

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 1

Wednesday 29 January 2014

CALENDAR

Term 1

Wednesday	29 Jan	Students return
Monday	3 Feb	Kinder start
Wednesday	5 Feb	Swimming Carnival – UOW Pool 9.30-2.30
Thursday	6 Feb	Gym sports
Friday	7 Feb	Gym sports

Calendar for Term One is attached to this newsletter.

Welcome back to everyone! It is lovely to see our students and families back. I hope that your holiday was relaxing!

We have had some staff changes. Mrs Dunnell has retired and Mrs Shum is still on maternity leave. Mrs Jones is teaching Mrs Shum's role as RFF teacher, focusing on the performing arts for Semester One. Welcome to Ms Sarah Steele our new Assistant Principal and to Ms Anna Scott who is teaching this year. They are all fabulous additions to our school and I know that you will make these teachers feel at home in our community. Welcome back Mrs Nikki Dalla Pozza, our school counsellor who is returning after Maternity Leave on Mondays to our school. Congratulations to our Mrs Sascha Lynch who was successful in being permanently appointed at our school through merit selection. We are proud of you!

Welcome to our new students who are busy making new friends and settling in to our Balgownie routines. Our new Kindergartens are currently doing 'Best Start' assessment with the Early Years team. They are gorgeous and we can't wait to have them here with us on Monday on their first official day at school.

Thank you in anticipation for your patience for the next few days while we make the classes the best combinations we can for the learning and social needs of all of our students. Balgownie numbers are at 318 at this moment and if our numbers stay steady, then our school will remain at 13 classes.

Children are hopefully in their classes and in two weeks is

the census date for student numbers. Unless we gain or lose a number of students, they will mostly remain in these classes. It is always difficult to predict the future! We have made some minor changes already and there may be a few more changes in the next few days. We have the best interests of our students as the centre of our decision making processes.

Our classes and teachers are currently as follows.

KK	Mrs Alison Kerema
KD	Ms Sarah Steele (Assistant Principal)
1A	Ms Anna Scott
1S	Mrs Heather Sheath
1/2 D	Mr Geoff Dewer
2L	Mrs Jenny Lewis
2S	Mrs Sascha Lynch
3HR	Mrs Davina Robson (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Jill Hockey (Assistant Principal Wed-Fri)
3/4 D	Miss Deb Main
4M	Mr McGoldrick (Assistant Principal Thur and Fri)
4/5M	Mr Michael Barrett
5/6B	Mrs Dianne Burns
6L	Mr Martin Loxton (Assistant Principal)
RFF	Mrs Cathy Jones (Mon-Wed and Friday)
Library	Mrs Jacqui Birchall
English as Second Language	Mrs Sandra West (Mon-Tues)
Support Teacher	Mrs Vanessa Cliff (Mon- Wed and ESL Thurs)
School Counsellor	Mrs Nikki Dalla Pozza

We also have our wonderful SASS crew of Michelle Thompson (SAM), Mrs Joanne Oyston, Mrs Jenny Price, Mrs Sue Simpson and Mrs Joanne Carrigan who make sure our school runs effectively and our General Assistants Mr Dave Swan, Mr Brett Summerfield and Mr Gareth Quinn.

School leaders for 2014 Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as School Leaders in 2014.

Molly Drain	Max Whalan
Claudia Konza	Mitchell Welsh

The other leadership responsibilities include Sport, IT, Environment and SRC leaders. All of our Year Six students will be working hard to uphold our reputation as a school which values learning, behaviour and

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caring for each other in school. They will undertake leadership training with their Stage Three teachers.

3Rs at Balgownie are respect, responsibility and real learning. Community choose our school and are proud to send their children here because of our high standards in teaching, learning and behaviour. This is a safe place for students. These high expectations have to be encouraged by staff and families working together.

We want to start the year with high expectations in our uniform. All students are expected to be in full school uniform and this has been endorsed by the P and C.

P and C are helping families of our new Kindergarten students by providing every student with a hat. Thankyou for this lovely way to make our students feel part of our school community.

Our expectations of uniform include not just the correct dress, shirt, shorts or trousers but also the following.

- A school hat – either the bucket hat or the cap. The school recommends the bucket hat but respects family decision making about hat choice. From the start of 2015, all students will be required to wear a bucket hat. Hats are all now \$10.00. No other hats are accepted (eg black hats with other logos).
- Black shoes or joggers with white socks for girls and white for boys. No high tops.
- Minimal jewellery.
- School jumpers or jackets only.
- Black or white hair accessories.
- Sports uniforms on Fridays no longer requires white sport shoes.

The Uniform shop is open on Tuesdays at 8.30 am and otherwise students can order through the canteen. If there are any concerns with this, please make a time to talk to me about it. We really want all of our students to wear school uniform proudly!

Please come to the office and update any contact details or changes in medical conditions for your children. We need to be able to reach you in case of an emergency. This is for the safety of your children. If your child has asthma or anaphylactic reactions, it is your responsibility to update your child's medical plan and medications.

Joke of the week

Q: What starts with an E and ends with E, but only contains one letter?

A: An envelope!

Thought of the week

Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on your way.

- Dr Seuss.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Balgownie Public School Swimming carnival will be held on Wed 5 February at UOW Aquatic Centre. The Carnival is for Stage 2 and Stage 3 competitors and 8 year old students, that can swim 50m competently. Permission/information notes will be sent home with students on Thursday.

GYMSPORTS

Our Gymsports Program will commence on Thur 6 February. This is an 8 week program by qualified teachers. A permission/information note has been given to students today.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to all our volunteers, kids, teachers and parents. We are off to a great start with our canteen now opening 5 days a week! A massive thankyou to all our volunteers, who have made this possible.

We still need 10-12 more volunteers to ensure it runs smoothly so if you can spare 1 day a month please contact Delvene on 0411 286 361 or email

delvenehenington@hotmail.com

Can I please ask all canteen volunteers to sms or email Delvene with their availabilities/unavailabilities, email address and phone numbers.

Thanks again and looking forward to a yummy, healthy and profitable 2014!

Help required for Thur 30.1.14 and Frid 31.1.14

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 2 Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Mon	3.2.14	Alison McKillop Emma Kipps
Tue	4.2.14	Marissa Bull Penny Fraser Sarah Nilon
Wed	5.2.14	Ljuba Rodic Michelle Fulcher
Thur	6.2.14	Nazneen Nowsher Tanya Vilestra Helen Lewis
Frid	7.2.14	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Gessica Belsito Lilliana Vlachos



Term 1 Parent Planner 2014

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
W k 1	27 Jan Australia Day Holiday	28 Jan SDD	29 Jan <i>Students return</i> Best Start Staff Training CPR	30 Jan Best Start	31 Jan Best Start	1/2 Feb
2	3 Feb <i>Kinder begin</i>	4 Feb	5 Feb Swimming carnival uni pool 9.30-2.30	6 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	7 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall</i>	8/9 Feb
3	10 Feb Meet the teacher this week	11 Feb Scripture starts 9.30am	12 Feb P and C -7.15pm	13 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	14 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall</i>	15 16 Feb
4	17 Feb Fire drill this week <i>Leaders Induction</i> 2.20pm	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	21 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall</i>	22 23 Feb
5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb Brokers swimming carnival	27 Feb <i>Gym sports - hall in use all day</i>	28 Feb Schools Clean Up Day <i>Gym sports</i>	1 /2 Mar
6	3 Mar CSIRO visit K-6	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 March <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	7 March Region Swimming <i>Gym sports</i>	8 9 Mar
7	10 March	11 March	12 March Principal's report 6.45pm AGM – P and C 7.15pm	13 March Selective High School assessment <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	14 March <i>Gym sports - hall</i> Team meeting 8.20am ICT	15 16 Mar
8	17 March Seniors Week – Grandparents Day 10am class visits 11am picnic lunch	18 March	19 March <i>Executive Meeting 8am</i>	20 March <i>Gym sports - hall in use</i>	21 March <i>Gym sports - hall</i> Harmony Day	22 23 Mar
9	24 March	25 March	26 March Stage Three Assembly 2.15	27 March School Photos	28 March	29 Work ing Bee
10	31 Mar Auditions for WHSPA	1 Apr	2 Apr World of Maths	3 Apr World of Maths	4 Apr	6 Apr 125 th Anniv ersary
11	7 April Parent teacher interviews this week Cross country 9.15	8 April	9 April	10 April <i>Gym sports - hall in use all day</i>	11 April <i>Gym sports - hall</i>	12 Apr

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