

# The Bally Buzz

## Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 2 Week 9

Wednesday 25th June 2014

### CALENDAR – TERM 2

Wed	25 June	Reports to parents Girls' Netball 1:00
Frid	27 June	Last day of Term 2 Big Day In – pyjama/movie day Show Bag Orders due today
Tue	15 July	Students return for Term 3
Thu	17 July	Brokers Athletics Carnival
Mon	21 July	BPS Athletics Carnival Presentation Assembly 2.15pm in Hall

**Reports go home with students today.** Celebrate your child's achievements with them. I have read all the reports and they provide honest feedback of what your child knows and can do, and what they need to focus on next. It also tells you how they go about learning. Well done students! You should be proud of your achievements!

**Celebration of this term!** This term apart from activities in class we have undertaken:

- ANZAC Day ceremony
- NAPLAN assessment
- Multicultural Public Speaking
- School Yard Safari for Stage One
- Stage One to Botanic Gardens
- Choir festival training
- Kindergarten Open Day for 2015 Kindy Kids
- ICAS assessment in science
- Keirabald art show
- Mothers Day stall, P and C meetings, chocolate drive, Fete committee gaining momentum
- Musica Viva,
- Sport -Cross Country, Athletics, touch football, soccer, basketball, netball, Milo cricket, golf.
- Teacher training in No Gap, Science, dyslexia, leadership, consistent teacher judgement, maths, learning plans, English

These things do not just happen without planning and team work. Thanks to all staff for their hard work this term. Our teachers really go above and beyond and work extremely long hours to ensure our kids get the best possible education and increase their life chances and choices.

I am inspired by the quality of learning that is happening in all of our classrooms. It is lovely to be able to say with pride that in every classroom we have an excellent teacher who cares for our children and who works long hours to get to know all children as learners and as people. Thanks team! Have a good break and come back next term refreshed and ready for action.

Thanks to the students who make our days joyful by coming with positive attitudes and fabulous work ethic. It makes the school a fabulous place. Thanks to the parents who help out. We couldn't do it without you!

#### Backyard activities for these school holidays

For the next school holidays, encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve their coordination, balancing and movement skills. This will also build their confidence and self-esteem. Why not try:

- flying a kite
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- playing with the family pet
- helping to organise a garage sale
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

#### Stop, Drop and Roll

Remind your children about fire safety:

If your clothes catch on fire, don't try to run away - this will only make the fire burn hotter and faster.

Instead:

- STOP immediately where you are
- DROP quickly to the ground and cover your face with your hands
- ROLL over and over to put out the flames

**NAIDOC week** is a special time in the life of the Department of Education and Training. It happens in the first week back next term. It is an important celebration that acknowledges, honours and pays homage to this nation's rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and heritage. It also celebrates the significant contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made,

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and continue to make in shaping our country's social, political, cultural, and economic fabric.

**Uniform** There have been some variations to our uniform that are occurring and I would like you to revisit your child's uniform over the holidays and remember:

- 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.
- Jumpers and jackets are to be Balgownie School jumpers only.
- All hats are to be Balgownie School hats only.
- Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. Boots or high tops are not school uniform.

For further clarification of the school uniform please see the Skoolbag app or website.

Our school has a good reputation in the community and one of the reasons for this is the pride our students show in our school by high standards of uniform. If there is an issue with finance, please come to see me. Otherwise, please support our school by ensuring your children are wearing correct uniform from Term Three onwards. The details matter!

Please don't forget to check your children's names are still on all items of clothing. There is a growing pile of lost property outside the canteen.

### **Help Your child achieve from Michael Grose**

There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child's teacher to maximise your child's chances of school success.

#### **1. Know what your child's teacher is trying to achieve.**

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child's teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child's class.

#### **2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.**

If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child's school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their roles.

#### **3. Support your teacher's expectations & activities at home.**

One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

#### **4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.**

Maximise your child's chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It's estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

#### **5. Inform teachers of your child's challenges and**

**changes.** Life's not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child's teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

**6. Skill children to work with others.** Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

#### **7. Seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.**

Resist the temptation to solve all your children's problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

#### **8. Participate fully in class & school activities.**

There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child's schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his/her learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child's teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

#### **9. Trust your teacher's knowledge, professionalism and experience.**

Your child's teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

#### **10. Talk up what happens at school.**

Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you'll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child's teachers.

***Have a lovely holiday with family and friends. I am looking forward to working with you next term as we begin the second half of the year!***

**Aloma Stewart**

#### **Thought of the week**

*The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth."* ~Dan Rather

**Joke of the week**

Q: How do you make a strawberry shake?

A: Put it in the freezer.

**CHORAL FESTIVAL TICKETS**

Choral Festival tickets can now be purchased from the school office or orders with payment can be placed in the counter drop box. Tickets can be purchased with cash, cheque, eftpos or online payments.

If you have sent in an order previously, your Round One tickets can be picked up. Please remember that the school is not responsible for any lost or misplaced tickets.



**Parentingideas Magazine** next issue is now available. The latest edition is available at the following link.

[http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent\\_Magazine.html](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html)

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

After the unfortunate cancellation of our carnival at Beaton Park (due to the foul weather and the closure of the in-field) we were forced to run our carnival at alternate venues. The shot-put, discus and high jump events were held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June in the back playground of our school. These events ran hurriedly but efficiently and all age groups were completed by 3:00pm (just!).

The running events and long jump were held at Guest Park and Fairy Meadow Dem School respectively. A big thank you to Mr Swan for helping out with the marking of the track, one of the greatest problem-solving exercises I have recently attempted. As my appreciation of Beaton Park grew by the minute, we eventually had the markers in place and were ready to go by the time the students arrived. The students had all enjoyed their warm-up walk down from the school and were raring to go.

Thanks to the help of many parents and the flexibility of staff we were able to run all events and determine placegetters thus creating our school team for the Brokers Carnival. Congratulations to all the students who competed in great spirit in unusual conditions ("We have to run on grass?") and behaved in an exemplary fashion.

Mr McGoldrick and I will have the pleasure of escorting the aforesaid team to Brokers Carnival on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July (Term 3, Week 1). The participating students should receive their notes and a program of events by the end of this week.

Congratulations to all our age champions:

Junior Boys – Felix Wiaczek  
Junior Girls – India McKeown  
11yr Boys – Leroy Black  
11Yr Girls – Jordyn Ross  
Senior Boys – Clancy Lowe  
Senior Girls – Claudia Konza

**The Athletics Carnival Presentation Assembly will be**

**on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2:15pm in the hall.**

Mr Loxton,  
Carnival Organiser (and novice track marker)

**KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION - THE GRUFFALO PERFORMANCE – IPAC**

An exciting excursion in Term Three has been planned for all Kindergarten students to watch the performance of **The Gruffalo** - Live On Stage at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014** (Week 4 - Term 3). If you have a child in Kindergarten, please see the excursion note for more details. Full cost for the excursion is **\$25.00**. Payment should be made in **FULL** by **Tuesday 29th July 2014** (Week 3 - Term 3).

We look forward to a fabulous performance!  
Kindergarten Teachers ☺

**The SRC council have been wondering what students are most looking forward to, about the school fate and this is what they said.....**

Max KK: "Looking at all the shops is what I want to do best"

Angelique KS: "Having fun is all I want to do"

Ashton KS: "Listening to some of the music is going to be pretty cool"

Emily 1A: "The food mostly, the cupcakes"

Cameron 3/4D: "The chair swing is awesome"

Harry 4/5M: "I am most looking forward to hanging with my friends and going on the rides"

Ella 5/6B: "I love the Cha Cha ride the most"

Claudia 6L: "Hanging out with friends for the last time will be great"

**Written By Chloe Heyman**

**CANTEEN ROSTER****Week 1 Term 3**

<b>Monday 14 July</b>	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b>	Sharon O'Brien Martha Newman
<b>Wednesday 16 July</b>	Delvene Spencer Michelle Morton
<b>Thursday 17 July</b>	Corina Firpo Megan Hammersley Kate Smith
<b>Friday 18 July</b>	Julie Neal Gayle Galvin Shelly Lavery

**CANTEEN NEWS**

This Term has been a busy one for the canteen. We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the volunteers who set aside time each month (or more) to make the canteen



possible. Thanks you!

### HELP NEEDED

We are still in need of a volunteer to fulfill the role of Stock Manager. This role requires about two hours a week (one hour on Monday and one hour on Friday). We are able to offer training and support. This is a vital role, without which the canteen will not be able to function. The role can be shared between two people. If you are able to help please contact Faye 0401520632| [ballycanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ballycanteen@gmail.com)).



### UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN

<http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms>

Have the ease of paying via Credit Card, PayPal, Direct Deposit or even Cash\* or Cheque\*.

No more queues... Just order online, choose one easy payment method and deliveries are made every week to you nominated child's classroom.

For further enquiries or appointments please email [uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com](mailto:uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com)

*\*Cash or cheque payments are to be made through the canteen slot in a sealed envelope with your order number.*

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS IN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

This is your final chance to buy the Entertainment book before the school holidays. Savings include 25% off Luna Park rides & Taronga Zoo, buy 1 get 1 free to Illawarra Fly, Powerhouse Museum, Imax, AMF bowling, Hangdog, Coolangatta's Bigfoot and MANY MORE. Also, great deals on accommodation (regularly better than the usual last minute sites) and of course restaurants, takeaway and groceries. Buy your book through [www.balgowniepnc.com](http://www.balgowniepnc.com) and you can collect it from the office this week, or buy the digital version during the holidays to access discounts immediately. This fundraiser will finish early next term so don't miss out!

### FETE NEWS

#### Volunteers needed

Thank you so much to those families who have returned their fete volunteer form. If you feel you are able to commit to any of the tasks or roles outlined in the attached form

please complete it and return to the canteen slot by the end of term or email us and we will be in touch.

### Show bags

Pre order show bags for fete day are due in by the end of this week! Attached to this newsletter is a list of the show bags on offer. You can pre-order and pay for your show bags online! Just visit <http://balgowniepnc.com/fete/>. Please be aware that we will only have a very limited number and variety of show bags available to purchase on the day so don't be disappointed and order your show bags early!

### The excitement builds in Term 3

Keep your eye out in Term 3 for our full fete newsletters with details of our sponsors, planned activities for the day, how you can help out, how your child can enter competitions for the day and when our mufti days will be. Even more importantly raffle prizes and tickets will be released for everyone to sell and ride arm-bands and circus tickets will go on sale!

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER!

**Another delivery has been made!** Thank you for your efforts to sell your chocolates and contribute to our new playground fund! Full payment of \$50 can be made online <http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/fundraising/> or every morning we will have volunteers available to collect your chocolate money and/or unsold chocolates or **provide you with another box to sell!** We will be located in front of the canteen. All money is due back Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Help Wanted!!!

If you are available to help with the collection of chocolate money before school on any given day until 18<sup>th</sup> July please let Catherine James know (0405 262 267) or at [p.and.c@hotmail.com](mailto:p.and.c@hotmail.com).

### 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



We offer **FREE** Saturday morning Go4Fun programs to students and their families for term 3. The program is fun and interactive with lots of games and activities to keep children active and at the same time boost their self esteem. This program is run and funded by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Call **1800 780 900, SMS 0409 745 645** for a call back or visit [go4fun.com.au](http://go4fun.com.au)

### WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1964 – 2014

**August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 - Open day at the school and an evening dinner.**

See our facebook page [www.facebook.com/whs50th](http://www.facebook.com/whs50th); or contact the school 4284 1513 for further details.

**YEAR 12 STUDENT FROM KEIRA HIGH**

Experienced babysitter available for afternoons and/or evenings. Week nights or weekends.

References available.

Bec Burns- 0412 089 366

**AST SURF SCHOOL**

PRESENTS



**IN YOUR AREA NOW!**



**FREE SURF LESSON/OPEN DAY:**  
BULLI - 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY (11am-3pm)  
NORTH GONG - 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY (11am-3pm)

**TO FIND OUT MORE:**  
**1800 711 189**  
INFO@AUSTRALIANSURFTOURS.COM.AU

**LOST & FOUND**

Set of house keys found in Ian Bruce Cr Balgownie, last Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact the office for further information.

## Volunteers Needed

Our previous fetes have been successful because of the number of volunteers who helped to make them a success. In 2012, we had 90 families volunteer for the fete and we are aiming for a similar number (or more) this year and we are well on our way! The tasks that need to be done are not hard, but your help to us is invaluable! If you are happy to be contacted about volunteering to help at the fete, please fill in the below form and return it to the canteen slot. Alternatively, you can email [balgowniefete@gmail.com](mailto:balgowniefete@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Planning and Coordination

- ☐ Side Show Game Coordinator
- ☐ Delivering pamphlets
- ☐ I have \_\_\_\_ gazebo/s for to loan on the day. Size:
- ☐ I will take a list of 10 shops to approach for sponsorship/donations for our fete

**Week before the fete – Runner.** If you are available any day in the lead up to the fete to help out, we would really appreciate it, as it is a very busy week.

- ☐ Monday 13 October      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Tuesday 14 October      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Wednesday 15 October      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Thursday 16 October      Time: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Friday 17 October      Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fete Day – I can volunteer for:

- |   |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up Team          | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack-up Team         | <input type="checkbox"/> Putt Putt Golf           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Side show Games      | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Bags/lucky dip      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food or drinks stall | <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Café                 | <input type="checkbox"/> International Food stall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride ticket sales    | <input type="checkbox"/> Any stall                |

### *I am available for:*

- ☐ 4 hours    ☐ 3 hours    ☐ 2 hours    ☐ 1 hour    ☐ All day

Time preference

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# Show Bag Selection Fete 2014

## MEGA FUN FIZZ



2 x ZAPPO GRUMPY DIPS, 2 x MAGICAL THUMB DUST DIP, 10 x FIZZY FRIENDS CANDY, 2 x SHERBET BOTTLES, 2 x WICKED FIZZ LOLLIPOPS, 1 x FEEL THE FIZZ SHERBET, 4 x LITTLE RIPPER CHEW BARS, 1 x SOUR MANIA SHERBET DIP, 2 x 2g PARTY DELIGHTS POPPING CANDY, NOVELTY PADDLE BALL

## FREDDO SPECIAL TREAT



6 x 10g DAIRY MILK FREDDO, 2 x 10g MILKY TOP FREDDOS, 1 x 15g STRAWBERRY FREDDO, 1 x 15g PEPPERMINT FREDDO, 2 x FREDDO PENS

## TROLLI



1 x 150g TROLLI BRITE CRAWLERS, 1 x 15.5g TROLLI PIZZA, 1 x 45g TROLLI GUMMI BEARS, 1 x 19g TROLLI GECKO, 2 x 9g TROLLI SEA CRITTERS, 1 x 18GM TROLLI TANGY TONGUE, 2 x 9g TROLLI MINI BURGER, 2 x 7.5g TROLLI GUMMI BEAR RINGS, 2 x 7.5g TROLLI BABY LIZARDS, 3 x 5g TROLLI COLA BOTTLES, 1 x 10g TROLLI HOT DOG

## TNT/KA-BLUEY



1 x TNT SOUR BLAST DROPS, 1 x TNT TONGUE PAINTERS, 1 x TNT FIZZY DIZZY CANDY, 1 x KABLUY CHEWS (10pk), 1 x FAIRY FLOSS, 2 x MEGA MOUTH GUM POPS, 2 x SAM BLUE POPS, 2 x KABLUY BLAST CHEW BAR, 2 x KABLUY GUM BAR, 2 x TNT SOUR APPLE CHEW BARS, 2 x TNT SOUR RASPBERRY CHEWBARS, FUNNY GLASSES

## BEST FRIENDS FOREVER



1 BFF ERASER, 1 BFF JOURNAL, 1 BFF LANYARD, 1 BFF STAMP SET, 1 BFF TATTOO, 1 BFF STATIONERY SET, 1 BFF GLITTER GLUE 4pk

## GIRLS RULE STATIONERY



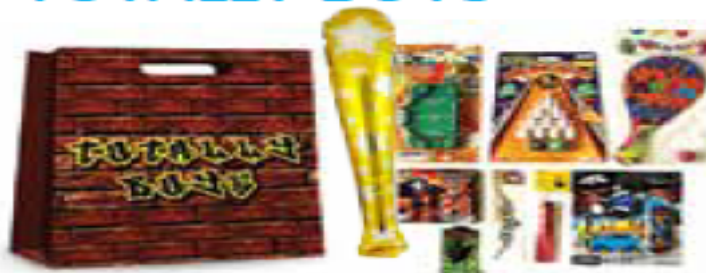
1 MULTI COLOUR PEN, 1 NOTEBOOK, 1 JUMBO ERASER, 1 BENDY PENCIL, 1 STICKERS, 1 BFF STATIONERY SET, 1 PVC POUCH, 1 SMILE STATIONERY SET

## TRICKS & JOKES



1 RATTLESNAKE EGGS, 1 DIRTY FACE SOAP, 1 TRICK COCKROACH, 1 INVISIBLE INK, 1 BROKEN WINDOW STICKER, 1 MINI TOILET NOISE PUTTY, 1 TRICK FLIES, 1 HOT TOOTH PICK, 2 METAL PUZZLES, 1 RUBBER RAZZER

## TOTALLY BOYS



1 BOWLING SET, 1 SELF ASSEMBLED ROBOT, 1 SOCCER GAME, 1 MINI SKATEBOARD SET, 1 TATTOO PACK, 1 RUBBER RAZZER, 1 WHAM PADDLE BALL, 1 INFLATABLE BASEBALL BAT, 1 STICKY CREATURES

### Loom Band Kit (100% Silicone)

Includes 24xClips, 1xLoom Board & 1xHook & 600 Bands

