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WHAT'S ON?

Thu	19.9.13	Talk Like a Pirate Day - SRC 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

Term 4 Planner attached to the newsletter – please put it on your fridge.

Walk-a-thon was a HUGE success. Thank you to Mrs Birchall who coordinated it and the Fundraising committee. A big thanks must also go to the parents who helped in the canteen with the Subway lunches. It was challenging but you made it!

It was a fabulous day when the weather was kind and the students, staff and parents had a wonderful social occasion while walking around our beautiful school grounds.

The record was set by Clancy Lowe and Leroy Black who completed 18 laps in an hour. What champion runners! All of our students participated to their best and it was also a pleasure to see small children being assisted by older students and family members.

Make sure that you get those sponsor forms and money in before the end of the term to collect the prizes. Thanks to the parents, families, neighbours and workmates of parents who have sponsored our students.

Congratulations to our Premiere Spelling Bee finalists who attended the regional finals at Figtree Public School on Friday 13th September. We are proud of your efforts. Here are some candid interviews with our finalists:

"It felt overwhelming and I was scared at first, then proud of myself at the end. I came 4th out of 46 children. Hope I can do it again next year." Aiden Nakamura-Bell

"I was nervous. In the first round nobody got any words wrong. I got out on the fourth round and I came 15th out of 46 people. It was a great experience and I would like to do it again." Kalia Spencer

18.9.13

TERM 3 – WEEK10

"I was excited yet nervous. I got out on the sixth round and came equal 3rd out of 46 children. It was overwhelming at first but I got used to it." Hunter Turnbull

"It was fun, I wasn't really that nervous. I got out on the fifth round and came equal 4th. I am not a good speaker but this experience made me more confident". Flynn MacFarlane

Crossing on Balgownie Road. Most of the signage has been completed and the changes that you need to know are as follows.

- Where there is a yellow line on the gutter, it is a no stopping zone. This means you are not to stop your car for any reason, even to quickly drop off your children. There are also 'no stopping' signage there. Please be aware of these no stopping zones as they are for the safety of the students in our school.
- "Kiss and Drop" zone is now to the west of the school gate and has room for about three cars at a time. This is not a place to park and leave the car, or park and wait for your child to come out of school. These zones are designed for 2 minute stopping only.
- Across the road between the school gate and Brokers Road (on the other side) is space for 2 cars to park.
- Please go through the Children's crossing rules with your children. If the flags are up, they have right of way. If the flags are not up, they must give way to cars. It is also good practice to teach your child to look before crossing to make sure the cars have seen them and are stopping.
- As a driver at children's crossings, you need to stop at the painted line and you are not allowed to move until all pedestrians are completely off the road. This is different to zebra crossings.

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for

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language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

Our New Assistant Principal has been selected. Ms Sarah Steele will begin at Balgownie Public School next year. Ms Steele comes with 14 years teaching experience and is currently working as a Regional trainer in K-4 Literacy. She has a great depth and breadth of experience and knowledge that will be an asset to our school. We look forward to working with her and learning from her. Welcome to Ms Steele!

Thank you to the P and C. At the last meeting the P and C agreed to fund a number of projects.

1. **Ipads.** P and C are putting \$9000 to our iPad purchasing. They have arrived in the school and are being processed for the students to be able to use them from term 4 onwards. Staff are already using the ones the school purchased for training purposes and these will be added to for student usage in 2014.
2. **Mrs Lynch's Story Wheel.** Mrs Lynch with Stage 2 and some creative people are designing a creative story telling outdoor learning spinning wheel. This would be able to be used for class time and at break times by the students. It will be put on the wall near Mrs Lewis' room. Approximately \$1000.
3. **Book purchasing.** We have just spent \$6000 in upgrading our Stage 2 and 3 novels etc for the new curriculum, and for increasing the stock of books for Early Stage One and Stage One. (\$2000 per stage). The P and C are matching this amount to build quality literature in the school for our children. \$6000.

Literature in the new English syllabus has some mandatory content eg: spoken, print, visual and multimedia texts. There is also a range of literature mandated including quality literature, Australian literature, from other countries and times, intercultural experiences, people and cultures of Asia, everyday

and community texts, factual texts, environmental and social sustainability, and digital texts.

4. **Australian Standing Orders for the library.** Each year, Mrs Birchall purchases this resource which adds to the variety and depth of reading material available in our library. \$2000.

Thank you to the P and C team who made the decisions and to the parents and community who have worked really hard in fundraising to have the money available to spend. The \$9000 is from last year's fete and the rest of the money is from efforts this year.

On behalf of the children and teachers at our school, thanks. It is a pleasure to work with a community who are as committed to our students as we are!

This term has been very busy and productive, both in the classrooms, and in the many diverse experiences provided for our students each day. My thanks to the staff who are a fantastic group of professionals who strive to continually improve, so that your children can receive the best possible education. I feel lucky that I work in a school where there are so many talented teachers.

Thanks also to the children who have been a joy to be with these ten weeks of Term Three. This school is a place where there is a warmth in the interactions between the children and the school values are demonstrated in the way our children learn.

Have a wonderful holiday and I am looking forward to Term 4 starting on Tuesday 8th October.

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the Week

It's not enough to stare up the steps; you have to step up the stairs - Coach Hugh Moyer

Joke of the Week

Q: What two things can you not have for breakfast?

A: Lunch and dinner.

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you have informed the school of any changes to your contact information and/or emergency contacts. It is very important that we can contact you immediately regarding your child if required.



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

Toby Sproates
Ella Gray
Kalia Spencer
Teagan Myers
Alex Down
Cooper Morrison
Lochlan Cohen
Emma Lowe
Riley Ukotic
Samantha Cooper
Tommy Agnew
Brodie Hawes

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

Risha Kana
Philippa Smith

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please go to the schools webpage and download the Parents Online Payment (POP) Instructions.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2013

Stewart House Clothing Appeal collection bags have been handed out to students today. Holidays are a great time to spring clean your wardrobe and sort through any unused clothing. Clothing bags can be left in the old school hall awaiting collection. **Please return to school before Thursday 10th October.**

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 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.

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

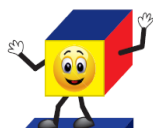
As of 15th October 2013 it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students. This can be done via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name
- class
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.



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CANTEEN ROSTER 2013 Week 1, Term 4

Day	Date	Name
Mon	7.10.13	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues	8.10.13	Callie Heyman Rachel Quinn
Wed	9.10.13	Corrine Proudfoot Lisa Tunstall
Thurs	10.10.13	Nazneen Nowsher Michelle Hodge HELP NEEDED
Fri	11.10.13	CLOSED

P&C NEWS

**NEXT P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013**

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.

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**

LOST/FOUND

Keys handed in at office:

- Set of house keys on Ramsay Health Care blue lanyard.

Please pick up from office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RUN WOLLONGONG

Join in on the 20th 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
2. Click on Get Involved and scroll down to register.
3. Register **No 20 for Para Meadows**, then follow the prompts.

NORTH WOLLONGONG NIPPERS

We're inviting all kids aged 5 – 13 years (as at October 1st 2013) who would like to have some fun in the sun, meet new friends and learn some surf safety and surf skills, to come along and join the North Wollongong Surf Club Nippers at the Illawarra's premier beach.

We're holding registration days at the surf club on:

Sunday September 22nd: 9am – 11am

Sunday September 29th: 9am – 11am

New members are required to bring their birth certificate along to registration for age verification. For further information please refer to our website:

www.nwslsc.com.au See you on the beach!

CORRIMAL NIPPERS REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday, 29TH 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

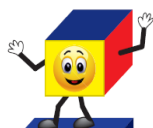
www.corrimalnippers.com/ or 0437 658 225

WOLLONGONG SWIM CLUB REGISTRATION 2013/14

The Wollongong Swim Club is taking new registrations for the coming 2013/14 summer season. Point score evenings run every Friday night with entries from 5.45pm and cater for swimmers aged U6 (bubble club) to adults. We are a strong club that has both recreational swimmers, Country, State and National Competitors. Come and enjoy swimming for the summer season!

Where: Beaton Park Leisure Centre's Indoor Heated Pool.

When: Friday 11th October 2013 (Start of Point Score) and every Friday night after that until Christmas.



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Time: 5.45pm for a 6.30pm start for point score. Finish approx. 7.15pm

For any enquires please email: wollongongswimclubinc@gmail.com or contact Vanessa Cliff (0407240902).

ARTSPACE

Artspace is a creative arts studio for children and young people aged 3-18 years, located in Corrimal. Studio offerings include fun, inspiring classes during school term and special interest workshops during school holidays.

These September School Holidays we have some brand new workshops including Heidi Hodeo Rodeo's Circus, App Games Design, and Action Filmmaking & SK8 Design. Please see our holiday programs at: <http://thecreativityproject.com.au/artspace/school-holidays>

TOWRADGI JUNIOR SLSC NIPPERS REGISTRATION DAYS

Sun 22 and Sun 29 Sept

10am-2pm at surf club downstairs

\$55 junior members (family discount applies for 3 children)

Our season starts Sun 20th October.

We are a family friendly club with kids having a great time learning and having fun

Enquiries ph Bec McCarthy 0439730460
rebecca@rumentertainment.com

UNITINGCARE COMMUNITY

Become an Intensive Foster Carer with UnitingCare Community.

We are seeking motivated and committed individuals who are willing and have the time to become an Intensive Primary or Respite Foster Carer for children between the ages of 0 -18years, with extreme to complex needs.

Intensive Foster Carer placements are required to meet the needs of young people who may exhibit challenging behaviours, a diagnosed disability and additional medical conditions or complications. Intensive Carers play a vital role in the lives of young people by including them in their family, by providing a nurturing relationship and safe and stable home life. An Intensive Foster Carer can be a full time 24/7 carer or provide respite care on weekends and holidays.

Please contact the UnitingCare Community Family Lives Program on 3363 2228 for further information.



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



Term 3 – Remaining Dates

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

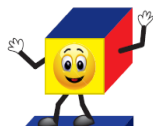


Simply bring your own morning tea and be ready for fun!

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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Term 4 2013 – Parent Planner

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
Wk 1	7 October Public Holiday	8 October	9 October <i>P and C Meeting- cancelled</i>	10 October Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 - Hall	11 October	12 13 Oct
2	14 October	15 October	16 October Stage 3 to Canberra	17 October Stage 3 to Canberra <i>Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 – Hall Parent Evening – Kinder 7-8.30pm</i>	18 October Stage 3 to Canberra	19 20 Oct
3	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 – Hall <i>Netball Gala Day @ Fred Finch park</i>	25 October P and C Trivia night @ Collies	26 27 Oct
4	28 October <i>Lock Down this week- from playground</i>	29 Oct	30 Oct <i>Kinder orientation in classrooms 9.10 and 10am</i>	31 Oct Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 - Hall	1 November Choir singing in mall near markets	2 3 Nov
5	4 November	5 November	6 November Kinder orientation 9.30- 11am	7 November Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 – Hall – meet buddies	8 November Brokers Gala Day	9 10 Nov
6	11 November <i>Swim scheme begins for 2 weeks Remembrance Day</i>	12 November	13 November Kinder orientation 9.30- 11am <i>P and C Meeting 7.15 6.45pm Principal report</i>	14 November Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 - Hall	15 November	16 17
7	18 November <i>Swim scheme</i>	19 November	20 November <i>Executive Meeting 8am</i>	21 November Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 - Hall	22 November	23 24 Nov
8	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November Last day Transition Playgroup 9.15-10.45 - Hall	29 Nov	30 Nov 1Dec
9	2 December	3 December Scripture/parent helper morning tea 11-11.30	4 December <i>Yr 6 to high school orientation</i>	5 December Playgroup Christmas Party?	6 December K-2 Concert	7 8 Dec
10	9 December	10 December	11 December Presentation Day 9.15am <i>P and C Meeting 7.15</i>	12 December Yr 6 Graduation 9.15 + Morning tea Yr 6 farewell	13 December	14 15 Dec
11 Hols	16 December <i>Reports to Parents Talent Quest K-3 perform 11.50-1pm</i>	17 December Talent Quest 4-6 perform 11.50-1pm	18 December Students last day Students -2.30pm into quad.	19 December Staff Development Day	20 December Staff Development Day	21 22 Dec



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