

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday 26 February 2014

CALENDAR

Term 1

Monday	3 Mar	CSIRO Visit
Tuesday	4 Mar	AG Testing Day
Friday	7 Mar	Regional Swimming
Wednesday	12 Mar	PBS Report by J Birchall 6.45pm P&C – AGM 7.15pm
Thursday	13 Mar	Selective High School assessment
Monday	17 Mar	Grandparents Day 10am

Balgownie Kids are safe. Last Wednesday, our school practised an evacuation in case of fire. All students and staff were out and on the basketball court in less than five minutes. Well done team! If you are on school site and hear 'whoop whoop whoop' it is the evacuation bell and you need to also evacuate. We take the visitor book with us to account for all people on site. It is also important if you hear the bell, to let our staff perform our roles to keep everyone safe.

We have a different bell for lockdown, which we practise next term. We also have two alternative meeting places in case we need to evacuate the school entirely, the James Pearson park and Collegians. Thanks to Collies for allowing us to use this as a meeting point. Hopefully we will never have need to use any of these procedures.

Super fish recognized. Well done to our super swimmers who received ribbons at Monday's assembly. Great effort! Good luck to our team who are today competing at Brokers Swimming Carnival. Thanks to Mrs Burns and Mr Loxton for organizing the assembly and to Mrs Burns and Mrs Cliff who are accompanying the swimmers at the carnival.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

Junior boy
Junior girl
11 years boy
11 years girl
Senior boy Clancy Lowe
Senior girl
We might see you at the 2020 Olympics!

CSIRO science day is occurring on Monday with fantastic hands on science experiments and displays. The 'Touring Science Education Program' will see a team of CSIRO Scientists amaze and challenge our students with their highly entertaining 'Force and Movement Show'. All students are expected to attend. If you have not yet brought in your note and money please do so. It will be an experience that your children will remember!

Sun safety. Our classrooms have 30+ sunscreen and a 'no hat play in the shade' practice. We also have some fantastic shaded play spaces and we open the library at lunchtimes to provide alternatives for students. On very hot days we also open the hall to provide a cool place for the children. The school recommends bucket or broad brimmed hats as they provide the necessary protection for students.

Attendance is fabulous. Thanks to everyone who is making an effort. Last year, our attendance was 96.5% With the State average at 94.7% we are performing well. Let's make it even better by making sure our students are always on time. The first part of the day is really important as it sets up the learning for the rest of the day. Make lunches and iron clothes the night before so that mornings aren't so hectic. We can do it Balgownie. Remember that every day counts.

Let's make sure your child is at school every day possible.

Every day counts... because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day

Every day counts... because going to school means getting a better chance at life

Every day counts... because school helps children make friends and be happier

Every day counts... because the law says children must go to school.

Update of student enrolment data is becoming increasingly important. The importance of maintaining accurate and current information, while always necessary, continues to become increasingly important for school management and operation.

In particular the student information held on ERN, initially captured at enrolment and ideally updated at regular periods, is important for meeting student health and welfare needs, student learning and in managing emergency situations.

Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning

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The accuracy of data held also potentially impacts on all schools and their students. In particular, data on parental background including occupation, school education and qualifications, current address, language background and Aboriginality, while perhaps not considered necessary for day to day teaching and administration in a school, are becoming more widely used (in aggregated form only).

Student and parent background data entered on ERN is used for example in;

- compiling the Index of Community and Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) applied to each school on the My School website by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and;
- needs based resource allocation at state government level.

It is important to keep all details updated about your children and yourself. While current medical information assists in any emergency situation, other information provided may also benefit our children and our school, in terms of the provision of funding and levels of additional educational support.

Enrolment records and background data are updated by the **end of February and April each year**. Please call in and update student details and other information as soon as possible.

For the love of science. Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right. Listen to the podcast:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/sciencetips/for-the-love-of-science>

- Encourage your kids to be curious and to keep that incredible sense of wonder about the world for as long as they can.
- To help your child get into science get them some great science books to read about it – dinosaurs, astronomy and the marine world are just a few topics.
- If children are interested in pursuing science encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won't always be right.
- Science is really a sort of a method of engaging with the world and trying to understand the world.

Help your child discover the wonders of science by experimenting with these simple ideas.

1. Home-made ice blocks can show freezing and melting.
2. Shining a torch at a mirror at night illustrates reflection.
3. Flying a kite shows wind speed and direction.
4. Looking at the stars and discussions about whole new galaxies can open up.
5. Adding various objects to a bath-time boat illustrates flotation.

6. Watching a puddle change on the way to school for several days shows evaporation.
7. Leaving an egg in vinegar for a couple of days shows how the acid will eat away the shell.
8. Putting a celery stalk in a glass half full of water and coloured dye allows kids to witness capillary action.
9. Experimenting with various foods such as leaving bread to mould and talking about tinned peaches shows decomposition and (remember to put the food stuffs in sealed containers or ziplock bags for safety and not to open them!)

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those who have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish" or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexphillies is held every year in an undisclosed location. These are some of the submissions.

- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Police were called to a day care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Have a wonderful week.

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week

What did one hair say to the other?

A: It takes two to tangle!

Thought of the week

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you must look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. –Eleanor Roosevelt.

IMPORTANT - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All school volunteers need to complete the Department's new Working with Children Check - declaration form. There is a 100 points proof of identity check that is required with the new form. Please see the office for a new form or further information. Please complete form and return to office with identification details as soon as possible.

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

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

Laura K 2S	Tyrone Y 2S
Zac V 2S	Macey C 1/2D
Lachlan D 5/6B	Annabelle D 2L
Amelia M 2L	Hamish N 1S

WORLD OF MATHS 2nd & 3rd April 2014

Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make numeracy fun and relevant to our students, we have arranged for the *World of Maths* to visit our school. It is an exciting and educational presentation of hands-on, problem solving activities. The *World of Maths* is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to real life situations.

Students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the students that Maths can be fun!

For more information and to view a video of a session in action, visit the World of Maths website: www.worldofmaths.com

There will be **NO COST** to parents / caregivers for student participation.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS – EXPO EVENING

Is your child interested in the arts? Are you considering WHSPA as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at **Expo Evening**.

27 February 2014

5.30pm - 7.00pm in WHSPAC.

WHSPA APPLICATION PACKAGES

To the parents of Year 6 students. If your child is interested in auditioning for the Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts in dance, drama, music or visual arts, please see Mr Loxton for application packages. This is for Year 7 in 2015. The applications and attachments need to be returned to Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts by **WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH, 2014**.



CANTEEN NEWS

FRESH SUSHI ON FRIDAYS

Don't forget you can now pre-order your fresh sushi on a Thursday ready for Friday!

Simply put your lunch order bag and money in the canteen slot on Thursday and we will pick up fresh sushi on Friday for your child.

Options are:

Teriyaki chicken and avocado - \$3.00

Tuna and avocado - \$3.00

Vegetarian - \$2.80

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 6 Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Mon	3.3.14	Emma Kipps Alison McKillop
Tue	4.3.14	Penny Fraser Marissa Bull Sarah Nilon
Wed	5.3.14	Ljuba Rodic Michelle Fulcher
Thur	6.3.14	Tanya Vilestra Nazneen Nowsher Helen Lewis
Frid	7.3.14	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Naheda Baghdadi Lilliana Vlachos

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Important Note: Girls Winter Tunics Not Available from Uniform Shop

Due to sizing issues, the uniform shop will **NOT** be providing girls winter tunics this year. These can be purchased from Crystal Bears at Corrimal. It is advisable to see Crystal Bears ASAP in case they need to make a tunic for you. The uniform shop does however have a small supply of second hand tunics.

P&C NEWS

Help needed!

A huge thank you to Kim and Brad Elliott for offering to co-ordinate the Bunnings BBQ at Easter. A request for volunteers for an hour or two on the day will be made shortly.

We need a co-ordinator for the Hot Cross Buns drive. It is one of the easiest fundraisers to run so if you have been thinking of doing a little something extra for the school this year then here is a great way to help bring in \$1000! All you need to do is count the money and tally orders each morning for one week and help hand the orders out (last year a group of 10 helpers did this in about 2 hours).

We need a team of people to help run the Mother's Day stall on Thursday 8th May. If you have ever helped out at one in the past then you know the kids love the shopping experience and the chance to take home something special for their loved ones. No experience is necessary - the stock can even be ordered for you - and there is a detailed running sheet to follow on the day. There are always plenty of volunteers to help on the day but co-ordinators are needed to make the event run this year.

Why not find other parents who can spare a little time to help our school and you can run one of these events together? All of the money raised is going towards the exciting playground structure that is planned. You will be given plenty of support so please send an offer of help to p.and.c@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

FAIRY MEADOW NETBALL CLUB

Fairy Meadow netball club is currently looking for age specific children to complete partial teams already organised. The club needs boys or girls aged 6yr to 8yr for Saturday competitions. Contact Margaret Stanley on 4283 5985.

SHAMROCKS JUNIOR RUGBY

Registration Days 2014

Wed 26th Feb & Wed 5th Mar 5pm – 7pm

Sun 9th Mar 2pm – 4pm

Frid 14th Mar from 5pm – last registration & first training session. Registrations at Ocean Park, Woonona. Contact Andrew Cracknell for more info. 0432 944 543

