

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 2 Week 6

Wednesday 4th June 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 2

Friday	6 June	Keirabald Open Night Golf Day K-2
Monday	9 June	Public Holiday
Tuesday	10 June	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	11 June	6.45pm Fete Meeting 7.14pm P&C Meeting
Friday	13 June	Year 6 Ice-cream Fund Raiser

KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY WAS REALLY SUCCESSFUL.

Twenty new start children and their parents were introduced to our school, followed by a tour of our school led by our senior students. The feedback about the poise and charm shown by our senior students who took our visitors around the school was extremely positive. Well done, team! You are a credit to our school and your families. Thanks to Mrs Birchall and Miss Steele for their work behind the scenes. Thanks also to the current parents and carers, P and C, and School Starters Playgroup coordinators for being part of the showcase of our wonderful school. You helped make the new parents feel welcome and to actively demonstrate the community spirit that is one of our most positive features.

ETHICS

Gabi Martinez is now the Ethics Co-ordinator .
Ethics Teachers are:

Stage 1: Yuki Nakamura -Bell and Karen Rogers
Stage 2 Angie Newman
Stage 3 Juan Sepulveda

The current topics are:
Stage1How important are reasons?
Stage2Should we keep animals in captivity?
Stage3Beliefs, Opinion, Tolerance and Respect

There is now primaryethics@home, a a quarterly newsletter for parents of children attending ethics classes. The newsletter aims to provide questions to ask children that will continue the ethics conversation at home.

If you are a parent of a child in ethics classes and would be interested in finding out more about what your children

are discussing in the Primary Ethics classroom go to the website to register www.primaryethics.com.au.

If you are interested in becoming an ethics teacher contact Gabi Martinez at gabimartinez@gmail.com to discuss. Ethics classes run from 9:30 to 10:00am every Tuesday. The children are great and there is a lot of support for teachers!

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Round One. Our girls and boys teams both travelled to the Snake Pit at Beaton Park yesterday under the watchful eye of their coach, Mr Dewer. The teams debuted their new uniforms and looked professional in the black and white colours.

Our girls team won 24-14 against Flinders and will now go on to play round two against Keiraville.

Our boys lost 19-20 against Flinders in a nail biter. They were leading 19-18 on the full time siren when a foul occurred. The opposition shot 2 free throws and they sank both of them, giving them the win. Well done teams for your tenacity and fair play.



Parent tips from our Parenting expert Michael Grose

Special School Report video for parents has been recorded by Michael to support your parents when reading their children's reports. It can be seen on http://youtu.be/YM2Lrm19_A0

The 11th edition of the Parenting Ideas Magazine is also available at the following link.

http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html



Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning

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Just a reminder about the rules around our school to keep our children safe. The rules of children's crossings are a little different to pedestrian crossings, so please discuss these with your children.

Where there is a yellow line on the gutter, it is a no stopping zone. This means you are not to stop your car for any reason, even to quickly drop off your children. There are also 'no stopping' signage there. Please be aware of these no stopping zones as they are for the safety of the students in our school.



School crossing – it is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing: (Chalmers St)

- Pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.
- Drivers must not proceed until:
- The crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed; or
- The crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

Where there is an unsupervised children's crossing: (Balgownie Rd)

- Drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing, when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed.
- Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.
- *If the flags aren't up, cars have right of way.*

The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points apply if you park or stop on or near:

- A pedestrian crossing.
- A children's crossing.
- Any marked foot crossing.
- The minimum penalty of a \$344 fine and the loss of 4 demerit points applies for failure to give way to a pedestrian.

What is a school 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area?

This area, always on the school side of the road, is designated by 'NO PARKING' signs. It provides an appropriate environment for parents and carers when dropping off and collecting their children from school by

car. Drivers may drop-off and pick-up passengers legally within a two minute time frame.

"Kiss and Drop" zone is now to the west of the school gate on Balgownie Road and has room for about three cars at a time. This is not a place to park and leave the car, or park and wait for your child to come out of school. These zones are designed for 2 minute stopping only.

Please go through the Children's crossing rules with your children. If the flags are up, they have right of way. If the flags are not up, they must give way to cars. It is also good practice to teach your child to look before crossing to make sure the cars have seen them and are stopping.

Reports happen twice per year at all public schools in NSW. Our staff have extended the comments for the core skills of Literacy and Numeracy to give parents more information in these areas. We are discussing the learning that has occurred in HSIE, Science, Personal Development, Health and PE (PDHPE) and Creative Arts. These subjects are still being assessed on an individual basis.

This, combined with our parent interviews that occurred late last term, give parents a full picture of what their children are able to do, and what they are learning next.

Remember:

- Teachers plan teaching and learning programs using syllabuses developed by the Board of Studies.
- The syllabuses describe standards that apply across the state for each learning area.
- Your child's teacher uses their knowledge of syllabuses and knowledge of the children in their class to plan their teaching and learning programs.
- Teachers use their professional judgement, internal and external data gathering about each child's achievement against the statewide standards to award the grade.
- If your child has achieved a Sound on their report then he/she has achieved what is generally expected. If your child has achieved an Outstanding or High then he/she has achieved more than is generally expected. If your child has achieved a Basic or a Limited, then he or she has not yet achieved what is generally expected compared to other children of a similar age.

Antibullying lessons in Week 5. This week, there are two themes. Early Stage One and Stage One are working on 'Saying No' and the older students are building on this by learning how to be an effective bystander.

Lesson 5: SAYING "NO" AND HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE BYSTANDER

Why learn this skill?

Sometimes students find it hard to resist pressure from friends to do things that they don't really want to do or which are mean, against the rules, or dangerous.

The key aspects to this skill are:

- Continuing to say no confidently and calmly;
- Not lecturing the other person;
- Not giving in to attempts to change your mind;
- Being friendly but firm so you don't alienate others.

Saying No

Cool people can say 'no' if they don't want to do it.

Do's

- Look in their eyes.
- Tell them you don't want to do it.
- Briefly say why (eg "No, I want to do something else after school").
OR
- If it's a mean thing or against the rules or dangerous, point out the consequences (eg "No it's too risky" or "No that's mean").
- Keep your tone of voice and expression friendly and calm.
- Continue to calmly say no if they keep asking you.

Don'ts

- Don't look away or down at the ground.
- Don't say yes just so they'll like you.
- If what they asked you to do was mean, dangerous, or against the rules, don't give them a lecture about it.
- Don't get angry or upset.

Bystander Behaviour – How to be an everyday superhero

Why teach this skill?

- Most bullying takes place when bystanders are present; although most bystanders do not act to discourage it, when any one of them does there is a good chance (around 50%) that the bullying will stop.
- Students who are 'defended' are better adjusted and report less peer victimisation one year later.
- Reconciliation occurred even more when bystanders intervened than when teachers intervened.
- The majority of peer interventions are effective.

What is a bystander?

Definition: A bystander is someone who sees or knows about the bullying situation. Bystanders may act in many different ways. A bystander might:

- Watch what is going on and not get involved.
- Pretend not to see and ignore the situation.
- Choose to get involved in the bullying.
- Choose to get involved and stop the bullying
- Choose to get help.

As bystanders, the way children behave can either support or help to stop bullying. Many children don't know how to help the person being bullied.

What are the bystanders doing?

What does the victim see and feel? (a group of students bullying them./ or supporting the bullying.)



If children see someone being bullied they could:

- Let the person doing the bullying know that what they are doing is bullying;
- Refuse to join in with their bullying and walk away;
- Support the student who is being bullied;
- Ask a teacher or support person for help; and
- Support their friends and protect them from bullying by being there for them.

Have a great week.

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

"Comedy is the one job you can do badly and no one will laugh at you." – Max Miller.

Joke of the week

Q: Q: When do ducks wake up in the morning?
A: At the quack of dawn!

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!

Zoe Mercieca 1/2D Lucas Trajcevski 3HR

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

Zoe Mercieca 1/2D

YEAR 6 FUND RAISER

Ice Creams & Cupcakes Friday 13th June
it's not bad luck for our students!!

On **Friday the 13th June** there will be a Year 6 Fundraiser being held at lunch. We will be selling Ice Cream Cones and Cupcakes for \$1.00 each.

Please send your children along with money to spend and support our wonderful Year 6 students.

Thank you for your support!



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 Mrs Burns. Many thanks Carnival organisers: Mr Loxton, Mrs Burns and Mrs Brichall.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

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 by **3pm Thursday 5th June**. If we do not hear from you, 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.

Chocolates will be ordered at the end of this week for delivery on **Monday 16th June**. If you are available to help with the distribution of chocolates on this day please let Donna Guest or Catherine James know or p.and.c@hotmail.com.

A note will accompany each box of chocolates with important information and a request for your help. If you are available to help, even just one morning between 8:30am and 9:30am in the weeks leading up to July 11th, please fill in and return your slip to the canteen. All help is very much appreciated.

Fete News..... SAVE THE DATE 18th OCTOBER

In past years, families have been offered the opportunity to pre purchase show tickets and ride armbands in the weeks leading up to fete day. This has proven very successful for smooth organisation and convenience for families.

Next term we will again be selling pre-purchase ride arm bands, circus show tickets and "try out circus" bands. This week we will be sending home **pre order show bag forms** for your family. All orders for show bags will be **due back by Friday 27th June**. Show bags will be delivered in the week before our fete and distributed on fete day from a designated stall/area.

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.

Our next **fete meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 11th June 6:45pm** in the school Library prior to our monthly **P & C meeting**. All welcome!

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.

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	9.6.14	Public Holiday
Tue	10.6.14	CLOSED
Wed	11.6.14	Amie Grierson Ghada Sultan
Thur	12.6.14	Catherine James Shirley Butterly Joanna Lindeneau
Frid	13.6.14	Donna Guest Amanda Primmer Mary Dilber

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 10.6.14 due to lack of volunteers.



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.





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