

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 2 Week 5

Wednesday 28 May 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 2

Friday	30 May	Regional Cross Country
Monday	2 June	Kindergarten Open Day
Tuesday	3 June	Girls & Boys Basket Ball knockout at Snake Pit.
Friday	6 June	Keirabald Open night
Monday	9 June	Golf day K-2
Wednesday	11 June	Public Holiday
		Fete Meeting 6:45pm
		P&C meeting 7.15pm

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.

RICH LEARNING AT OUR SCHOOL

I was so proud of our school with the learning that was happening on just one day. The following is a snap shot of last Friday.

- High level literacy in Stage Three with using a novel study *Artemis Fowl* to infer characteristics from the text. The student discussion on whether they liked or disliked the text and why, was worthy of any adult book club.
- Performance opportunities for our Stage 2 students through the choir practice that occurred in readiness for their concert in Term 3.
- Leadership opportunities for our 4 school leaders at the Leadership Conference for Students.
- Junior Shed where some senior students are mentored by gentlemen from the Corrimal Men's Shed.
- Sport through Gymsports and athletics practice for the carnival.
- Hands on science led by parents where the Stage One classes had a school yard safari. This science unit is part of the new curriculum and environmental education. The students had a great time having an 'excursion' without leaving the grounds.
- And the opportunities keep coming next week with netball, soccer, basketball, golf and regional cross country

Our school is humming with quality learning using our

school facilities. Thanks to all who are providing our students with engaging rich learning, both in the classrooms and in the playground.

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school in Public Speaking on Thursday 26/6/14.

Campbell Wearing
Rebecca Kohler

Mitchell Welsh
Stevie Knight

NETBALL NEWS

Our Senior Girls netball team competed in a mini knockout against Stanwell Park Public School and Corrimal East Public School on Monday 26th May, 2014. In our first game we defeated Stanwell Park, 20 to 8. Our second game was won after a very close start. The first quarter saw both teams tied at 5 all. The girls came out strong and confident and went on to win each quarter and finally the game at 22 to 13.

I would like to congratulate each and every player for their superb skill, flexibility in positions and sportsmanship. I would also like to say a big thank you to Wendy Myers for umpiring and Elissa Kohler for scoring and the many parents and family members who came to support the girls.

We now progress through to Round 3 of the competition, with a game to be played early in Term 3. Well done girls, I'm very proud of you!

Mrs Lynch



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STATE KNOCKOUT UPDATE

On Tuesday afternoon, the Senior Girls Soccer Team played Russell Vale Public School in round 2 of the NSW PSSA State Knockout. After taking the lead early in the game, Balgownie quickly found themselves under pressure from a more experienced team and had to settle for a hard fought 4-1 loss. While disappointed that this now concludes their involvement in this state wide competition, all team members were pleased to have had the opportunity to represent their school with pride and for many team members, to have experienced playing a new sport. The NSW Primary Schools Sports Association conducts knockouts in a wide variety of sports each year for students in our public schools. This year Balgownie Public School will have 7 teams competing in soccer, basketball, netball and touch football. The experience of representing our school in these competitions is one that is highly valued by our students.

School Chess News

At the end of Term One, Balgownie Public recorded another 'first' when we entered some of our senior students in the Inter-schools Chess Challenge at Edmund Rice College. Lance, Kye, Ethan, Clancy and Trae were all excellent ambassadors for the school and each enjoyed some success, a loss or two and the ever present drawn match. Balgownie placed 4th overall on the day. Congratulations boys.



K-- SPORT

Milo Cricket is a fun modified version of the long game that specifically caters for younger children with a great emphasis on participation.

Recently the K-2 students were lucky enough to experience a cricket session as part of their sport in Week 3. All students and teachers were impressed with the organisation, resources and ease of the program. At the end of the session, students received a show bag.

If you are interested in more information visit www.in2cricket.com.au or contact Paul Brockley on 0425 297 718.

JACK NEWTON GOLF

Jack Newton Golf will visit the school in Weeks 5 & 6 to work with K-2 as well as Stage 2 & 3.

PSSA BASKETBALL

Our senior Boys and Girls Basketball teams begin their PSSA Knockout competition with both games on Tuesday 3rd June against Flinders Public. Notes and money are due today. We are short a driver and still need a volunteer or two to run the bench. Good luck to all involved.

ILLAWARRA AND SOUTH EAST GROUP JUNIOR BAND CAMP

Well done Kye Storey who attended the Junior Band Camp held at Stanwell Tops. Kye played the Keyboard and was the only representative for Balgownie.

Students can attend this Camp if you are in Year 4 – Year 10.

If you would like further information please go to their website. www.southernarts.det.nsw.edu.au.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. A letter has gone out to all families in our school this week.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>.

Information about the NSW Government's privacy policies can be found here: <http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/>

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week

Every year, it is held between two significant milestones in Australia's history, May 27 and June 3. May 27 is the anniversary of the 1967 referendum in which more than 90 per cent of Australians voted 'Yes' to count Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the census and give the Australian Government the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title – the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations. This date is the anniversary of the tabling of the 'Bringing Them Home' Report in Parliament, which told the history of Indigenous children who were taken from their families under forcible removal policies from the 1890s to the 1970s. For Australia's First Nations Peoples, this day of remembrance holds deep meaning.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2014 is *Let's Walk the Talk*, so Australians across the nation can start putting their words into action. There are many ways to celebrate National Reconciliation Week and to 'walk the talk' by contributing to the wider effort to build a reconciled Australia. You could host a BBQ using native ingredients such as lemon myrtle or bush tomato, or host a film night to watch *The Sapphires*, *Bran Nue Day* or *Ten Canoes*. Whenever people come together and share conversations, reconciliation takes another step forward.

Did you know...

- Only **31%** of Australians say they know a lot about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures but **82%** of us want to know more.
- The Australian economy would be **\$24 billion** better off in 2031 if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced the same health, education and employment outcomes as other Australians.
- About **60%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in cities and major regional areas.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians excel in numerous areas, not just sport. People such as Professor Helen Milroy, Australia's first Aboriginal psychiatrist, and ACT Minister Chris Bourke, who was also the first Aboriginal dentist, are just some of those who make outstanding and highly influential contributions to Australia in diverse areas.

Our school is committed to demonstrating the core values of respect, inclusion and fairness in all our interactions with each other.

Anti Bullying Lesson 4 How to ignore someone giving you a hard time.

Why Learn This Skill? Sometimes students will need to tell another to stop doing something that is annoying them, but at other times it is more appropriate to ignore annoying behaviour. Discuss with your child some of the situations in which ignoring is more appropriate.

For example.

- When it is only a minor or short irritation;
- When you are sure that talking to the person will only encourage them;
- When you think that asking them to stop won't work.

Discuss times when it is not appropriate to ignore the situation. Ignoring is an active strategy and one that students can realise is a positive choice.

Do's

- Stop looking at them.
- Try to keep all expression off your face. Look calm.
- Do something else or talk to others near you.
- If the other person keeps annoying you, **STAY COOL AND WALK AWAY.**
- If they follow you and keep giving you a hard time you can ask an adult for support.
- Remember, sometimes the person teasing you will not stop immediately and you may have to ignore someone a few times.

Don'ts

- Don't look at them
- Don't smile
- Don't argue
- Don't insult back
- Don't get AGRO
- Don't try to get them into trouble.

Stay Cool.

Take the power back.

Smart people know when to walk away.

Have a great week.

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

For the pain, suffering and hurt of Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry."
National Apology

Joke of the week

Q: What did the one penny say to the other penny?

A: We make perfect cents.

THE SCHOOL SAFARI DAY

The School Safari Day on Friday with Stage 1 was absolutely fantastic. This event was organised by Julie Gallan, Environmental Educator at Royal National Park, and Mum to Zoe in Year 1, who did such a wonderful job with the kids. The sessions were run for one hour per class for 5 classes, so it was a busy day but certainly so worthwhile to see so many little faces totally enthralled with what Julie taught them about the environment in the school grounds.

On behalf of the School's Grounds and Environment Committee I would like to thank Julie for her efforts to organise, plan and run the School Safari Day and with such passion and enthusiasm.

Also thanks to our resident entomologist, Suz McAndrew and Vanessa Allen, vegetation expert, for their assistance on the day also.



Safari Day from the classroom

On Friday, Stage 1 went on a Schoolyard Safari around our school. We explored our school grounds searching for bugs and animals, and investigated the plant and animal life around us. Students also learned about our school compost, worm farm and vegetable garden.

Another big thankyou to Julie Gallan and her helpers for organising and running this experience, we had a great time!



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!

Liesel Lindenau Olivia Facci Dusty Moffit

And well done to the following student who achieved the PBS Badge:

Blake McKillop

GRIP LEADERSHIP

Last Friday the four school leaders accompanied by Mrs Burns attended the GRIP Leadership conference at Wollonong University. During the day we learnt what a leader was and how to be a good leader. We learnt about being a schoolyard superhero to use your skills wisely. We each had a time to shine; Claudia went up on stage to deliver her answer to a quiz, Molly had to provide a super-hero answer, Mitchell had to scout the room for people with special talents and Max, had to dance on stage in a dance-off showing his own 'Squidward' move! It was a great day, especially the 'Loud Noises' sessions where we had to be as noisy as possible.

Mitchell Welsh, Max Whalan- on behalf of all the leaders.

2013/2014 Entertainment Books expiring this weekend!

If you still have any vouchers left from the book you purchased last year, then don't forget to use them in the next few days. Also, this is a reminder to buy any Coles vouchers you would like with the 5% discount as they are not part of the new book. To continue to access Woolworth's vouchers plus loads of other savings, then please buy your new book soon, pay online via www.balgowniepnc.com and you can receive your digital membership immediately. I have heard of many people who have already saved more than the \$55 purchase price of the book in the last few weeks alone! If you already have your book, please tell your friends about your savings so they can see what great value it really is for families.

THE EMERGENCY + SMARTPHONE APP

In a joint initiative, Commonwealth and NSW emergency services portfolios recently launched the [Emergency +](#) smartphone application.

The application is free and available to download on all apple and android smartphones.

When activated, the Emergency+ application provides users with their GPS reference which can then be reported to an emergency call taker to pinpoint the physical location where the services are required.

More than 65 per cent of calls to Triple Zero are made from mobile phones. Sometimes mobile phone users are not aware of their physical location – making it difficult for emergency call operators to dispatch emergency services. The application assists callers to more accurately inform emergency operators of their location using the smart phones GPS capability to support the timely provision of services.

The application includes the numbers for Triple Zero (000), the Police Assistance Line (131444), the State Emergency Service (132500), the National Relay Service and Health Direct Australia (1800 022 222).

For information on how to download the [Emergency +](#) application, a training video and other further information, please access the following Australian Government website:

<http://www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/EmergencySmartphoneApp.aspx>

CHOCOLATE FUND RAISER

We will soon be placing an order for boxes of chocolates. If your family does not want to receive a box of chocolates please email the following statement to p.and.c@hotmail.com *"Please DO NOT give my family any chocolates to sell. My child/ren's name is..... they are in class....."*

Alternatively you could place the same note in the canteen slot. If we have not heard from you by this Friday 30th May we will order your family a box of chocolates that you would be required to sell over the school holidays and return your money in week 1, Term 3. Thank you to Catherine, Evelyn and Wendy for your help.

FATHERS DAY STALL

If anyone would like to help coordinate the Father's Day stall please contact Donna Guest (0447 790 619) as sourcing gifts and ordering will need to take place soon.

FETE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE 18th OCTOBER

We have some exciting things planned but as always, many hands make for light work and we would love your help if you can. We are seeking three people who would be able to take a list of 10 local businesses to approach for sponsorship requests. If you could do this please get in touch with either Donna or Megan for more information.

If you own or know of a business who would like to sponsor our fete or make a prize donation for our monster raffle we would love to hear from you. Tickets will be getting printed very soon.

Do you own a marque/gazebo or perhaps know of someone who would be able to loan it to a stall for the day? It is a great way to advertise your business. If so please let Donna or Megan know. Thank you to Peoplecare and Bendigo Bank who have provided us a gazebo for the day.

Contact

Donna (0447 790 619)

Megan (0403 233 875) or send us an email at balgowniefete@gmail.com

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for your pre-purchase show bag order forms. We will only have a very limited number of show bags available to purchase on the day so don't be disappointed and order your show bags early.

To keep up to date with what's happening at our fete, check out our website <http://balgowniepnc.com/fete/>

APPLE FOR THE TEACHER WAVE FM

Travis and Emma from Wave FM's Hot Breakfast are on the search for the Illawarra's favourite school teacher. Yes, Wave FM's Apple for the Teacher is back! And this year it's bigger ... with the winning teacher and every kid in their class scoring Apple iPad Mini's!

Students and parents – Do you have a great teacher at your school? Nominate now on the website below. Teachers, you can nominate yourself too... in fact, maybe check with the principal and see if you can get every teacher at the school nominated.

Wave FM's Apple for the Teacher is all thanks to Domayne Computers, Warrawong - the home of Apple & The Illawarra Credit Union.

Apple For The Teacher - Registrations are open on WAVE FM's Website.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 5 Term 2

Day	Date	Name
Mon	2.6.14	Emma Kipps Alison McKillop
Tue	3.6.14	Penny Fraser Marissa Bull
Wed	4.6.14	Michelle Fulcher Ljuba Rodic
Thur	5.6.14	Tanya Vilestra Helen Lewis
Frid	6.6.14	Liliana Vlachos Naheda Baghdadi Yuki Nakamura-Bell

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER PARENT HELPERS

Our Athletics Carnival is on at Beaton Park on Tuesday the 10th June. Permission notes have been distributed to students. The cost of the Carnival is \$9.00 and is open to all students from 8 years and up.

We are seeking parent volunteers to help out with carnival events on the day. If you are able to assist us please fill out the volunteer slip attached to the permission note or inform our school office. Many thanks Carnival organisers: Mr Loxton, Mrs Burns and Mrs Birchall.

LOST & FOUND

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

CANTEEN NEWS

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

We urgently need more volunteers. In particular, we need people available on Thursdays. We currently have vacancies on the first and fourth Thursdays of the month as well as the 31st July and the 30th October.



If you have just one hour available a month we would greatly appreciate your help, and you will be well supported in learning the ropes.

If you are able to join the canteen team please contact Faye 0401520632 or ballycanteen@gmail.com <mailto:ballycanteen@gmail.com>.

A very big thank you to our team of volunteers, we cannot work without you.

Thanks, Faye.

P&C NEWS

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.

