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WHAT'S ON?

Thu 8.8.13	School Starters Playgroup in Hall from 9.15am Brokers Athletics @ Beaton Park
Tue 13.8.13	ICAS Maths
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

Chinese student visit huge success. Thirty one students from Wu Chang Experimental Primary School, Wuhon City visited our school on Tuesday with their teachers, principal and tour leaders. The students went on a tour of the school with our SRC, spent time in classrooms and then had lunch break with our students.

The Wu Chang students finished with a performance of morning exercises, martial arts and dance. Balgownie Public School received two beautiful wall hangings which are calligraphy painted by two students, ten and eleven years old. The stories are of spring and the dragon boat festival. We presented them with a photograph of our school.



The staff and students were extremely friendly and new acquaintances were formed. Their school has 2 700 students and 400 staff. The students start much earlier each day than we do and finish at 5pm. They have a focus on teaching the traditional arts. These children have learnt English for five years. A little different to our school!

We have all been invited to go and visit the school, an offer our staff particularly are keen to undertake. We wish the tour group well as they spend the remainder of the week

7.8.13

TERM 3 – WEEK 4

learning English at the university and sight-seeing for the rest of the time. I believe they are going to Symbio and have been to the beach but it was too cold for swimming!

New crossing is well underway and will hopefully be completed within a week or so. 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.

Student medical forms During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health. If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

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

Lucas Trajcevski
Jack Balkwill
Samuel Dyson
Kytie Firth
William Papakosmas
Darcy Felgate

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Vocabulary Development Game Three.

Sketching Briefly go over a list of vocabulary words and their meanings with the student. Tape or nail a large piece of white paper to a wall and begin drawing a picture to illustrate one of the words from the vocabulary list. Have the student shout guesses about which word is being described. Switch places halfway through the list and allow the student to draw while you guess. In both situations, the student will have to relate his/her vocabulary words to images, helping him/her to retain their meanings.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

Thought of the Week

Things that matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least. Johann von Goethe

Joke of the Week

What type of music was played at the Bunny Ball?
Hip hop

PLEASE BE AWARE

Recently there have been a number of students off school due to a gastric virus. If your child shows any symptoms, please keep them at home until they are completely recovered.

GREAT GALAXIES

As part of our Book Week celebrations our students attended a special visiting performance called Great Galaxies. Great Galaxies is an interactive science show about our universe and judging from the overwhelming audience reaction to the show, everyone had a great time. Here is what some of our students had to say:

"Great Galaxies is a science show about space. I learned a couple of things and I think you would too. My favourite part was where a Yushma (an alien who landed on earth) put on a funny show. I also liked it when the dinosaur bit the main performer!" Romey Fanning yr.2

"I thought the show was really funny, especially the dinosaur part. It is a really good science show for kids We learned a lot about the solar system from watching the show. My favourite part was the Yushma, it was really cool. I would like to see it again! Thankyou."
Sarah Koschny yr.2

"I thought that the show was a really funny and educational science show. Great Galaxies taught me a lot about our solar system. I learned about the weather in outer space. The part I liked the most was when Yushma's friend turned the television on the wrong channel and there was a love show on. Another part I liked was when Mrs Birchall was shut outside of the Hall. That's what I thought about Great Galaxies. Thankyou."
Campbell Wearing yr.2

"The man who was doing the show was really funny and he could change his voice a lot." The show gave us lots of information about our solar system and galaxy. It was an educational show. It was really funny when the man told Mrs Birchall to go back and back and back... until she was out of the hall. We really enjoyed it.
By Maenee Burke and Kelly Zhao

We absolutely loved the great galaxies performance. The man made it very funny. We liked the aliens who crash landed and the television channels. It was funny when Mrs Birchall was holding Neptune and the man made her go outside and then shut the door. We liked it when he said "and it all started with a BIG BIG BIG BIG Bang"
By Angus Kettley and Hannah Sproal

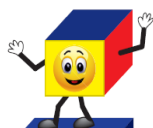
2013 PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

It is that time of the year again when we choose two students from Stage 2 (junior competitor) and two students from Stage 3 (senior competitor) to compete in the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Stage 3 selected their student from a difficult spelling test and Stage 2 from a 'spell-off'. Congratulations to Kalia Spencer and Aiden Nakamura-Bell who will represent our school in the Junior section. Congratulations to Flynn Macfarlane and Hunter Turnbull who will represent our school in the Senior section. The regional finals will be held on Friday 13th September at Figtree Public School. Two finalists will be selected from the regional final to compete in Sydney for the State finals. Best of luck to our school finalists and may they spell well.

Mrs Robson

SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL MATCH REPORT

Last Friday Balgownie Senior Girls Netball team played Round 3 of the PSSA netball competition, against Mt Terry Public School. We played a hard, skilful match against a very physical opposition. Our whole team showed incredible sportsman-ship and courage. At the end of the game the score was 14-14, resulting in us playing another 5 minutes each way. After a frantic 10 more minutes of netball, the final score was 21-16 to Mount Terry. We left the game with our heads held high and our hearts still intact, although we were all very



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exhausted. We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Lynch for coaching us and also thank you to Isabelle West for an excellent umpiring job.

By Jasmine, Lauren and Hannah



GIRLS BASKETBALL VICTORY

Yesterday (Tues 6th August) our senior girls travelled to breezy Moss Vale to represent Balgownie in the PSSA Basketball Knockout.

In a competitive match, we defeated Moss Vale PS 20-8. Many of our girls are new to the sport and continue to improve with each game. Balgownie will now compete against the winner of South Coast 'Division B'.

Congratulations to all involved and thank you to our super parents who drove up to the high country and assisted with score keeping.

Mr Dewar



BOYS STATE INDOOR FUTSUL TEAM

What a fantastic effort put in by our boys at State Indoor futsal. Jordan Kipps, Jared McLean, Travis Eftting, Riley Caires, David Saseta, Hunter Turnbull, Xavier Wiaczek

and our supporter Toby Drain (who was supposed to play but broke his arm) winning 7-0 nil 1st game, losing 7-0 2nd game and winning 4-1 3rd game, and we were 1 goal difference to get into the quarter finals, well done boys.

CANTEEN ROSTER

2013 Week 5, Term 3

Day	Date	Name
Mon	12.8.13	Alison Knight Wendy Myers Help Needed
Tues	13.8.13	Callie Heyman Rachel Quinn Help Needed
Wed	14.8.13	Elissa Kohler Lisa Tunstall Help Needed
Thurs	15.8.13	Megan Hammersley Adrian Panozzo Nazneen Nowsher
Fri	16.8.13	CLOSED

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW MENU

A reminder that the following items are **no longer available individually**:

- Meat Pies
- Sausage Rolls
- Party Pies
- Chicken Wedges and Goujons
- Chicken Burgers (crumbed)
- Chicken noodle cups
- Pizza singles

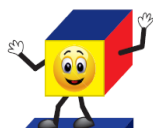
Please assist our canteen volunteers by only be purchasing them as part of meal deal.

IOUs will now be issued where a food is ordered individually. Many thanks to our volunteers for their hard work during the new menu transition. We understand that it has been a busy time.

NEW SNACK DEALS

In response to feedback, the following 'Snack Deals' have been added to the canteen menu:

- 1/2 sausage roll + 1 healthy snack (choose from list below) \$1.40



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- 2 chicken wedges or 2 chicken goujons + 1 healthy snack (choose from list below) \$1.70

Healthy Snack List

Choose 1 from:

- Fruit of the day
- Veggie sticks (add 10c for hummus)
- Popcorn bag
- Frozen fruit cup

A revised menu is available on the P&C website

www.balgowniepnc.com

When ordering a frozen item from the canteen, your child's lunch bag is stamped "Bring your Bag to canteen to collect item" – Please remind your child to come and collect their frozen item before 11.30am.

We are running very low on canteen volunteers. We desperately need **YOU!** A lot of our parents either work full time or have young children at home and are not in a situation as yet to help out. But if your situation has changed and you can volunteer once a month it would be greatly appreciated! We have lost 7 valuable volunteers in the last month alone, and without more help, our kids won't be able to order fresh lunches and yummy snacks. Please contact Delvene if you can help in any capacity. ballycanteen@gmail.com **Delvene - 0411 286 361**

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, in the school library.

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. 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.

ETHICS CLASSES STARTING NEXT WEEK!

We are happy to announce that ethics classes will begin for Balgownie students next Tuesday! For now we are running 2 classes with 2 specially trained Ethics Teachers which some of you may know. Please join me in welcoming Juan Sepulveda and Gabi Martinez who will be teaching Stage 1 and Stage 2 respectively. Both Juan

and Gabi have extensive education and facilitation experience and are very committed to Ethics classes at Balgownie. Both are parents at the school, and you may know them from their other roles at the school as Gabi is also P&C president and Juan is a hardworking member of the Grounds and Environment subcommittee. I warmly thank them for their time and effort in pursuing a new role as Ethics Teachers and know they will provide a great learning environment for our children. The first lesson will be an introduction to Primary Ethics, and I will continue to update you on topics your children will be examining as we progress. Stage 3 is waiting for 2 more children to join so that we can start their classes and Kindergarten ethics classes will begin next year when curriculum is approved by the Board of Studies. As always if anyone has any further questions regarding Primary Ethics please feel welcome to contact me. Best regards, Karen Rogers
Ethics Coordinator kazrogers@optusnet.com.au.

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



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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. FreeTry 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



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