

# The Bally Buzz

## Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 4 Week 9

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

### CALENDAR – TERM 4

Thur	4 Dec	2015 Nominated Leaders' Speeches in Hall 1.00pm
Frid	5 Dec	K-2 Concert 5.00pm
Mon	8 Dec	Presentation Day 9.15am
Wed	10 Dec	Yr6 Graduation & Morning Tea 9.15am
	10 Dec	P&C Meeting at Collegians Balgownie - dinner beforehand
Thur	11 Dec	Yr6 Farewell
Frid	12 Dec	Student's PBS Reward Day
Mon	15 Dec	Reports to Parents
Wed	17 Dec	Students last day

### Term dates for 2015 – for students

<b>Term 1</b>	Wed 28 Jan – Thu 2 Apr for Yrs 1- 6
<b>Kindergarten</b>	begin on Monday 2 Feb
<b>Term 2</b>	Tues 21 Apr – Fri 26 June
<b>Term 3</b>	Tues 14 July – Fri 18 Sept
<b>Term 4</b>	Tues 6 Oct – Wed 16 Dec

**Thank you Morning tea well attended.** For those of you who have helped this year to make our school a better place, our staff say thank you!! Thanks to those who came and shared a cuppa and to those who couldn't come, we say thanks to you as well! Your contributions are always appreciated.

**PBS Fun day** is being held at Towradgi Park and beach on Friday 12 December. There will not be any swimming allowed, but the students will have some fun in the park and on the sand. This is part of our PBS approach to student wellbeing. It will be a great day!

**Class Resource List for 2015** We are sending out a class resource list for next year, with your child's report. This is so you can take advantage of the sales etc to get those 'Back to School' items. We will also put this on the website and the Skoolbag app for you to refer to as needed.

**K-2 assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.** All students need to be with their teachers by 4.45pm in pre-arranged clothes/costume. The concert will run for approximately 90 minutes. Please leave front area of hall for Balgownie students only. We are reserving the front row for the elderly. Seating will be tight and we expect lots of people to be standing.

**Balgownie celebrates learning.** We are giving four class awards for each class at Presentation Day, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This is apart from the traditional whole school awards. We want to celebrate learning and this is one of the many strategies that we are using to acknowledge academic excellence, improvement, citizenship and a teacher's choice award.

Of course, with only four awards per class, it can be a difficult decision for teachers and I know they spend a long time deliberating over which students that they believe to be the most deserving. Help your child learn from this experience, to celebrate with their friends (or themselves) if they are the student awarded with a certificate, and to be gracious and resilient if they do not get an award this time. Who knows what will happen next year?

**School Reports** are being finalised in the next two weeks and will be given on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The teachers have worked hard, both individually and in teams to ensure consistency with each other and against syllabus standards. This is another time to celebrate the learning and progress that your children have made this year. If you have any questions about your child's report, please see your class teacher.

### Remember:

- Teachers plan teaching and learning programs using syllabuses developed by the Board of Studies.
- The syllabuses describe standards that apply across the state for each learning area.
- Your child's teacher uses their knowledge of syllabuses and knowledge of the children in their class to plan their teaching and learning programs.
- Teachers use their professional judgement, internal and external data gathering about each child's achievement against the statewide standards to award the grade.

**Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning**

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- If your child has achieved a Sound on their report then he/she has achieved what is generally expected. If your child has achieved an Outstanding or High then he/she has achieved more than is generally expected. If your child has achieved a Basic or a Limited, then he or she has not yet achieved what is generally expected compared to other children of a similar age.

**Effort ticks for reports are consistent across our school.** When you are reading your child's report, the effort ratings for your child have been assessed using the following common understandings. Please keep this to discuss the effort ticks with your child when your reports come home.

#### Effort Rating for Reports

1. Minimal effort. Rarely completes work, even with encouragement.
2. Inconsistent effort. Does some work when encouraged or work is not of standard expected of the student's ability.
3. Completes required tasks to student's own ability at expected level most of the time.
4. Completes required tasks to student's own ability to expected level all of the time. May or may not complete extra work.
5. Completes tasks to expected level all the time. Does extra work and shows initiative.

**Well Done to Tabitha and Helena in Year 3!** Following the success that Tabitha and Helena, together with three other children from KMA Wollongong showed by winning 1st place at the Under 9's showmanship at the Martial Arts World Cup held in Sydney on the 18th October this year. The team has now once again won first place in the Australasian event during the weekend which has given the team the title of BEST OF THE BEST in Australia. This means they now qualify to compete in Orlando Florida USA on July next year!! We are extremely proud of these very talented girls and we hope to see them compete in the second biggest Martial arts event in the world.

*Have a great week!*

**Aloma Stewart**

#### **Joke of the week**

Q: What do you call a dog on a submarine?

A: A subwoofer!

#### **Thought of the week**

*For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



### **BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL GIVING TREE**

Balgownie Public School would like to extend a lending hand to those families less fortunate than themselves by contributing to The City of Wollongong Giving Tree. Gifts can be placed under the giving tree located in the school office **before Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The gifts will be presented to a representative from either St Vincent de Paul or Anglicare on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support.

**Congratulations** to the following students who have demonstrated our values of **Respect, Responsibility** and **Real Learning**.

These students have earned themselves a wrist band. Well done!

Miles M	Gracie N	Annabelle D	Amelia M
Sofia S	Zoe C	Sophie E	Samuel D
Jacob I	Morgan W	Gemma H	Joshua S
Lily W	Layla A	Emma S	Ashton Q

And well done to the following student who achieved the PBS Badge.

Tia F	Emma L	Sarah K	Lacey P
Vidhi G			

### **UNIFORM SHOP LAST ORDERS FOR 2014**

Now is your last chance to place your final orders for 2014. The uniform shop will not be processing orders after Wednesday, 10 December 2014.

***Please place final orders now!***

Any order received after this date will be delivered 30 January 2015. Go to <http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/uniforms/> to place your order.

Thank you

#### **P&C NEWS**

Please join us on Wednesday 10 December for the last P&C meeting of the year. The meeting will be held at the Collegians Club at Balgownie. We have reserved tables at the Bistro for 6pm for dinner, followed by the meeting at 7pm. Come along to help celebrate an incredibly successful year.

Balgownie Public School P & C Association  
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#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

The Canteen will be open until Friday 12 December 2014.