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WHAT'S ON?

Wed 14.8.13	6.45pm Technology Update prior to P&C Meeting in Library 7.15pm
Thu 15.8.13	Surf Sense Yr2, 4 & 6
Thu 22.8.13	School Starters Playgroup in Hall from 9.15am

A note from our visitors last week. I would like to thank you, the staff and your students very much for recently hosting the UOW College Chinese student visit to Balgownie Public School. The students had a wonderful cultural experience meeting and interacting with your students. The group will return to China with many fond memories of their visit to Balgownie Public School.

Consultation about uniform policy is occurring now. The students, staff and parents are being consulted about our uniform. There has been a new policy from the Department of Education about sun hats and the phasing out of caps. If you want to discuss the uniform policy, please come to this week's P and C meeting. The Student Representative Council have discussed uniform as the elected school leaders.

Surveys I have received two completed parent surveys (thanks to those two parents!). I would really like a few more responses with the answers to two questions, what do we do well at Balgownie Public School and what are some recommendations for improvement? The more surveys we receive back, the better we are able to judge what families think and recommend for our improvement! There are copies of the survey on the app and also in the front foyer. Please take the time to give us some feedback.

Happy Eid for last week for our Islamic families. I hope you had a wonderful celebration of the end of Ramadan and spending time with families and friends.

New crossing is well underway and will hopefully be completed by Friday. Please note that the kiss and drop zone will move to the western side of the school driveway in the future and the crossing will become a children's crossing. The rules of children's crossings are a little

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different to pedestrian crossings, so please discuss these with your children.



School crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing: (Chalmers St)

- Pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.
- Drivers must not proceed until:
- The crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed; or
- The crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

Where there is an unsupervised children's crossing: (Balgownie Rd)

- Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

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The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points apply if you park or stop on or near:

- A pedestrian crossing.
- A children's crossing.
- Any marked foot crossing.
- The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 4 demerit points applies for failure to give way to a pedestrian.

What is a school 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area?

This area, always on the school side of the road, is designated by 'NO PARKING' signs. It provides an appropriate environment for parents and carers when dropping off and collecting their children from school by car. Drivers may drop-off and pick-up passengers legally within a two minute timeframe.

Students at Balgownie are safe. Last week we practised our Evacuation procedures. The whole school was assembled on the basketball court within five minutes. Students and staff were calm and confident and would be safe if there was an emergency. Fantastic effort everyone!

This is a drill to learn what works and what needs to be modified. We conduct drills as our students, staff and community's safety is our primary concern. Please feel free to give us some feedback to help us become as efficient as we can be. Thanks.

If you are visiting our school during an emergency, you need to also follow our Emergency Guidelines.

If you are in the school grounds when you hear the bell 'beeping' continuously, you also need to go into lockdown. If you are a parent working in a classroom, you stay there. If you are in the playground, we ask you to move to the nearest safe space.

If you hear a 'whoop whoop whoop' that is our evacuation bell, you need to walk down to the basketball court and assemble there.

Our staff have various duties, so it is important that you make yourself safe, and allow them to follow the procedures that they have to do to make sure we are all safe.

Vocabulary Development Game Four

Matching On index cards, write a list of vocabulary words and a synonym for each. Turn all cards face down in four even rows and columns. Have your child flip over one card and attempt to find the synonym for that word. If the second card that your child flips over is the first

word's synonym, they get to take the pair and set them aside. If not, they must turn both cards back over and begin again. Your child has completed the game when they have matched up every word with its synonym.

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

Rosie Gray
Hamish Kettley
Marko Avramovic
Jayda Petrov
Riley Ukotic
Holly Galvin
Ellie Iskra
Monique Jones
Morgan Williams
Jake Brown
Chloe Lavery
Gracie Neale
Annabelle Dyson
Macie Chesworth
Jay Penno
Holly Roser

Have a wonderful week.

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the Week

That you might retain your self-respect, it is better to displease people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong. - William Boetcker

Joke of the Week

What happens after a koala is three years old?
It becomes 4 years old.

2013 PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Hunter Turnbull, Flynn Macfarlane, Aiden Nakamura-Bell and Kalia Spencer for being our Premier's Spelling Bee finalists. Good luck and spell well



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at the Regional finals taking place on 13th September at Figtree Public School.



BROKERS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, 8th August, Mr Loxton and Mrs Lynch had the pleasure of escorting the BPS Athletics Team to Brokers District Carnival. As I got out of my car on arrival at Beaton Park, I was reminded of the scene in *Cool Runnings* where the Jamaicans open the exit door at the airport in Canada and walk straight into a blizzard. You may think I'm exaggerating but some of the kids were arriving by dog-sled... Anyhoo, competition got under way right on time and the competitors braved the testing conditions with great spirit. The Bally kids performed brilliantly and, most importantly, with exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. Special mention must go to Zara Webster who was the Senior Girl Champion of the carnival, pitted against some exceptional opposition. Due to the outstanding efforts of the entire team, Balgownie won the trophy for champion school, great job everyone! A big thank you to all of the parents who did such a good job in getting their kids to their events on time and well done to those hardy souls who braved the elements and cheered the students on during the day.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Brokers District at the South Coast Carnival next Friday:

India Mckeown, Kate Critcher, Nikita Soldi, Rebekah Tunstall, Tamsyn Peel, Zarah Yagmur, Kalia Spencer, Zara Webster, Jayda Petrov, Zali Hill, Kayla Walker, Claudia Konza, Mackenzie Hill, Jordan Kipps, Travis Eftting and Reece Penno. Well done and good luck.

Mr Loxton

ETHICS CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

The first ethics classes have begun at Balgownie. Both our teachers were very impressed with the respectful behaviour of the children in their classes. The first class introduced children to what ethics is and established the rules for the classes. Next week, Stage 1 will examine Empathy, while Stage 2 will discuss Being Greedy. These topics will continue over a couple of weeks. The children

will also have brought home a note outlining the expected behaviour in ethics classes for you to sign and return to the office. Thank you. Karen Rogers Ethics Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER

2013 Week 6, Term 3

Day	Date	Name
Mon	19.8.13	Nicky Kettley Sam Brown Help needed
Tues	20.8.13	Barbara Picciolini Marissa Bull Help needed
Wed	21.8.13	Margaret Williams Anne Foreman Help needed
Thurs	22.8.13	Helen Lewis Tanya Vlietstra Nazneen Nowsher
Fri	23.8.13	CLOSED

P&C NEWS

Father's Day Stall

Our very excited children are keen to select gifts for their loved ones for Father's Day. We are again running the popular Father's Day Stall selling a wide range of quality (and very good value) gifts on Tuesday 27th August. If you are available between 11:30-2 then we would appreciate your assistance! It is a lot of fun helping the kids, so please send an email to p.and.c@hotmail.com if you would like to be involved (we need about 12 helpers). Thanks!

Next meeting of the P&C

The next meeting of the P&C will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14th August, in the school library. One of the key issues to be discussed at tonight's meeting will be the school's uniform policy. Immediately before the P&C meeting at 7.15pm, the principal Aloma Stewart will provide a briefing on technology being utilised by the school at 6.45pm in the library. All welcome.

P&C vacancy

The role of secretary of the P&C will shortly become vacant and we need a volunteer to fill this role. This position will be voted upon at the September P&C meeting. Nominations will close at 5pm on August 21st.



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If you are interested in the role and would like to know more about what is involved, please call Carol on 0418968810. If you would like to nominate for the role, please email p.and.c@hotmail.com by the cut off date.

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**

COMMUNITY NEWS

SHINE ILLAWARRA – Our Town. Our Children.
Fundraising evening August 16th 6.30pm at the
Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow

Our Town Our Children is working towards achieving overall world class children's health standards. Join over 500 people for a fantastic evening raising funds for the health of our regions children, supporting our local hospital's and doctor's. For bookings or more information please contact Narelle Wood on 0432 569829 or narellewd@bigpond.com.au

NORTHERN PIRATES JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB

Northern Pirates Junior Baseball Club would like to invite girls and boys aged 5 to 15 years to play baseball during the 2013/2014 summer season for our T-ball, Zooka ball and Pitch ball sides. Free Try Baseball and registration

days are scheduled for Saturday the 17th and 24th of August between 11am and 1pm. Venue Thomas Dalton Park baseball field, Carters Lane, Fairy Meadow.

For further information contact: Marc Smith (President)

Mob: 0418 423 927 or email:

pirates.jnr.baseball@gmail.com

BALGOWNIE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 24th of August 2013, 7pm at Fairy Meadow Surf Club.

Tickets \$10.00

If you would like to attend please email numbers attending to events@balgowniejuniors.com.au

(A huge part of the success of this night depends upon the donations we receive for this event. If you are able to assist, please drop off your donation at the Balgownie Football Club house by the 3rd August 2013)

THE FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION NSW INC

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, why not contact the Foster Care Association at shaz@fca.org.au or go to our website for more information fcansw.org.au to gain information and background? The Association is made up of experienced carers who can answer your questions about what caring "feels like". Foster Care Association NSW Inc. provides information and advocacy for foster and kinship carers throughout the State."

CYBER SAFETY FOR SCREENAGERS

Are your children cybersafe?

FREE SEMINAR

Friday August 30th @ 7pm

Crossroads Christian Community

Aidan Carlsson BSocSc (Youth Work); MDiv

Please RSVP 4285 5011 or crossroadsc.org.au

BALGOWNIE CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAYS

2013 -14 cricket season

Registrations are to be held at Judy Masters Oval, Para Street Balgownie on the following days:

17th Aug 11-2pm

24th Aug 11-2pm

31st Aug 11-2pm

Contact Catherine Harding on

ballyjnrccricket@gmail.com 0431 259 389 for further information



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