unable to find volunteers, unfortunately the canteen will be closed.

We ask volunteers to commit to 1 day a month from 8.30am-12pm.

If you are the 3rd volunteer on your day, you can work 8.30-10.30 as required.

If the canteen is running short on volunteers, you might be in a position to do the bakery run which is simply dropping down to Balgownie Bakery after 9am to pick up the bread and rolls needed for the day.

If you, your partner, friend or relative can help in any capacity it would be greatly appreciated by all our

students and volunteers.

Please contact Delvene on 0411 286 361, or email bally_canteen@gmail.com

P&C NEWS

NEXT MEETING OF THE P&C

The next meeting of the P&C will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th August.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

Donate your unwanted old mobile phones and raise money for environmental initiatives at the school. Drop them into the marked box in the school library.

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**

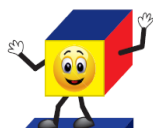
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PAPER COPY OF BUZZ IS NOT REQUIRED

I **do not** require a paper copy of the Bally Buzz each week, as I am able to access this information through the Balgownie Public School Web site or Skoolbag App.

Student Name Class

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date



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