

# The Bally Buzz

## Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 11

Wednesday 9 April 2014

### CALENDAR

#### Term 1

<b>Week 11</b>		Parent/ Teacher interviews this week
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9 Apr</b>	Fete Meeting 6.30pm P&C Meeting 7.15pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10 Apr</b>	Chess Challenge
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11 Apr</b>	Last Day of Term 1
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29 Apr</b>	First Day of Term 2 for students
	<b>29 Apr</b>	Anzac Day Ceremony 9.30am



## Parent planner for Term 2 attached to this newsletter

**Congratulations** to Lauren Myers who was selected into the Northern Illawarra Zone Netball Team

**Good luck** to our chess challenge team who will be representing our school at Edmund Rice College all day on Thursday 10th April. The team are: Lance Koschny, Kye Storey, Clancy Lowe, Ethan Green and Trae Liddell. Thanks to Mr Koschny who will be the team coach for the day.

**Wonderful celebration of our school.** The student history day and 125th anniversary were wonderful events and celebrated all that is unique about our school. Approximately four hundred people attended on a wet Sunday to be part of the birthday of Balgownie Public. The comments were overwhelmingly positive about the school grounds, the student leaders and the event itself.

Thank you to the Museum committee who have worked on coordinating this event for the past five years. These historians are a wealth of knowledge about our local area. Thanks also to the bakers who donated to our very successful cake stall.

The children (and teachers) also had a fun day on Friday taking part in activities that helped them understand the history of our school and what life was like in the past.

**Other events** that have happened this term include

- World of maths for all students funded by the school for problem solving and enrichment opportunities
- Gym sports
- Working bee
- Grandparents day
- School photos
- Maybe cross country!!

**Pavers** Last chance to purchase pavers by 31st May - money and orders need to be completed and in to the Museum by then..... No more orders to follow.

#### **APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2015**

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement).

**Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning**

Principal: Aloma Stewart PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 P & C: [www.balgowniepnc.com](http://www.balgowniepnc.com)

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application packages will be available in schools next term.

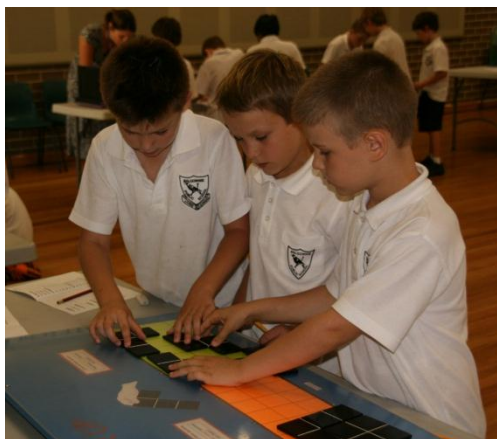
Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student's current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after this closing date.

**Staff development day next term** is focussing on Science teaching and learning. Our school is using a resource called Connected Classrooms which links science and literacy. These units have been trialled this term and we have engaged an expert to work with our school and Coniston Public on Monday 28th April for whole day. This will deepen understanding of the new curriculum and requirements in science in preparation for its implementation in 2015.

Staff learning this term has been concentrated on Individual Learning Plans, English planning using the new syllabus, Information Technology (Future Schools Conference), Road safety and professional learning plans.

**Trees** There are three trees being removed in the holidays and one is being pruned. More remedial work needs to occur after we have a formal tree management plan written as per current policy.

**World of Maths** On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, the students enjoyed participating in the *World of Maths Roadshow*. In small groups, the children from Kindergarten to Year 6 eagerly completed a range of hands on mathematical problem solving tasks. It was a highly engaging session which showed the students that maths can be fun!



#### ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

A reminder, that on Tuesday, 29 April Balgownie Public School will be holding an Anzac Day assembly. The school leaders will lead this reverent ceremony. All community members are invited to attend and pay respects to our fallen soldiers and those still currently serving.

Visitors need to be seated by 9.25am. During the assembly, please turn off all mobile phones. Seats for

visitors are allocated at the back of the assembly. Please do not sit on the chairs at the side of hall, as they are used for teachers to supervise classes.

Hopefully we will see many community members attending this commemorative ceremony.

Thank you, Mrs Lewis

**Kindergarten enrolments** We are lucky enough to 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.

**Newsletter paperless in Term 2** this is the last paper copy of the newsletter. We now have 380 people on the Skoolbag app and last week we had over 600 hits on our website!!

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.

***Have a wonderful holiday and don't eat too many chocolates!***

**Aloma Stewart**

#### *Joke of the week*

Q: Why did the police arrest the turkey?

A: They suspected it of fowl play!

#### *Thought of the week*

When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.

**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!

Lance 4/5M      Jordan 6L      Andrew 3HR  
Ella 2S      Richard 2S      Jacob 3/4D  
Joshua 1/2D      Beauden 1/2D

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

Charlotte 4/5M      Rebekah 5/6B      Lara 6L  
Gemma 3HR      Michaela 1/2D      Lilly 1/2D  
Kate 1S      Brysen 3/4D

## BROKERS NETBALL

A **HUGE** congratulations to our three year six students: Lauren Myers, Claudia Konza and Rebekah Kohler on their outstanding performance at the Northern Illawarra Netball trials last week. The girls were part of the outstanding Brokers Netball team - winning 4 from 4 games. Well done!

In addition, special congratulations to Lauren Myers - who gained further selection in the Northern Illawarra Netball team. Lauren will go on to compete at the South Coast trials next term. We wish her all the very best.



## STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House clothing appeal bags have been issued to students this week. Please consider spending some time over the holidays to sort through your clothing and place any items to be recycled in the clothing appeal bags. Please return Stewart House bags to the old school hall by **Tuesday 6th May** for pickup.

## MITES

Mites are tiny insects which cause small, itchy bites on the skin. Several students have demonstrated these symptoms. If you think your child may have mites, see a doctor or pharmacist. Treatment is simple, a one-off use of a cream called Lyclear, an over-the-counter product. You may need to consider cleaning/washing carpets, cushions and soft fabrics where people sit, etc. Doctors suggests a spray of insecticide would do the trick (that's on the furniture, not the children!).

Martin Loxton

## The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) - FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health and offers all Kindergarten children a **FREE** vision screening assessment.

Our school has the fantastic opportunity to participate in this screening on **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April** - (Week 1) **of next term**.

If you have a child in Kindergarten, please complete and sign the consent form and return this to school as soon as possible.

Thank you, Ms Steele

## ATHLETES FOOT STORE WOLLONGONG

Thank you to the Athletes Foot store on the Mall in Wollongong, who have donated \$185.00 to Balgownie School for sales they have received from Balgownie students. The store donates 5% of all sales back to our school when you mention Balgownie Public School at the checkout! So if you need those last minute netball shoes or football boots or even if it is time for new school shoes or work shoes, remember to visit Athletes Foot in Wollongong and mention our fabulous school.

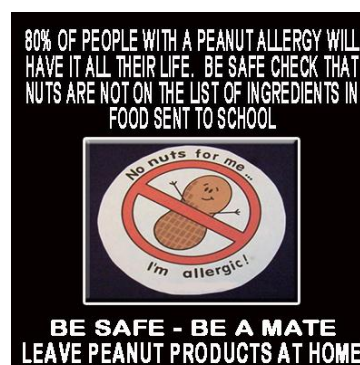
## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Week 1 Term 2

Day	Date	Name
Mon	28.4.14	CLOSED
Tue	29.4.14	Mary Papakosmas Jo Mortimer Mandy Fanning
Wed	30.4.14	Jo Welsh <b>Help Needed</b>
Thur	1.5.14	Helen Lewis Tanya Vlietstra <b>Help Needed</b>
Frid	2.5.14	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Naheda Baghdadi Lillian Vlachos

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Due to increase in costs there will be a price rise on some items in the canteen from Term 2. A new Canteen Menu will be distributed soon.**





## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please help us continue to provide this valuable service. If you are able to assist to coordinate the uniform shop, perhaps with a friend, please let us know! The Uniform Shop Coordinator:

- Operates the uniform shop on Tuesday each week from 8:30-9:30 with the assistance of a regular group of approximately 4 volunteers
- Provides an ordering system through the school canteen for parents who are unable to attend the uniform shop
- Liaises with uniform suppliers and orders stock as needed
- Unpacks deliveries (most stock is delivered to the school) and picks up some stock from local suppliers (usually about 4 times per year)
- Issues receipts and file order forms
- Conducts stock take prior to start of summer and winter to determine amount of new season stock to order
- Report to the P&C regarding uniform shop operation

You will be given lots of assistance!!

## P&C NEWS

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

## P&C MEETING

Tonight's P&C meeting will be held at 7.15pm in the Library. It will incorporate some continued business from the AGM. It will also be preceded by a fete organisation meeting at 6.30pm in the library. We invite all friends of the school to attend and see what exciting things are in store.

## HOT CROSS BUNS – Thursday 10 April

Hot Cross bun orders will be delivered to the school this Thursday. If you elected to pick your order up from the Canteen, please do so between 2.30pm – 3.15pm.

## PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE HELP WITH BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER!

***All you can eat sausage incentive package available for volunteers***

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 – require 2-3 more volunteers

10:30 – 12:30

12:30 – 14:30

14:30 – 16:30 – requires 3 more volunteers

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

## TREASURER NEEDED URGENTLY

We have many fantastic volunteers assisting us this year, but the P&C is still without a Treasurer. The role of Treasurer is crucial to the continued operation of the P&C. If you think you can assist, please contact Amie Grierson on 0439 411 246 or email [p.and.c@hotmail.com](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com).

The Treasurer is responsible for:

- Receiving and depositing all monies received by the Association;
- Maintaining financial records;
- Drawing cheques;
- Presenting accounts;
- Presenting a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement at each P&C Meeting;
- Preparation of a projected financial budget at the beginning of the year.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - AVAILABLE FRIDAY!

Tomorrow (Thursday) is your final chance to pre-order your book and receive bonus vouchers (you choose 6 from 14 options, including Al Aseel at Fairy Meadow and the Outback Steakhouse).

Order online or place your order form in the canteen by 3pm Thursday (copies available at the office or you can print one yourself from the P&C website). Please see the link to Balgownie Public School's Entertainment Book payment page and further details on [www.balgowniepnc.com](http://www.balgowniepnc.com)

You can view a book and purchase next term for a limited time but if you know that you will definitely be buying one then you may as well do it this week for the extra vouchers, the chance to win a bottle of wine, plus you will have all those vouchers to use over the school holidays (eg: Hangdog, San Churro, bowling, movies).

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! Remember that one of the greatest savings is through buying the WISH gift vouchers and saving 5% every time you shop or buy petrol.

If you have already purchased the book option then make sure you see Susan McAndrew on Friday morning to collect your book (or you can collect it from the school office in the afternoon).

## 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 Allison McKillop 0402 565 934.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **UNDER-10S BASKETBALL**

Balgownie Pythons are looking for a couple more players aged 7-9 to join their under-10 basketball team which plays Tuesday afternoons at the Snakepit. Games are either 4.30pm or 5.30pm. Please call Toni on 0438 325 853 if interested.



## Term 2 planner- Parents

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
<b>Wk 1</b>	28 April Staff Development day-Science	29 April Students return Anzac Day Service 9.30am	30 Apr Vision testing - Kinder	1 May Brokers Cross Country	2 May	3 /4 May
<b>2</b>	5 May Cross Country presentation 2.15pm	6 May Musica Viva 9.30 and 12pm	7 May Brokers touch trials  <b>P and C 7.15pm</b>	8 May Mothers Day stall	9 May	10 11 May Mother s day
<b>3</b>	12 May	13 May NAPLAN Language Conventions and writing	14 May NAPLAN Reading	15 May  NAPLAN Numeracy	16 May Catch up day NAPLAN Girls soccer vs FMDS	17 18 May
<b>4</b>	19 May <i>Lock Down practice this week</i>	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 25 May
<b>5</b>	26 May Reconciliation Week	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May Regional cross country	31 May 1 June
<b>6</b>	2 June Kindergarten for 2015 Open Day 9.30-10.30	3 June	4 June ICAS science	5 June	6 June	7 8 June
<b>7</b>	9 June <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	10 June  <b>School athletics carnival</b>	11 June <b>Principal's report 6.45pm Science P and C Meeting – 7.15pm</b>	12 June	13 June	14 15 June
<b>8</b>	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June <i>K-2 athletics carnival middle session</i>	21 22 June
<b>9</b>	23 June Athletics presentation 2.15pm	24 June	25 June  <i>Reports to Parents</i>	26 June	27 June	28 29 June