



# THE BALLYBUZZ

## LIVING & LEARNING



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### WHAT'S ON?

Thu	5.9.13	School Starters Playgroup in Hall from 9.15am
Fri	6.9.13	Brokers Gala Day
Wed	11.9.13	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Thu	12.9.13	Walk-a-thon/Fun Run

**Southern Stars enriches school experience.** Last week our region celebrated the 13th year of Southern Stars. As always it was a spectacular event. Close to 3000 performers from schools across the region participated. It was an outstanding showcase of the performing arts in our public schools and a celebration of the talents, skills, enthusiasm and commitment of their students, staff and communities. A special mention, to our three performers in the ISER company; Jamie Walsh (singing), Hayley Bannerman (drama) and Kate Critcher (dancing).

Congratulations dancers and thank you to Mrs Shum. Her amazing personal and professional commitment to ensuring the quality and success of the show is deeply appreciated. Mrs Burns, Mrs Costabile and Mrs Lewis also helped Mrs Shum supervise our students. Thank you! Thanks also to the parents and helpers. Sixty of our Stage Two students had the opportunity to see the show on Friday.

**Well done India McKeown** India came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 8-10 years high jump at the Regional Athletics Carnival with a jump of 1.15metres. She narrowly missed being a place getter as the highest jump recorded was only 5cm more. Great effort to India and to all of our competitors who represented our school and Broker's District.

**School Survey** I now have 14 parent surveys – please take 5 minutes to give us some feedback. A copy of the survey can be found on the BPS Website in *Forms* or collected from the office.

**Basketball girls are stars** Our very first girls basketball team played in the Regional final of the basketball knockout. Unfortunately they were beaten 21-7 by Queanbeyan Public School. Our girls were tenacious in defence and strong in attack but the baskets didn't go

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their way. Well done to the entire team and to their coach Mr Dewar. They are, after all, the Upper South Coast region champions!

**Reading eggs have been very successful** Reading Eggs have sent us some performance and engagement data with our students using both Reading Eggs at home and at school. Our students have completed 17,571 lessons. That is phenomenal! Well done to all the families, students and teachers who have made the most of this resource. We need our kids to have great reading skills to be the learners we want them to be! Thanks to Mrs Kerema for her organisation of this event.

**Did you know** that anywhere a yellow line is painted next to the gutter, that it is a no stopping zone. The new children's crossing is operating and the new road signage is on its way. (It has to be custom made.) Please read and discuss the safety messages at the end of the newsletter. It is important that we as drivers and our children as pedestrians understand what has to happen around the school.

**Gala day Fun** It is expected that all Year 3-6 students will attend Gala Day. These days are important in giving students a chance to compete in a friendly atmosphere and try sports that they may not play on the weekend. Your child will have a fabulous day at the Gala day where they can play sport and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with their friends and classmates. It is part of the rich experiences we offer at primary school.

Students may find a new sport that they would like to pursue in later life and with the focus on Australians living a healthy life it is important to give children as many diverse opportunities as possible. The Stage 3 students who attend Point Wolstoncroft next year will also experience activities that are outside the normal sport program such as canoeing, archery, giant swing challenge, climbing wall, challenge ropes course and bushwalking.

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Please support us by ensuring that you promote Gala days as part of the school curriculum and that it is expected that your child attends and participates as well as they can. We are working together to help our children live a healthy life!

Make attending school a priority. It is important that children attend school every day as a day missed can **NEVER** be replaced. Children who are used to having days off school for all kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important to you. In High School they will themselves choose when to go to school – for a parent this will be a big issue.

**Hot weather = sun safety+ school hats.** Most of our students wear their school hats with pride and look extremely smart in their uniform. There are a few students choosing not to wear our uniform and I ask your help in ensuring that your child is not only wearing a hat, but is wearing a Balgownie School Hat. Bucket hats or wide brimmed hats are recommended as the most protective for your children.

**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  
Angus Kettley  
Skye Spencer  
Gemma King  
Hannah Sproal  
Philippa Smith  
Eli Kohler  
Helen Halios-Lewis  
Lara Picciolini  
Monique Jones  
Will Newman

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

Zoe McKensy  
Sam Dyson  
Lazar Sukara  
Dylan King

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

### Thought of the Week

#### REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN:

1. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
2. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
3. They were too close to the door to close it.
4. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
5. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
6. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
7. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
8. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
9. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
10. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
11. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

### Joke of the Week

**Q:** *What kind of dress can't be worn?*  
**A:** *Address.*

### BALLY KIDS SHINE AT SOUTHERN STARS

Congratulations to the 29 Stage 3 children who participated at this year's Southern Stars Extra Extravaganza.

The responsibility, respect, grace and humour the children demonstrated through the whole experience was phenomenal. It is a huge commitment from the children and they truly were a credit to themselves and their families.

Thank you also to parents who dropped off and picked up children from our meeting place and waited patiently



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when rehearsal and shows went overtime. Thank you to Mr Barrett and Mr Loxton who shouldered responsibility of the rest of Stage 3 at school. A **big thank you** must be given to Mrs Shum who ran the whole team from beginning to end with positivity and skill.

### iGROW VIDEO CONFERENCE

Last Wednesday, the children in KD, KK and K/1M all participated in the iGrow video conference run by the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre. The children were excited to see and interact with students from several other schools in Sydney. The text *The Surprise Garden* launched their journey of plant discovery. The children explored the diversity of plants, flowers and seeds through a range of interactive activities and finished the conference singing the song *Dig Away*.

### 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
- Pre-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.

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).

Event co-ordinator - Mrs Birchall

### SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

*Last term our awesome PSSA Senior girls Basketball team began our quest to become South Coast Champions.*

*We beat Keiraville PS, Albion Park PS and Moss Vale PS. However yesterday we played Queanbeyan PS in the finals and we lost. Our team played like true*

*champions until the final whistle blew.*

*We would like to give a big thanks to Mr Dewar and parents for their time!*

*By Natalia, Zarah, Molly W and Jamie*

### 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.

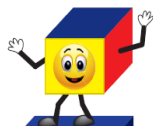
### **BPS YEAR 6 FAREWELL 2013**

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.



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### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### 2013 Week 9, Term 3

Day	Date	Name
Mon	9.9.13	Alison Knight Wendy Myers
Tues	10.9.13	Callie Heyman Rachel Quinn
Wed	11.9.13	Lisa Tunstall Alison Neal Amie Grierson
Thurs	12.9.13	Karen Rogers <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
Fri	13.9.13	<b>CLOSED</b>

### P&C NEWS

#### FATHER'S DAY AIRPLANES

We hope all of the Dads enjoyed their day on Sunday. If you particularly enjoyed playing with the rubber-band powered airplanes and would like to buy more for the whole family to enjoy during this warm weather, then we can help! These fun airplanes will be sold through the canteen for \$5 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. We require someone to co-ordinate the day and a big band of merry BBQ-ers to feed the DIY home renovators. Please contact p.and.c@hotmail.com if you can assist.

### FATHER'S DAY STALL - A FUN SUCCESS!

Firstly a big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped at the Father's Day Stall. Thanks to your involvement we can run school community events like this smoothly and enjoyably for all.

The kids loved the opportunity to buy gifts for their Dads and other special people. If your child has brought home an IOU slip then please return that with the correct money this week to Mrs Birchall who has their items in the library.

We hope that all the BPS Dads enjoy their Father's Day surprises that were carefully selected by their children with great excitement and love. Happy Father's Day!

### 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

#### 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

#### ARCADIANS CHILDREN THEATRE PRESENTS

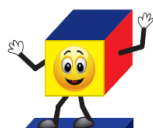
##### **SHEERLUCK HOLMES**

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Miner's Lamp Theatre

141 Princes Highway, Corrimal

[www.arcadians.org.au](http://www.arcadians.org.au) 02 4284 8348



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### 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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## 12. Safety around school crossings



Transport  
Roads & Traffic  
Authority

- Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.
- Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing:
  - 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:
  - 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 applies 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.



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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



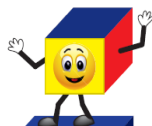
Simply bring your own morning tea and be ready for fun!



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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