

# The Bally Buzz

## Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 2

Wednesday 5 February 2014

### CALENDAR

#### Term 1

Thursday	6 Feb	Gym sports
Friday	7 Feb	Gym sports
Tuesday	11 Feb	Scripture classes begin
Wednesday	12 Feb	Auskick program begins 3pm at school

**Welcome to our newest students!** Kindergarten started 'Big School' on Monday and are a very happy, settled and extremely cute group of children. Credit must go to their parents who have helped them be ready for school, the volunteers in the school starters playgroup, their teachers Mrs Kerema and Ms Steele, together with their helpers Mrs West and Mrs Cliff (support teachers) and not forgetting their wonderful Year 6 buddies who have made their beginning a wonderful experience. I also want to thank the parents who provided morning tea and tissues for our new Balgownie Community Parents. Thank you!

**Classes for 2014.** Currently we still have 13 classes for this year. If our numbers don't change in the next few weeks, then the classes that your children are in now will remain. We have had a few adjustments but should now be settled. Thank you for your patience.

Every classroom is settled, purposeful and the students are already engaged in learning. It is a flying start to the year! I can't thank the staff enough for their positive attitude, warm approach and complete professionalism in settling all students and ensuring that they are happy and ready to embark on the adventure of learning for this year. Thanks team!

**Staff train to keep our children safe.** All teachers are trained in CPR and have their skills updated each year. Mrs Cliff led the refresher training last Wednesday afternoon and all staff were successful. This is part of our ongoing commitment to keeping students safe.

**Our school cares for each other.** A number of our students have allergies which require them to have epipens in case of contact with certain substances. To keep all of our children safe, we ask that no nut products

are brought to school. This includes items such as museli bars, peanut butter etc. We also ask that if you are sending cake etc in to share for birthdays, that you check with your child's teacher if there are any children with food restrictions. Thank you for your help in this regard.

**Meet the Teacher meetings** happening next week. Come along and take the opportunity to find out about your child's learning this year and how you can support it at home. If you need to discuss any individual concerns, please make a time to meet with your child's teacher. We are always willing to meet with you and come to a solution.

The meeting times and venues are:

Class	Date and time		Venue
KK & KS	Wed 12.2.14	4.00pm	Classroom
1A & 1S	Wed 12.2.14	3.15pm	1S Room
1/2D	Mond 10.2.14	3.00pm	Classroom
2L & 2S	Wed 19.2.14	3.15pm	2S Room
3/4D	Mond 10.2.14	3.15pm	Classroom
3HR	Mond 10.2.14	2.15pm	Classroom
4T	Wed 12.2.14	10.00am	Classroom
4/5M	Thur 13.2.14	9.00am	Classroom
5/6B	Thur 13.2.14	10.30am	Classroom
6L	Wed 12.2.14	9.00am	Classroom



#### Parenting resource.

Our school subscribes to Parenting ideas, and as part of our subscription, a magazine is available to our community. It contains some hints and tips to help today's parents be the best they can be at the most important job in the world..... and sometimes the hardest! Click on the link

[www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine) to go to the magazine. Enjoy!

**'Textbooks' for 2014** Thank you to all the parents who have bought the required class items. Your children are enjoying using their shiny new pencils and pens! Our Kinder to Year 6 students will be accessing Reading Eggs and Reading Express 24/7 (the version

**Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning**

of Reading Eggs for older students). It can be accessed by students both at school and at home and provides a fabulous reading program to support learning at your child's level. This subscription if bought by individual families is over \$70 per student. It is always expanding and the resources can be used at both home and school. Our Year 3-6 students will receive 10 school magazines to help with reading different texts.

The total cost of these for each student is \$20. We ask parents to pay for these as you would for any 'textbook' levy. This is the way of the future where traditional textbooks may be replaced with subscriptions to websites etc that are more engaging, interactive way to help students both at home and at school.

Our school also has a **voluntary school contribution** which is set at

- \$50 for First child
- \$60 for 2 children and
- \$70 for 3 or more children.

This money helps us to ensure that our school can provide a quality education to our students. Much of the voluntary contribution money last year went to building our reading resources for the new Australian Curriculum. Please pay these as soon as possible at the front office. We now have eftpos and payment on line for those of us who don't carry much cash! Payment on line details are on the BPS website under "make a payment" then follow the prompts.

**High Expectations.** Please take time to read the attached uniform requirements. It is an expectation at our school that all students will wear the uniform without variations. The caps are being phased out this year, and I commend all the older students who are setting the pace by wearing the wider brim hats. Well done to all those wearing school hats. Remember that non-school hats and caps are not acceptable. Please see me if you have any concerns about the uniform or any financial worries.

#### Is your child a creative person?

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014.**

#### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Balgownie Public School Swimming carnival is being held today, at UOW Aquatic Centre. The Carnival is for Stage 2 and Stage 3 competitors and 8 year old students, who can swim 50m competently. Good luck all swimmers and hope the weather is kind!

#### GYMSPORTS

Our Gymsports Program will commence this Thursday. Permission notes and money need to be returned to the office.

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

#### *Joke of the week*

Q: What do you call a sleeping cow?

A: A *bulldozer*.

#### *Thought of the week*

The more that you read,

The more things you will know.

The more that you learn,

The more places you'll go.

Dr Seuss

#### LIBRARY WELCOME 2014

Hello, my name is Mrs. Birchall and I am the Teacher Librarian at Balgownie School. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2014 school year and to provide you with some information about our library and its services.

#### The Library

Balgownie school library contributes to student learning outcomes by providing services and resources that support teaching and learning programs throughout the school. The library is well resourced with a large book collection and a computer lab that enables students to use electronic learning materials and to access the Internet. Stage 3 children may also borrow from our Kindle (electronic reading) library. Students have access to computer catalogues that enable them to search electronically for library resources for reading pleasure and to help them with their learning and schoolwork. All classes from Kindergarten to year 6 are scheduled to visit the Library at least once each week. These visits aim to promote a love of literature and learning and consist of borrowing time, story telling, educational program viewing and library and information technology training. Please see the Library Class Timetable below for your child/children's library day.

#### Borrowing

All students are required to have a library bag to borrow. This helps to protect library books and to keep them separate from other books at school or at home. Children may borrow up to 4 items per week (some of our avid readers borrow more), to be returned on the following weeks library visit. Children may RENEW their loan on books that are required for longer periods of time.

#### Overdue Books

There are no fines for overdue books, however students who do have an overdue book may not borrow again until the overdue book is returned. Notes will be sent home for very overdue items. If books are lost or damaged we will ask you for the replacement cost of the book.

#### Hours

The Library is open **Monday – Thursday from 8.30am until 3.00pm.** The library is closed at recess and is open at lunchtime for work and quiet leisure activities

such as board games, drawing, computers and reading.

### 2014 Library Class Timetable

Library day	Class
Monday	2L, 4T, KS
Tuesday	1S, 2S, KK
Wednesday	6L, 3/4D, 1A, 1/2D
Thursday	4/5M, 5/6B, 3H/R

It is a pleasure to teach in a school where students value their library so highly. I look forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning with everyone.

**Mrs. Birchall – Teacher Librarian**

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club correct money and orders are due in by Monday the 17th Feb. Please place in Book Club box in front office. Please note that all online and phone orders must still come through the school.

### AFL AUSKICK @ BPS

Balgownie will be hosting the Auskick after school program for the next 6 weeks.

Boys and girls (K-6) are welcome to participate, starting next Wednesday 12th, 3.05pm-4.05pm.

Students will receive the brand new 2014 Auskick Pack including bag, ball, pump, cards magazines and more.

Cost \$47 (see attached flyer)



### CANTEEN NEWS

#### New Fresh Sushi!

As of tomorrow you will be able fresh sushi rolls for Friday lunches!

Sushi will be pre-ordered on a Thursday via the canteen slot and picked up fresh on Fridays from Fairy Meadow Sushi Train!

Options available are:

Tuna and Avocado - \$3

Teriyaki and Avocado - \$3

Cucumber and Avocado - \$2.80

The rolls are much larger than the previous frozen sushi we supplied, and really fresh and yummy!

Don't forget to put your order in this Thursday so your child can enjoy a healthy fresh yummy lunch!

#### Help Needed this Friday in canteen!

If you can help out once a month on canteen please

contact Delvene Spencer on 0411 286 361 or email [delvenehenington@hotmail.com](mailto:delvenehenington@hotmail.com)

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### Week 3 Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Mon	10.2.14	Wendy Myers Lisa Sheedy
Tue	11.2.14	Lisa Tunstall Callie Heyman
Wed	12.2.14	Amie Grierson Ghada Sultan
Thur	13.2.14	Catherine James Shirley Butterly Donna Guest
Frid	14.2.14	Naheda Bahgdad Mary Dilber Amanda Dilber

### PRIMARY ETHICS UPDATE

Welcome back to Karen Rogers who will join Juan Sepulveda, Gabi Martinez and Yuki Nakamura-Bell. In Term 1 Karen and Yuki will share Stage 1 classes looking at "Pride", Gabi is covering "Being Selfish" with Stage 2 while Juan will be discussing "Voting" with Stage 3.

The Early Stage 1 curriculum will be available in Term 3 if we have a teacher in place. If you are interested in volunteering a couple of hours each week or want to know more please go to [primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au)

Angie Newman Primary Ethics co-ordinator

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 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.

#### UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG HOCKEY CLUB

Come and try hockey with the University Hockey Club On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30 to 5.30pm at the Uni Hockey field – located on the Western side of Recreation and Aquatic centre building.

**Contact Mark for further information.**

Email: [unijuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:unijuniorhockey@gmail.com)

### ARTSPACE

Artspace is a creative arts studio for children and young people. Studio offerings include fun, inspiring classes during school term and special interest workshops during school holidays. Artspace is operated by Big Fat Smile, a not-for-profit organisation. For more information contact 42839967.



Girl Guides have lots of FUN!!  
Camping, cooking, doing craft,  
playing games, earning  
badges and learning skills for life.

Girls 7-10 yrs meet Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am  
 Girls 10-14 yrs meet Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm  
 Girls 15-18 yrs meet Mondays 7.00 – 9.00 pm  
 At the GWYNNEVILLE GUIDE HALL  
 Call Pam on 0434111062 or to find out more visit our  
 Website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

### COLLEGIANS JRLFC FINAL REGISTRATION DAY 2014

**Collegians JRLFC** will be holding registration for all junior players at **Collegians Sports Centre, 147 The Avenue, Figtree NSW, 2525** on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014 from 12 noon till 5pm.**

**All players (existing & new) will need to attend the registration day/s with their parent / guardian.** Any new player to the club will need to produce Birth Certificate or Passport, plus Medicare details as we need to sight this information at the time of registration.

**Each player who registers for 2014 season will receive an AWESOME GEAR PACK!**

[www.collegiansjrlfc.com.au](http://www.collegiansjrlfc.com.au)

### WOLLONGONG LIONS JUNIOR - AFL

- We play on Sundays at North Dalton Park at Fairy Meadow, the premier sporting complex for cricket and AFL in the Illawarra
  - Ages: Auskick (4-8 years old), Under 9, 10, 12, 14 and 16
  - Registration for Wollongong Lions Junior AFL is only \$100 (\$80 for Auskick)
- For more info ph: Hatem 0414753755 or Wayne 0425317809 [www.wlionsjuniors.com.au](http://www.wlionsjuniors.com.au)

### MT OUSLEY PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Physie is dance and exercise rolled into one, learning rhythm and movement to music.  
 Classes start back week starting Monday 10th February. 9-12yrs Mondays. Pre-schoolers-8yrs Tuesdays.  
 No registration cost to try it, and the first three lessons are free to test it out.  
 The music is very modern and the routines are fun. Great for co ordination and flexibility.  
 Sat morning classes available as well as mid week for pre-schoolers -8yrs.  
 Details phone Elizabeth Scott 0411 288 291  
 Website: [www.mtousleyphysie.com](http://www.mtousleyphysie.com)

### Recipe for Success Workshop – Wollongong

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) will be running our **Recipe for Success-A Positive Behavior Support Workshop** in Wollongong. It is a practical three day workshop for families of children with autism spectrum disorders and challenging behavior.

**Where:** Illawarra Leagues Club

**Dates:** 25, 26 & 27 February 2014

**Times:** 9:30am – 2:30pm

**Register:** [www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au)

**Contact:** Jodi Woodward P 02 6628 3660 E [jwoodward@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:jwoodward@autismspectrum.org.au)

**Cost:** **Free** to parents/carers or family members and professionals who attend with a family.  
 All other professionals \$450

### CORRIMAL JRLFC REGISTRATION DAYS

Corrimal JRLFC registration days will be held on the 1st and 8th February at Corrimal Leagues Club from 12pm to 3pm. For more details please contact Steve on 0466148539 or Stuart on 0419873052.

### FAIRY MEADOW NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

Guest Park – Canteen  
 Cambridge Ave Fairy Meadow  
 Saturday 8 February 2014 11am – 2pm  
 All ages 6 – 66yrs  
 For more information contact Margaret on 4283 5985



## Balgownie Public School Uniform requirements

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
<b>SUMMER UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black and white check dress or black culottes</li> <li>white polo shirt with school crest</li> <li>short white ankle socks</li> <li>black shoes</li> <li>black and white hair accessories only</li> <li>black school hat</li> </ul>	<b>SUMMER UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black shorts</li> <li>white polo shirt with school crest</li> <li>Short white ankle socks</li> <li>black shoes</li> <li>black school hat</li> </ul>
<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dark navy/bottle green tartan pinafore with a long sleeved white shirt or white skivvy OR</li> <li>black pants with a short/long sleeved white polo shirt with school crest</li> <li>black tights or short white ankle socks</li> <li>black shoes</li> <li>black and white hair accessories only</li> <li>black school hat</li> <li>school jacket or jumper with school crest</li> </ul>	<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black pants with a short/long sleeved white polo shirt with school crest</li> <li>short white ankle socks</li> <li>black shoes</li> <li>black school hat/cap</li> <li>school jacket or jumper with school crest</li> </ul>
<b>SPORT UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black culottes, shorts or black tracksuit</li> <li>school sports polo shirt</li> <li>short white ankle socks</li> <li>joggers- any colour</li> <li>black school</li> </ul>	<b>SPORT UNIFORM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>black shorts or black tracksuit</li> <li>school sports polo shirt</li> <li>short white ankle socks</li> <li>joggers- any colour</li> <li>black school hat</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black shorts, trousers or tracksuit pants worn by boys and girls should not have any logos or any colour other than black. That includes white piping or stripes. No leggings are to be worn on their own.</li> <li>No ¾ pants under dresses or on their own.</li> <li>Jumpers and jackets are to be Balgownie School jumpers only.</li> <li>All hats are to be Balgownie School hats only.</li> <li>Caps and hats are permitted for remainder of 2013 and 2014. 2014 is a year of transition with caps being phased out. In 2015, all students will be required to wear a 'Sun safe' Balgownie Public School broad brim or bucket hat. No beanies as they do not offer sun protection.</li> <li>Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Boots or high tops are not part of our school uniform. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. It is recommended that canvas shoes are not worn as they provide limited support for growing feet. Shoes should have non slippery soles as they are worn for outdoor activities.</li> <li>Socks to be visible above shoes.</li> <li>Hair accessories – black and white only</li> <li>Minimal jewellery only to be worn eg small studs, watch etc. Safety of students is the focus. eg no large earrings. Jewellery worn at own risk.</li> <li>Sun glasses- optional. Must be black or white and meet Australian Standard 1067:2003.</li> <li>No makeup</li> <li>Performance uniform is defined by the performance director.</li> <li>PLEASE PUT STUDENT'S NAME ON ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING.</li> </ul>	

# SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children's lives at risk. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

## NO STOPPING



Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)



## NO PARKING



You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.

You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds \$169 + two demerit points)



## BUS ZONE



You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)



## CHILDREN'S CROSSING



You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing

(Penalty: exceeds \$405 + two demerit points)



## DOUBLE PARKING



You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)

# THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU