



# THE BALLYBUZZ

## LIVING & LEARNING



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### WHAT'S ON?

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| Wed 11.9.13 | P&C Meeting 7.15pm in Library   |
| Thu 12.9.13 | Walk-a-thon/Fun Run   |
| Mon 16.9.13 | NAPLAN results to students this week<br>Yr6 Farewell planning meeting in staffroom 3.10pm |
| Wed 18.9.13 | Yr Adviser for Keira HS to speak to Yr6 2.15pm  |
| Thu 19.9.13 | Talk Like a Pirate Day - SRC<br>School Starters playgroup in Hall 9.15am – 10.45am        |
| Fri 20.9.13 | Last day of Term 3  |
| Tue 8.10.13 | First day of Term 4 – Students & Staff  |

### SASS STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK

This week, our School Administrative Support Staff are celebrating National Recognition Week 2013. SASS staff play an essential role in the operation of the school and in supporting student learning. Thanks to:

- Office staff who welcome everyone to our school, and multi task with all the many enquiries, people and first aid in a day. Service with a smile!
- The School Admin Manager (Michelle Thompson) is also responsible for the financial management of our school.
- Our School Admin Officers enrol students, process banking and procurement and work in the library.
- Our School Learning Support Officers assist teachers in providing care and management of students with disabilities, additional learning and behaviour needs. They also support teachers and students in implementing individual education programs.
- Our General Assistants assists in enhancing students' safety and learning environment, performing minor maintenance of buildings and equipment and upkeep of the playing fields and school grounds.

*Congratulations to all our SASS Staff – Thank you for the hard work you do*

**School Survey** I now have 20 parent surveys – please take 5 minutes to give us some feedback. A copy of the

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survey can be found on the BPS Website in *Forms* or collected from the office.

**P and C meeting tonight.** All welcome to attend the P and C meeting at 7.15pm in the library.

**Good luck Mrs Shum** and enjoy your maternity leave. Mrs Shum finishes today for the remainder of this year and part of next. Mrs Jones will be taking her role as RFF teacher for the remainder of the year.

**NAPLAN results** will be available for Years 3 and 5 next week. Your child's results will be given to them by their class teacher. Please make a time to meet with your child's teacher, the Assistant Principals or myself if you want some clarification of the reports.

**iPads are here!** Thanks to the P and C for donating the money from last year's fete for ten ipads and the hardware to support it. As a school we have bought another sixteen ipads, for the teachers to use for the remainder of this year and will go into the student pile for 2014. This is the best way for staff to become familiar with ipads and the benefits they have for our students. Thanks to Mr Loxton for his hard work in this area as Computer Coordinator.

**Congratulations** to Jamie Walsh for making the Grand Final of the Wave FM Rock Breakfast. Jamie will be contesting the final on Sat 23.11.13 at 11am at Stockland Shellharbour. Well done Jamie and good luck!

**Lost property** is an ENORMOUS pile of unnamed jumpers, jackets, hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. There are at least thirty jumpers and jackets without names. Those that are not claimed by the end of the term will be washed and given to the clothing pool to be sold as second hand clothes.

If your child has lost something, please come and check the pile. Maybe Walk a thon day? It is also a good time to

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[www.balgownie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.balgownie-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

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check your child's name is on all clothing as we return all clothing and other items if they have names on them.

**International talk like a pirate day** International talk like a pirate day is next Thursday here at school. Why? Just for some fun at the end of term! All children need to bring a gold coin to dress like a pirate and spend all day talking like one! Money raised by the SRC will go to our sponsor child.

In Pirate speak that is.....

Ahoy me mateys! Speak like a scurvy pirate next tuesday here at sword fightin' academy. All pirate crew need to brin' a doubloon to dress like a scurvy pirate aaarrrrr. All treasure collected gunna not be buried but be given to our overseas matey. So hoist a flag, dress like a pirate and join the ship to sail the ocean in search of buried treasure. AAAAAAARRRRRRRR

The official Talk Like a Pirate Day website has a section for children at [talklikeapirate.com/juniorporates](http://talklikeapirate.com/juniorporates) Good fun!

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

Kaiya Prowse  
Ashley Jones  
Yasmin Baghdadi  
Alli Soldi  
Jemima Baytieh  
Risha Kana  
Richard Zheng  
Jye Sheean  
William Papak  
Teagan Myers  
Nicole Issa  
Jack Naumovski  
Rebekah Burford

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

Ashley Boyle  
Gabriela Luzaic  
Caden Proudfoot  
Sofia Sepulveda

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

### Thought of the Week

Find the good. It is all around you. Find it.  
Show it to others, and you'll start believing in it.  
-Jesse Owens.

### Joke of the Week

Q: Which runs faster, hot or cold water?  
A: Hot, because you can catch cold.

### WALK-A-THON/FUN RUN

Don't forget! We are holding our walk-a-thon/fun run this Thursday. 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
- Pre-ordered Subway lunch (**orders now closed**)

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.

Money and sponsorship forms for this event are to be placed in the money slot in the office, **in the week following the walk-a-thon** (week 10).

Please join in and have some fun and help support our school!

Event co-ordinator - Mrs Birchall

### PLANT SALE AT THE WALKATHON

There will be a variety of plants for sale at the Walkathon. The stall will be situated on the chess board area under cover. There will be tomatoes, silverbeet, sunflowers, spring onions, herbs, lettuce, pineapple sage and a few other things for sale with prices between \$2.00-\$5.00. Funds will go towards further plants/seedlings and supplies for the vegetable garden and fruit tree grove.

Now is the time to plant so buy up for your garden beds at home! - Happy gardening.



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### GALA DAY

*Last Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, Stage 2 and 3 boys went down to Dalton Park to compete in a series of Dragon Tag games. It was a huge success and everyone went down and had a lot of fun. The Balgownie boys played against many schools such as Fairy Meadow, Corrimall East, Towradgi and Pleasant Heights. Many parents came down to watch their kids play and have some fun.*

*Gala day was a good day for most who loved and enjoyed it. Every year there are about 4 Gala days and we always enjoy them.*

*By Noah Newlyn*

*Last Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, Stage 2 and 3 girls went to Guest Park to play AFL at the PSSA Gala day. Every girl had heaps of fun and tried their hardest to win for their team. It was a hot day but great for sport and fun. Lots of schools were involved for a great game. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Mac, Mrs Hockey and Mrs Lynch for taking us girls to a fantastic day of sport.*

*By Emily Sproal*

### **BPS YEAR 6 FAREWELL 2013**

The next meeting to organise the farewell will be held:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 2013  
3.10pm in BPS Staff Room**

All year 6 parents/carers are welcome.

This is also the due date for photos for the year 6 graduation DVD.

### **PARENTING MAGAZINE ISSUE 10 IS OUT NOW**

[www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine)



Click on the link to take you to the Parenting Ideas magazine. It has hints and tips to help us all in the challenges that we face as parents!

### **MS SYDNEY TO GONG BIKE RIDE**

Miss Main and Mrs Hockey have entered the **MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride** and will be riding 90 km from St

Peters, Sydney to Wollongong on Sunday 3 November 2013 to raise funds for MS Australia.

Our team, **Jildewayne**, have committed to raise at least \$750 and this can only be achieved with your help. MS is the most common disease of the central nervous system and strikes young Australians in the prime of their lives.

#### **Did you know?**

- The average age of diagnosis is just 30
- Approximately 1000 Australians will be diagnosed with MS every year

Please take a moment to view our personal fundraising page at [www.msgongride.org.au](http://www.msgongride.org.au) and help us reach our goal by clicking 'DONATE'.

All information is secure and all donations will be sent electronically to MS Australia. A tax deductible receipt will then be sent straight to you when the transaction has been completed.

Alternatively, Miss Main and Mrs Hockey are accepting direct donations for which receipts will also be issued. Please contact Miss Main or Mrs Hockey, if you have any questions.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

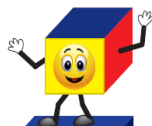
#### **2013 Week 10, Term 3**

| Day          | Date    | Name   |
|--------------|---------|--|
| <b>Mon</b>   | 16.9.13 | Nicky Kettley<br>Samantha Brown                    |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 17.9.13 | Wendy Wyatt<br>Barbara Picciolini                  |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 18.9.13 | Margaret Williams<br>Ann Foreman                   |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 19.9.13 | Corina Firpo<br>Megan Hammersley<br>Michelle Hodge |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 20.9.13 | <b>CLOSED</b><br><b>Canteen Cleaning Day</b>       |

### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### **CANTEEN CLOSURE**

The canteen will be **closed for lunch orders on Thursday 12th September**. We are working towards



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having the canteen open for counter sales at lunch time. We apologise for this inconvenience but without volunteers, we cannot open. Thankfully those students who have pre-ordered their subway meal deals will still receive a yummy nutritious lunch, drink and snack.

### CANTEEN CLEANING

If you can spare an hour or 2, to help clean the canteen, we need as many volunteers as possible to lighten the load. Duties include cleaning out the fridges, shelves, and benches. I am after a crew of 3 volunteers for the morning shift 9-11, 3 volunteers from 11-1 and another 3 volunteers from 1-3pm. please call Delv on 0411 286 361 or email [ballycanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ballycanteen@gmail.com)

### P&C MEETING

#### P&C meeting tonight at 7.15pm

Please come along to hear about the great things your P&C are doing to support our school and our kids. All welcome!

### P&C NEWS

#### AIRPLANES AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN

There are still rubber-band powered airplanes available through the canteen for \$5. They are a fun cheap & healthy outdoor activity, just in time for the school holidays. Buy as many as you like for holiday fun or gifts while stocks last.

### BUNNINGS BBQ

Our school has been offered through a ballot a rare fundraising opportunity to run a BBQ at Bunnings in Wollongong on Sunday 17th November. This is a short easy event that should raise over \$1000 for resources to help our school. To run it, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you have been unable to assist the school community due to events normally being held on weekdays, then this is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours of your time to help raise funds that will support your child's education. Please contact [p.and.c@hotmail.com](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com) if you can assist.

### LOST/FOUND

Car keys handed in at office:

- Honda car key with house keys attached
- Nissan car key on silver car key chain

These can be collected from the office.

### ETHICS UPDATE

Stage 2 will be continuing with the topic of Being Greedy until the end of term, while Stage 1 will move onto a new topic, Being Similar and Being Different.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### RUN WOLLONGONG

Join in on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to Run Wollongong and raise funds for Para Meadows School.

You can register to run or walk and choose to fundraise or donate to Para Meadows.

How to register:

1. Go to the Run Wollongong website.  
[www.runwollongong.com.au](http://www.runwollongong.com.au)
2. Click on Get Involved and scroll down to register.
3. Register **No 20 for Para Meadows**, then follow the prompts.

#### CORRIMAL NIPPERS REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, 15<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> September 2013.

10:00am to 12:00pm at Corrimal Pool.

(Short Street, Corrimal)

**Please note that proof of age for the children will be required on the day (new registrations only).**

For additional details see our website

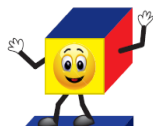
[www.corrimalnippers.com/](http://www.corrimalnippers.com/) or 0437 658 225

#### BALGOWNIE CRICKET CLUB SEEKING UNDER 10s PLAYERS

To play in the inclusive 2 hour format on Saturday mornings 16 over innings, everyone bats, everyone bowls. Players for u10s must be 9 or under as at 31/8

Contact Catherine Harding on

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



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## DINOSAUR PETTING ZOO

30 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER

Join in the fun of this unique show that allows kids and adults to travel on a journey through prehistoric Australia!

Recommend for ages 5+

Running Time: Approx. 50 mins (no interval)

Tickets: \$22

Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, 32 Burelli St,  
Wollongong

Bookings: 4224 5999 | [www.merrigong.com.au](http://www.merrigong.com.au)



## NO PARKING

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.



## NO STOPPING / NO STANDING

These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

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## Balgownie Public School School Starters Community Play Group



If you have a child starting kindergarten in 2014 and would like to meet other parents/carers and their children who will also be starting next year at Balgownie Public School we would love to meet you! Siblings are welcome to come along.



Playgroup will be held each week on a Thursday between 9.15am and 10.45am in Term 4!

At each playgroup session there will be a different activity relating to the transition to school.

Attendance at playgroup has no bearing on successful application for out of area school enrolment.



| Date          | Location            |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 10th October  | School Hall         |
| 17th October  | School Hall         |
| 24th October  | School Hall         |
| 31st October  | School Hall         |
| 7th November  | School Hall         |
| 14th November | School Hall         |
| 21st November | School Hall         |
| 28th November | Party - School Hall |

For further details and to be added to our contact list please don't hesitate to contact us;

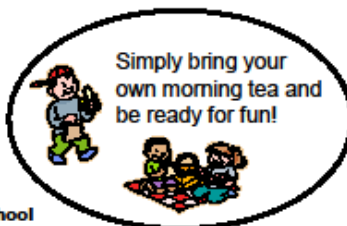
- Mary Dilber 0407 955 099
- Shellie Lavery 0422 370 796
- Gayle Galvin 0426 893 782
- Natalie Young 0414 944 881

Alternatively you can email us;  
[bpsplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:bpsplaygroup@gmail.com)



### Term 3 – Remaining Dates

| Date           | Location    |
|----------------|-------------|
| 5th September  | School Hall |
| 19th September | School Hall |



Simply bring your own morning tea and be ready for fun!

Please note a gold coin donation would be very much appreciated so that we can cover costs of craft materials for the children.



**\*Note:** Balgownie Public School is a NUT Free School



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