

The Bally Buzz

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Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 14 May 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 2

Wednesday	14 May	NAPLAN Reading P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Thursday	15 May	NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday	16 May	Girls Soccer Team vs FMDS
Friday	23 May	Gymsport Catchup for Friday group
Monday	26 May	Netball Knockout at Guest Park
Monday	2 June	Kindergarten Open Day 9.30-10.30am

Thank you to the volunteers for the Mother's Day stall and I hope all the Mums and Grandmas had a joyous day spent doing relaxing things with your families. The Mother's Day stall was fabulous with much thought having gone into the purchasing of great gifts to share with families.

I also wish to thank all the volunteers for the Easter BBQ stall held at Bunnings. I am sorry not to have done it last week, but too excited to be back after the holidays. I believe it was an amazing result and that you worked really hard! Thanks for giving up your time on a long weekend.

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted into the performing art selective streams for Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts.

Claudia Konza, Kate Critcher – Dance
Kelly Newman, Ritchie Welsby – Drama
Chloe Heyman – Singing
Lauren Myers – Visual Arts

Well done to these students and their families. They will have their names in lights in the future and we all can say that we knew them when they were young!

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.

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.

Pavers Last chance to purchase pavers by 31st May 2014 - money and orders need to be completed and in to the Museum by then..... No more orders to follow.

Safety. I am just reminding everyone to take special care of our kids when picking up, dropping off and also walking home. PLEASE remind your children about safety in and around our school, and take care when driving. We all know how unpredictable children can be.

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers please take care to ensure the safety of all children.

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs – they are planned with children's safety in mind. Fines and demerit points apply if you park illegally.
- NEVER double park – it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

ANTIBULLYING LESSON 2 - Take a STAND

How do I respond to Provocation?

This week, students will discuss three basic ways to respond to a situation if they are provoked. The purpose is to understand that acting assertively (the 'cool way') will be the most productive rather than the passive or aggressive way.

Why teach this skill? Students will encounter many situations where they will need to stand up for themselves. There are three basic ways to respond to a situation where you are being provoked.



1. An Assertive Response (Cool)

An assertive response to provocation usually involves making a firm request for the provocation to stop OR ignoring and walking away from the provocation. If neither of these strategies work, the next step in an assertive response is to seek assistance from a person with the resources and power to provide support.



2. A Passive Response (Soft)

Some students lack confidence in their ability to deal with provocation. They become fearful and let others continue to give them a hard time or agree to things they really don't want to do. Passive responses result in a loss of self-respect and respect from others, and usually the provocation continues.



3. An Aggressive Response (Aggro)

An aggressive response involves reacting with any or all of the following behaviours:

- hitting, punching, tripping and so on;
- using insults and put-downs;
- shouting and yelling;
- damaging property.

Many students believe that unless they respond aggressively to provocation, they will lose face and be called 'wimps'. However, an aggressive response tends to escalate the conflict and often results in injury, or property damage, and loss of self-esteem.

Students often don't realise that they can maintain face and stand up for themselves by using an assertive response instead of an aggressive one.

What is the difference between dobbing and telling?/ or asking for help? There is always the risk that students who seek support will be called "dobbers". You don't want to encourage dobbing but we want to encourage asking for support. Teachers are using the following definitions to distinguish between dobbing, telling and acting responsibly.

- **'Dobbing'** is when a person tries to get attention or to get someone else into trouble. It is when you want to get someone in trouble over something that is not harming you or anyone else.
- **'Asking for help/ support'/Telling** is when someone feels a situation is out of their control and they are unable to deal with it alone. Telling is something you need to do to help yourself or someone else or is something that is serious and an adult needs to know. If anyone sees someone else in this situation they should also ask for help.
- **Acting responsibly** is letting a teacher or other adult know when something damaging or dangerous is happening to you or someone else in your class.
Asking for help is always okay.

Lets work together to give our students skills to deal with life and its challenges.

Have a great week.

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

Life is a one-way street. No matter how many detours you take, none of them leads back. And once you know and accept that, life becomes much simpler. -Isabel

Joke of the week

Q: What has three letters and starts with gas?

A: Car!

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!

Hamish C 1A	Jake B 1A	Olivia F 1A
Austin V 1/2D	Hanna R 4/5M	Dusty M 2S

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

Zoe J 1S	Escher G 1S	Tyrone Y 2S
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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

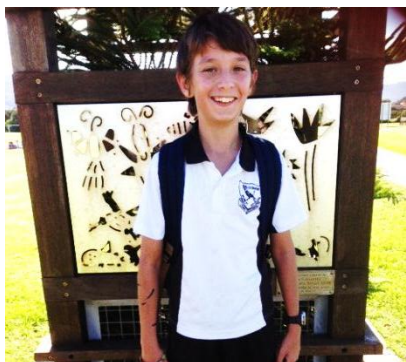
A reminder that all outstanding school accounts must be paid as soon as possible. Please contact the office if payment arrangements need to be made.

BROKERS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Thursday 1st May, the top six winners from each age group from our school cross country took part in the Brokers Cross Country Carnival. The weather gods smiled upon all competitors and the BPS team competed with great sportsmanship and determination. From the day we now have 5 talented children going through to the Regional Cross Country event at Cambewarra on Friday 30th May. We would like to wish Leroy Black 10yrs boys, Clancy Lowe 11 years boys and our 3 triumphant senior girls Bella Rogers, Claudia Konza and Lauren Myers the best of luck for the day.

Mrs Di Burns





SMITH'S HILL HIGH SCHOOL EXPO NIGHT

Monday May 26, 2014

6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Smith's Hill High School is a government selective co-educational high school catering for Gifted and Talented students.

Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2015 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and examples of the work of our students. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2016.

Phone enquiries directed to the Relieving Principal Mr Walker on 42294266 during school hours.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 4 Term 2

Day	Date	Name
Mon	19.5.14	Tracey Koschny Kim Mercieca
Tue	20.5.14	Sharon O'Brien Martha Newman
Wed	21.5.14	Delvene Spencer Michelle Morton
Thur	22.5.14	Miehell McCreadie Michelle Hodge (until May)
Frid	23.5.14	Michelle Reid Sharyn Ross Matt Lynch

CANTEEN NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! We are seeking more volunteers to support the running of the canteen. You will be joining a great team, so if you've never done it before there will be someone to help you along the way. If anyone can help out in the canteen on May 30th please email ballycanteen@gmail.com or call Faye 0401520632.

Don't forget to check the NEW menu before ordering lunch.

LOST & FOUND

Found – a silver link bracelet (adult size) in the school playground. Please contact the office for more information.

P&C NEWS

P&C Agenda attached for meeting tonight.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The P&C would like to say a huge Thank You to the school community for supporting the Mother's Day Stall. The children thoroughly enjoyed their independent shopping experience and we hope that all their special people had a great Mother's Day and enjoyed receiving such gorgeous gifts that were chosen with love.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up, run and pack up the stall - it was a fun couple of hours and you have helped raise over \$1000 that will go towards the playground equipment.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Books are still selling well. We have sold over 60 books and digital memberships and hope to sell even more when the previous books expire in a couple of weeks. There are samples to view in the office or you can follow the links online at www.balgowniepnc.com for more information. The book gives you access to 5% off Woolworths and Caltex every time you shop - that's a massive saving over a year so you will get your money back on that alone plus have all of those restaurant/activity/takeaway savings to take advantage of. You save money, the school makes \$11 and everyone is happy and entertained!

HAVE YOU PURCHASED A NEW MOBILE PHONE RECENTLY?

Is your old phone lying around collecting dust? Why not turn it into something useful? We are running an ongoing mobile phone recycling fundraiser. Simply take your mobile to the box in the library! Thank you to everyone who recycled their phone last year. All money raised will be put towards environmental initiatives for the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BALGOWNIE MARKETS

Balgownie Markets is on at Balgownie Village Community Centre, on Saturday 31 May from 9am to 2pm. There are lots of homemade and locally produced goods as well as entertainment, face painting and BBQ.

All profits from stallholder fees are being donated to the local charity Community Cancer Link which supports cancer sufferers in the Illawarra.

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 14 May 2014

AGM agenda (continued)

1) Attendance

2) Apologies

3) Treasurer's report including presentation of the audited accounts

4) Appointment of nominated independent financial auditor for 2014

5) Next AGM – Wednesday 11 March 2015

6) Close of AGM

General meeting agenda

1) Minutes of Previous meeting

2) Business arising from previous minutes

3) Reports

- Principal's
- President's
- Treasurer's
- Secretary's report
 - correspondence
- Fundraising
 - approval of phone costs
- Uniform shop
- Grounds & Environment
 - pump repair approval
- Canteen
- Grants
- Museum

4) General Business

- Banking for kids (postponed to next meeting)
- Crossing at Brokers Road
- Uniform shop online ordering proposal
- P&C federation

5) Next Meeting – 11 June 2014