

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 9

Wednesday 26 March 2014

CALENDAR

Term 1

Wednesday	26 Mar	Stg 3 Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday	27 Mar	School Photo Day NO GYM SPORTS
Friday	28 Mar	Gym Sports catch up
Saturday	29 Mar	Working Bee 2-5pm
Monday	31 Mar	WHSPA auditions
Wednesday	2 Apr	World of Maths
Thursday	3 Apr	World of Maths
Friday	4 Apr	School History day
Sunday	6 Apr	BPS 125 th Anniversary
Week 11		Parent/ Teacher interviews this week
Monday	7 Apr	Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday	9 Apr	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Thursday	10 Apr	Chess Challenge
Friday	11 Apr	Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday	29 Apr	First Day of Term 2 for students
	29 Apr	Anzac Day Ceremony 9.30am

Newsletter paperless in Term 2. Only three more paper copies of the newsletter. From the beginning of Term Two, our newsletter and P and C newsletter will be paperless. You will need to access the newsletter each Wednesday either through the website or the Skoolbag app. There will be a small number of newsletters printed and available in the office.

I urge you to prepare for this change. The app is available for iphones, ipads, android smart phones and tablets through either Safari (Apple users) or Google Play for android users. Put in *Skoolbag Balgownie* and you will be directed to the correct app. Download it to your device and each week you will be sent a message when the newsletter is published. Notes regarding excursions etc will be published on paper as well as put on the electronic communications devices. This is because we need a paper copy for our records. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Cake stall Attached is a message about cake stall donations for the 125th Anniversary. Please note that these will need to be dropped off at the canteen on SUNDAY April 6th, not before please.

School uniform for photo day A number of parents are inquiring about uniforms for school photo day. As there is no gym sports on this day, students should not be in sport uniform. We have 2 uniforms for girls and either is acceptable for the photo. The photographers will make sure the photo looks wonderful and that the uniforms are balanced.

Please make sure that students are in full school uniform including plain black school shoes, white socks and no jewellery. It is also asked that students wear black and white hair accessories only.

Parent Teacher interviews are being held this term in week 11. Notes are going home to arrange interview times. Please make a time to speak with your child's teacher about your child's learning and progress. We hold the interviews at the end of Term One as part of our assessment and reporting cycle. This allows parents and staff to meet early in the year to discuss our children. By working in partnership, we can maximise your children's achievements.

If you have recently had a meeting with your child's teacher, please do not feel obliged to meet with them again. Written reports will be sent home at the end of Term Two and Four as it was last year.

Please help. To log on to our server and then to log onto the internet, our children need to type their full name into the computer. It would really help if you could teach your child how to type their first and last name. This is especially relevant for our younger students who can take a long time to log on if they can't spell their name accurately!

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 at our school in the week beginning Tuesday 13th May. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each child can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks. The assessments will be held across Australia on Tuesday 13th May - Language Conventions and Writing Wednesday 14th May - Reading Thursday 15th May - Numeracy

Kindergarten enrolments We are lucky enough to

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have a list of applications for enrolments for Kindergarten. It will be easier to make plans for 2015 if we know how many local enrolments we have. If you know of anyone, or are a parent of a child beginning school next year, please apply to enrol. We will be having an Open Day for prospective parents to promote what our school offers in June this year.

History of Balgownie

1937 P&C urged the Department to have electricity connected into the school. It was already available at the residence. They were planning to purchase a radio for the school and wish to hold their meetings at night and allow the cleaner to use a vacuum cleaner. Declined at first but a year later it was connected.

School Emblem Schools were encouraged to select something associated with local nature. The magpie was chosen because it was seen and heard by all citizens every day and as its colouring is distinct, it was easy for pupils to draw.

1964 Classes were being held at Balgownie School of Arts and the Band Hall as the school population was 200 in 5 classrooms.

1965 Large kindergarten block, 2 class room, toilets and staff rooms, and storerooms were built. The antiquated pan system toilets replaced by sewerer toilets in 1968.

1969 2 more infant's classrooms were added.

1971 Due to old windows, high walls, poor heating, folding doors and bad lighting in the existing building, a new two storey brick veneer building with 3 primary classrooms, offices, a canteen and a shelter was constructed.

In 1973, the fuel heaters were removed and space heating introduced.

School grounds were increased by the acquisition of a number of properties in Brokers Road and Chalmers St.

1981 Teacher's residence was demolished replaced with a beautiful library.

2008 The computer lab was added onto the library forming the Arthur Murray Learning Centre.

2011 The new hall was completed and the fence erected around the school.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week

Q: When is it a good time to eat a window?

A: When it's jammed.

Thought of the week

I will greet this day with love in my heart. And how will I do this? I will love the sun for it warms my bones; yet I will love the rain for it cleanses my spirit. I will love the light for it shows me the way; yet I will love the darkness for it shows me the stars. I will welcome happiness for it enlarges my heart; yet I will endure sadness for it opens my soul. I will acknowledge rewards for they are my due; yet I will welcome obstacles for they are my challenge.
Og Mandino

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!

Molly 3HR	Xavier 1A	Max 1/2D
Zoe 1/2D		

And well done to the following students who achieved their PBS badge!

Macey 1/2D	Sophie 2L	Kaiya 2L
Emily 1S	Hamish 1S	

YR 6 FAREWELL

All Year 6 parents, and any interested Year 5 parents, are invited to attend the first organisational meeting for this year's Yr6 Farewell at 3.15pm tomorrow in the Staff room. If keen to help but unable to attend, please send a short note to Mr Loxton who will add your name to the list of helpers.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 27 MARCH

- Return your photo envelope on photo day. Your child will hand the envelope directly to the photographer.

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- You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders.
- For any enquiries, please contact MSP Photography on 4261 3009.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 10 Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Mon	31.3.14	Hazel Merola Delvene Spencer
Tue	1.4.14	Marissa Bull Sharon O'Brien Sarah – 2hrs
Wed	2.4.14	Ljuba Rodic Michelle Fulcher
Thur	3.4.14	Nazneen Nowsher Helen Lewis Tanya Vilestra
Frid	4.4.14	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Naheda Baghdadi Lillian Vlachos

CANTEEN NEWS

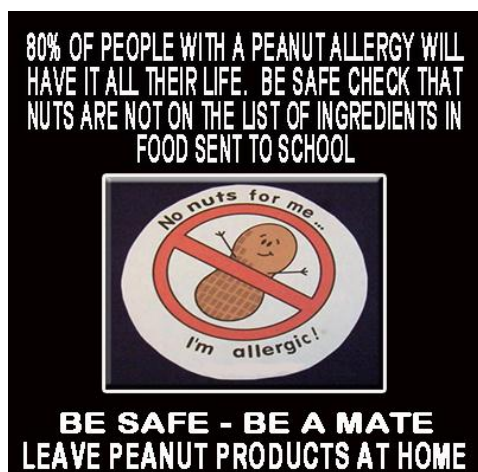
BBQ on CROSS-COUNTRY RACE DAY

This year the P&C will be cooking a BBQ following the cross-country races on Monday 7th April. Please pre-order your BBQ lunches by Friday 4th April. To order simply complete the pre-order form and place it with the correct money in the canteen slot by 9am Friday April 4th.

We will be able to sell sausages to hungry supporters on the day, but if you know you are coming along please feel free to make an order for others in your child's support crew.

What's cooking? \$4.00 BBQ Lunch = 1 sausage sandwich + 1 frozen treat + 1 water

The canteen will be closed, no lunch orders or counter sales this day.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED ON TUESDAY 1 APRIL

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Tuesday 1 April. We are seeking a new Coordinator for the Uniform Shop. If you are able to assist, please contact Megan on 0403 233 875 or email p.and.c@hotmail.com

P&C NEWS

THE P&C NEWSLETTER CAN BE VIEWED ON THE SKOOLBAG APP UNDER THE CATEGORY P&C

WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 29TH MARCH

We need all available helpers to help at the Working Bee THIS Saturday 29th March 2-5pm. This working bee is being held in preparation for the 125th Anniversary celebrations.

Jobs to be done include:

- * General weeding and tidying;
- * Spreading mulch;
- * Make painted signs for vegie garden;
- * Fresh coat of paint for area outside canteen.

Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, paint brushes, trays and rollers, drop sheets, gloves and hats. Green waste bags will be supplied and it would be appreciated if families could take filled bags home to empty into their green waste bins.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Please ring Emma McIntyre on 0488 774 081 or email p.and.c@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

2014/2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The NEW Entertainment Book will be available at school on the last day of term, Friday 11th April. There were over 100 families who purchased books last year and have enjoyed the savings and fun experiences using the fabulous vouchers available in their current books (still valid until June 1st and the new books are valid immediately). If you would like to continue getting huge discounts on your groceries, petrol, eating out and kids holiday activities then please buy the new book and support our school! It is the same price as last year, just \$55 and contains even more local restaurants, cafes, shopping and entertainment vouchers. Every book sold raises \$11 for our school.

This year there is the option of either the same book format OR digital membership (for iPhone or Android). Also, if you pay with the attached form (please drop it into the canteen slot) or online before April 10th then you will receive a code to access 6 of your choice from a list of bonus vouchers (including a voucher for the new Al Aseel in Fairy Meadow and the Outback Steakhouse). We will also be drawing 2 names randomly on the 11th April to win a bottle of wine to

take to your first discounted dinner!

For anyone who has not experienced the Entertainment Book previously, there will be opportunity to view copies next term before purchasing (however, any purchases after 10th April do not qualify for the bonus vouchers).

If you already love this book then please tell your friends and family as this will ultimately save them money and help our school at the same time!

Please see the link to Balgownie Public School's Entertainment Book payment page and further details on www.balgowniepnc.com

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

The P&C are currently running a Hot Cross Bun Drive to raise money for the wonderful playground structure that is planned for our school. Our local Bakers Delight is offering several delicious options for you to choose from. The school will receive \$2.70 for every pack sold. So please share the offer with everyone you know who likes high quality freshly baked food.

Although order forms have been sent home, forms are also available in the office or via www.balgowniepnc.com.

PLEASE HELP WITH BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER!

Brad and Kimberley Elliott, on behalf of the P&C, are running the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, April 19 (yes, Easter weekend). If you are not going away on Easter weekend please consider helping out for 1-2 hours. Please contact Kimberley on 0422 590 988 (text or call).

Times (just a guide, one hour of your help is wonderful too!)

08:30 – 10:30

10:30 – 12:30

12:30 – 14:30

14:30 – 16:30

We look forward to hearing from you and serving up lots of sausages!

SCHOOL STARTERS PLAYGROUP

It is that time of year again to start the preparations for playgroup.

The success of our school starters playgroup in previous years has not only been the great relationships between staff and parents at our school but to the dedication of an organising committee to ensure playgroup runs smoothly each week.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 and would be interested in organising playgroup this year, we would love to hear from you. Please call Donna Guest 0447 790 619

