



# THE BALLYBUZZ

## LIVING & LEARNING



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### WHAT'S ON?

Thu	22.8.13	School Starters Playgroup in Hall from 9.15am
Tue	27.8.13	Father's Day Stall
Wed	28.8.13	Southern Stars Rehearsal
Thu	29.8.13	Southern Stars
Fri	30.8.13	Southern Stars
Thu	12.9.13	Walk-a-thon/Fun Run

**Parent surveys** I currently have four completed surveys from parents. It is your opportunity to tell us what you think we are doing well and some recommendations you have for us to consider. Please take five minutes to complete the survey and bring it back to the office. Thanks

**Saving Paper One** of the things we can do to reduce our paper consumption is to not have paper copies of the newsletter. We post the newsletter on the website and on the Balgownie School app. At present, only five families have requested not to continue with paper copies. If you do not want a paper copy any more, please write a note to the office. Notes for excursions etc. still will be on hard copy as we need a record of permission to keep at the school.

**Before school supervision** Parents are reminded that supervision begins in the school playground at 8.30am. Supervision before that time is the legal responsibility of the parent even if the children are on our grounds. We presently have quite a number of students here as early as 7:50 - 8:00am. Many schools keep the gates locked until 8:30am to cover the legal aspects of early arrivals. We don't want to do that as we feel students are safer here than outside the gates. However, parents please be aware we are not responsible for your children before 8:30am, that is your responsibility even if they are on our grounds. *Supervision begins at 8:30am.*

**Uniform consultation** has occurred with parents, students and staff. Next week I will add the revised guidelines to the newsletter. One thing of note; we have new sun safety guidelines which state that we cannot have caps as part of our uniform. It has been decided through consultation that 2014 is a transition year, where both caps and hats are

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accepted as per current practice, and 2015 will be the year that only broad brim or bucket hats will be accepted. This will give all students and families over five terms to phase out the cap and purchase an approved hat.

We will not be ordering any more caps in the uniform shop. Last week when we made the decision at the P and C there were still a number of caps. They have all been purchased now, and there are no more!

**Please reinforce the children's crossing message with your children.** I am told the signage and painting out of the pedestrian crossing should be done very shortly.



**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.

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### 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.

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.

**Mobile Phones and devices** I have put on the Balgownie School app an updated permission note and policy regarding mobile phones, ipods and other devices being brought to school. The policy is below. For a permission note please see myself or Mr Loxton.

### **Balgownie Policy for the Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students.** (Revised August 2013)

There is a range of technology available today including mobile telephones, pagers, digital cameras, portable CD and MP3 players/iPods, personal digital assistants and other similar devices. All of these have the potential to be incorporated appropriately into lessons, opening exciting new approaches to learning. When these technologies are misused by students they can be very disruptive to teaching and learning and in some cases cause harm.

Balgownie Public School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school.

Taking photographs or videos while at school or engaged in school-related activities by students may only occur if there is a sound reason for the photography and approved by a teacher. Depending on the particular circumstances and purpose of the photography, the permission of staff, parent/carer or student may be required.

### **Where students bring a mobile telephone, portable computer game, MP3 player/iPod, camera and similar devices to school:**

#### **Student Responsibilities**

- The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.
- Students will use their mobile phone in a way which reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility and real learning.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated. Students found to be using any camera contrary to this acceptable use policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in all cases.
- Parents must sign a form stating that they know their child has a phone or other device, that it is necessary for safe travel and that their child will not use it to contact people during school hours.

#### **Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in:**

- Detention or other appropriate disciplinary measure as determined by the school's disciplinary policy.
- The student being required to hand in their mobile telephone or other electronic device at the beginning of the school day for collection when the student goes home.



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- Confiscation of the mobile telephone or other electronic device until such time as their parent or caregiver is able to attend school to collect the device.
- Other disciplinary action in cases where students have bullied or threatened or harassed other students or staff via the mobile telephone or other personal communication device or where the device has been used to take photographs or display inappropriate material.

### Emergency Contact

- If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent immediately to the student.
- If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they can do so through the school's main office.

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

Maenee Burke  
Blake McGarry  
Trey Quibulue  
Sophie Elliott  
Joshua Spark  
Zoe Johnson  
Zoe Karaiste  
Romany Felgate  
Katie Knight  
Zoe McKensy  
Stefanie Belsito  
Jack Burton-Woods  
Kaiya Prowse  
Finn Proudfoot  
Jacob Iskra  
Dusty Moffitt  
Stevie Knight  
Hannah Kohler

And Eva Boyle achieved all wrist bands and received her PBS Badge

**Have a wonderful week.**  
**Aloma Stewart**

### Thought of the Week

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.

### Joke of the Week

What is an archaeologist's favorite music?  
Rock!

### WELL DONE

Well done to Levi Mercieca, for his volunteer work with The Disabled Surfers Assoc. of Australia. What a great effort Levi!

### BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL YEAR 6 FAREWELL 2013

All BPS year 6 parents/carers are most welcome to attend farewell meetings. The farewell is to be held Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The theme is 'Hollywood'. Future meetings will most likely be on Mondays 3.10pm at school and will be announced in the Bally Buzz school newsletter.

For more information contact Jane ph 0415 451728.

### NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

(NLNW) is run by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. NLNW represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children. NLNW gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities. The Week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. For more information on *National Literacy and Numeracy Week* visit <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>

### BPS Celebrates National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Throughout Week 7, Balgownie students and teachers will celebrate NLNW. Along with the usual classroom activities that take place each day, students and teachers will have the opportunity to take part in a range of Data collecting activities revolving around literature.

*Below are some suggestions for some activities that are*



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easy to complete in the home.

### BPS Switch off the TV/ Switch on your MIND

Students are encouraged to make an effort to turn off the TV each night and participate in Literacy and/or Numeracy activities. Students will collect data each morning to monitor our whole school progress.

This is an exciting celebration of Real Learning that I hope all will be eager to participate in... Enjoy

### Fun Data activities using Literature in the home

- See who can find longest word in a book?
- Estimate how many books are in your home?
- What is the most common colour on the book covers in your home?
- What is the earliest year of first publication of the books in your home?
- What is the most recent year of first publication?
- See how many words starting with 's' can be found in one minute?
- List up to 10 mathematical words that appear in your books.
- What is the length of the spine of the biggest/smallest book?
- What is the mass of the heaviest book?
- Estimate and discuss how high all the books would be if they are stacked?
- List up to 10 words or short statements that describe the characteristics of a good book (eg) exciting, good pictures, gripping story, dinosaurs, etc.
- Play a board game, card game or dice game
- Perform a play, play charades or play Who am I?

Home Survey (optional)

I turned off the TV for:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
More than one hour					
One hour					
Half an hour					
I didn't turn off the TV					

### WALK-A-THON/FUN RUN

As part of our fund raising efforts, we will be holding a walk-a-thon/fun run day at our school. The event is an Adidas School Fun Run and students will be bringing home detailed information brochures, including sponsorship forms this week. Children are being asked to help raise money for valuable resources for our school by asking family and friends to sponsor them for the event. Details are as follows:

- Date – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- Time – 9.45am to approx. 11am. Families welcome to stay and join children for lunch.
- Children may wear appropriate sports mufti for the day.
- Coffee van on site
- Per-ordered Subway lunch – order forms will be sent home closer to the event.

The object of the day is to raise as much money as we can while promoting health and fitness within our school community. So come along and have fun and help support our school.

Event co-ordinator - Mrs Birchall

### Southern Stars **EXTRA!**

#### **Parents/Carers have you purchased your tickets yet?**

Rehearsals are well underway for this year's Southern Stars, and with only a month to go until the performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 30 and Saturday August 31, now is the best time to purchase your tickets.

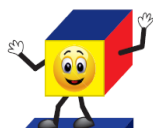
Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances of this year's show – make sure you are one of them!

**EXTRA!** is the title of this year's show, and the theme explores the changing face of media and news and information gathering.

The show incorporates all of the usual elements you would expect in a musical arena spectacular show but there will be a few interesting surprises too, including a circus troupe, swing band, and an unorthodox marching band to name just a few.

You don't have to have a child in the show to purchase a ticket - if you are a fan of great family entertainment then Southern Stars is the show for you.

Tickets are on sale now through Ticketek and are priced as follows: Adult \$45, Pensioner and student over 12



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\$35, Student/Child under 12 \$25 and Family pass \$130.

[www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au)

### CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 Week 7, Term 3

Day	Date	Name
Mon	26.8.13	Ailsa Bailey Jane Morrison Lisa Sheedy
Tues	27.8.13	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Wendy Wyatt Jodie McLaughlin
Wed	28.8.13	Karen Rogers Nazneen Nowsher Evelyn Knust
Thurs	29.8.13	Hazel Merola Tracy Koschney Michelle Morton
Fri	30.8.13	CLOSED

### CANTEEN NEWS

#### Fresh For Kids Canteen Promotion

The canteen is currently running a 'Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids' fresh fruit and vegetable promotion. When your child places an order in the canteen that includes **any fresh fruit or fresh vegetable**, they will receive a promo sticker sheet with two stickers in their lunch bag. For example:

Fruit of the day or Veggie sticks or any fresh fruit or Salad dome or our new chicken pattie burger (with hidden veggies yum yum) **or** why not add tomato to your sandwich order?

Their teacher will help them to place their **'token' sticker** (large sticker) on an entry form (located in their classroom) and the other one they can wear or take home.

When your child has **4 token stickers** on their entry form they can take it to the canteen to win a **banner pen prize**.

The canteen subcommittee will post all completed entry forms to Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids so your child will go in the running for a major prize. These include:

- Home entertainment unit of a TV and DVD player
- I-pad mini
- Escape from Planet Earth prize packs

This promotion starts this week and will run until the last day of term 3 so happy, healthy eating.

P.S. Look out for an up and coming SUBWAY MEAL DEAL special day in September! If your child orders any salad on their subway they will receive a promo sticker sheet in their order!

### P&C NEWS

## FATHER'S DAY STALL Tuesday 27th August

The **Father's Day Stall** for the children will be held at the school next **Tuesday 27th August**.

We know that the kids enjoy shopping for their Dads and Grandpas with their own money and purchasing multiple items they have chosen themselves. There will be something suitable for everyone with items ranging from \$2-\$10.

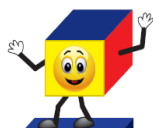
Everyone's support on the day is greatly appreciated as all money raised by the P&C goes towards improving your child's schooling experience. The children will be taking home their purchases on the day so please prepare them with correct money in dollar increments and a reminder that they can buy multiple gifts.

We still need a few more helpers to make this much-anticipated and fun shopping adventure run smoothly for the kids. If you can assist between 11:30-2pm then please send an email to [p.and.c@hotmail.com](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com) - Thank you!

### SCHOOL VEGIE GARDEN

You may have noticed the changes to our school vegie garden recently. A fruit tree area has been prepared and classes 1S and 1D have planted our first fruit trees: an orange and a mandarin. Thanks to our hardworking Year 6 Environment Leaders for their help.

This week our school starters playgroup will be planting potatoes in one of the new vegie beds. Stage 1 classes will also be planting a couple of really interesting fruit trees: a Grumichama and a Jaboticaba. Grumichamas originate from South America and are said to be the tropical equivalent of a cherry. Jaboticabas also originate from South America and produce fruit on their trunks. Hopefully they will provide delicious fruit for our kids to try in the years to come. We will also be planting raspberries, passionfruit, a lemonade tree (!!) and of



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course lots of healthy vegies.

With spring in the air it is time to fertilise our garden. If anyone can donate worm wee or castings, please leave in the garden. Alternatively, you can contact Vanessa Allen on 0437049841 or catch Mrs Burns in the playground.

### 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

### SING AUSTRALIA - WOLLONGONG

Sing Australia is a not for profit community singing group for men and women of all ages. We are fun loving and a very welcoming group. We meet each week for singing at St Therese School Hall, Powell St, Wollongong starting a 7.30 pm. Call 4285 2345 for more information.

### 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013)

### CYBER SAFETY FOR SCREENAGERS

Are your children cybersafe?

#### FREE SEMINAR

Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Crossroads Christian Community

Aidan Carlsson BSocSc (Youth Work); MDiv

Please RSVP 4285 5011 or [crossroadsc.org.au](http://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:

**24<sup>th</sup> Aug 11-2pm**

**31<sup>st</sup> Aug 11-2pm**

Contact Catherine Harding on

[ballyjnrcricket@gmail.com](mailto:ballyjnrcricket@gmail.com) 0431 259 389 for further information



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