

The Bally Buzz

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Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 15th October 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 4

Thur	16 Oct	Playgroup in Hall
Frid	17 Oct	Plant Mufti Day
Sat	18 Oct	School Fete

In case you hadn't heard... the school fete is on THIS SATURDAY!! Fingers crossed for good weather. Thank you to all of the parents, teachers, students and community who are contributing to the school fete to raise money for the children at our school. The last school fete raised \$27000. Our students have benefitted from this last fete and with your help on Saturday, we will be able to provide our students with outdoor play equipment.

Thank you to the 90 volunteers on the day from set up to working on stalls. There are still a few vacancies so if you can spare an hour or so please see Donna or Megan. There is also a need for some extra hands to pack up at the end, so if you can help, please let the committee know.

A huge thanks to Donna and Megan who have organised the fete, the coordinators who have taken responsibility for different areas and people who have donated time and expertise to making it the success we know that it will be.

Plant mufti is this Friday so bring your plants and wear mufti for our fete.

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016 Application is required by 17 November 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016. This is for the academically selective schools, such as Smiths Hill High School.

There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW. Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools. Placement in the virtual selective high school is restricted to students intending to enrol in a government high school in a country area far from a city.

Parents of Year 5 students have received a letter which is an expression of interest in applying for selective high school placement for their children. Please return these slips to the school by 24 October so that we know who is intending to apply.

Those students who wish to apply will be given an information booklet. This is also available on the High Performing Students Unit's website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. All applications need to be made online as no paper applications will be accepted. No late applications will be accepted by the Selective High School Unit.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

A bit of English language fun.

This is dedicated to anyone who is trying to learn English. We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes; but the plural of ox became oxen not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice; yet the plural of house is houses, not hice. If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I spoke of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose, and the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

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Joke of the week

Q: Why do vampires need mouthwash?

A: They have bat breath.

Thought of the week

Believe you can and you're halfway there."
~Theodore Roosevelt

BOOK CLUB

This will be the last Book Club for the year, so don't miss out. Book Club money and orders are due by Wednesday 22nd October, 2014. Please place in Book Club Box in the front office. Please ensure that **correct money** is provided. Remember, if you place a phone or internet order to Scholastic, please ensure that the order form still comes through the school.

SPELLING BEE FINALISTS

Congratulations to our spelling bee finalists who represented the school in the regional Premiere's Spelling Bee finals. It was a great experience for them and here is what they said...

Daniel M - "At first it was frightening but when I started spelling the words it got easier. I made it to the 7th round. I now know how to spell hallucination".

Connor F - "I was the second speller so it was extra scary. Once it started it was easy. I know how to spell the words margarine and ferret now".

Charlotte A - "I was really scared but in the end it was fun. I can spell the word rendezvous now".

Kate C - "They gave us a cool lunch with scones. I now know how to spell the word chromosomes".

INTERRELATE PROGRAM

Please remember to complete and return the participation slip to the school office, with payment and child/family details as soon as possible.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 20th October	Elicia Quinn Kim Mercieca
Tuesday 21st October	Merek Deacon Martha Newman
Wednesday 22nd October	Hazel Merola Nicky Kettley
Thursday 23rd October	CLOSED
Friday 24th October	Michelle Reid Sharyn Ross Tracey Koshney

CANTEEN NEWS

This year the canteen has been running with very limited volunteers. We are working hard to keep the canteen open,

but have been forced to close on occasions.

A crucial role in maintaining the canteen, especial through the 2014/15 transition period is the Volunteer Coordinator. This role has been vacant and advertised all year. We are desperately seeking a new volunteer to fill this role. If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Faye (0401520632 | ballycanteen@gmail.com).

OTHER VACANCIES

We currently have four vacancies on Thursdays and one on Wednesday for monthly rotation. We are also seeking a shopper to purchase green groceries weekly.

UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN

<http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms>

Have the ease of paying via Credit Card, PayPal, Direct Deposit or even Cash* or Cheque*.

No more queues... Just order online, choose one easy payment method and deliveries are made every week to you nominated child's classroom.

For further enquiries or appointments please email uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com

*Cash or cheque payments are to be made through the canteen slot in a sealed envelope with your order number.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****PLAY CRICKET WITH BALGOWNIE THIS SUMMER**

Many of the BPS students were involved in the cricket program in term 3.

Balgownie Junior Cricket Club is still looking for players for the Under 10 and Under 12 ages.

The game format is inclusive and everyone bats and bowls. Training is generally 1 hour per week and games about 2 hours on Saturday mornings.

For more information please phone Cathy Harding on 0431259389.

OUR FETE IS ON THIS SATURDAY 18th October 2014 10am - 4pm

KEEP AN EYE OUT, ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE A FETE PROGRAM TODAY.....



PLANT STALL MUFTI DAY THIS FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER...

Please come along dressed in Mufti and bring along a plant for the fete plant stall (or bring a money donation instead if you would prefer). Some examples include:

Carniverous plants (Venus fly traps etc), Herbs, veggies, Showy natives (eg kangaroo paws), Showy flowering shrubs (eg daisies), Unusual plants (e.g. orchids), Indoor plants.

Friday Helpers - Fete preparations will be in full swing on Friday. If you can lend a hand on the day, we would love the help.

Cake Stall - If you are baking for the cake stall, you should now have your box(es). If you have not received them, please let us know. We are still looking for people to bake. Please place your form in the canteen slot by tomorrow or email balgownie.fete@gmail.com if you are able to bake.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE OVERDUE!!!

Please return all tickets to the canteen by tomorrow. As you would appreciate, it takes a huge amount of time to dismantle the books to prepare for the raffle draw.

Bally Buskers - It's not too late to register for Bally Buskers. Please email Glenn Campbell at glenn@sevenyearitch.com.au with your name, preferred timeslot, performance length, type of performance and what you will be bringing along or need.

Bike Safety Checks - Don't forget to ride your bike to the fete and take advantage of the Simple Cycles fantastic offer of a bike safety check for only \$5 (all proceeds to our school).

Pre-order Ride Armbands, Circus Tickets and Show Bags

Thank you to those families who have taken advantage of the preorder system for fete purchases.

- Your ride armbands can be collected from the ride stall (located near the demountables and the big chess board) from 10am on fete day
- Your circus tickets and try out circus tickets will be available to collect at the door of the new hall from 10am on fete day (or bring along your printed e-ticket if you have one)
- Don't forget your show bags! These can be collected from sideshow alley. Sideshow alley will have lots of fun games to play and a limited number of show bags for sale on the day so get in early to avoid disappointment

Volunteers Still Needed... Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers that are helping out on fete day! We still have a few gaps though and there are some volunteers manning stalls for the whole day, so they will need a well deserved break! **If you can spare just one hour to help out, please let us know.**

Tickets for our featured performance on sale NOW.....



ONE DAY left for circus ticket pre-sales

Our special pre order price of \$8 per ticket is available for one day only. Go to www.flexischools.com.au today! Tickets available at the door on Saturday for \$10 each. This is still a bargain, to see such a quality, entertaining show and help raise funds for our school at the same time. Lucky door prizes on the day. See you there!!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION entries due on Friday.

ENTER NOW TO BE IN THE RUNNING FOR A FANTASTIC PRIZE from *Lovelocked Images* of a family photo shoot or a Nikon Coolpix S3600 Camera (20.1 MP, 8x zoom) valued at \$138, thanks to Big W

This years theme will be Beautiful Bally

Every child who enters will have their work displayed at the library during the fete.

\$5 per entry, enter as many times as you like!

All entries must be A4 or 8x12 inch sized printed on quality photographic paper, be accompanied by an entry form in an A4 sized clear plastic sleeve and be delivered to the library by **Friday 17th October** with the entry fee. Extra entry forms can be collected from the office. Your photo entered can be reserved to purchase back at \$10 per photo. All other photos will be on sale on the day for \$15.

Balgownie School Fete Photography Competition Entry Form

Name_____ Age_____

Class_____ Contact Phone_____

1. Entry title_____

2. Entry title_____

3. Entry title_____

4. Entry title_____

5. Entry title_____

LAST MINUTE FETE NOTICES WILL BE POSTED ON THE 'BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C' FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR FETE WEBSITE.