

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 30th July 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 3

Thu	31 July	CANTEEN CLOSED
Wed	30 July	Choral Festival Performance 7.30pm
Tue	5 Aug	Gruffalo Performance at IPAC Kindergarten Excursion
Thu	7 Aug	School Starters Playgroup 9-11am in hall
Mon	11 Aug	Book Week and Book Fair

Choral Festival 2014 Tonight is a celebration of song at the Annual Wollongong Schools Music Festival. Good luck to our singers and their conductor Mrs Lynch!

Open Day a huge success. Yesterday was the celebration of learning at Balgownie Public School. Classes were filled with visitors enjoying the hands on science that occurred in the classrooms. This was followed by a wonderful assembly that made every person in the school hall feel proud of our students.

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress. The tagline for the original, 1954 Education Week was: "Lighting the way to a better world".

Our school strives to meet these goals through our classrooms, and our whole school approach. We constantly reflect and refine our practice in light of current knowledge. Thank you to everyone who works together to ensure our children have the best chances and choices in their lives.

A Futurist, Morris Miselowski, discusses the future including a concept called Education 2050. He also lists the top 10 jobs in 2050 such as a nano medic, trans humanist designer, space port traffic controller and a domestic robot programmer. We have to work together to help our children meet these challenges of a rapidly evolving world.

If you are interested in finding out some more, his website is <http://businessfuturist.com/wnat-grow-useless-question/>.

Road closure on Monday for a special event. At 11am

on Monday, 4th August, a commemoration service will be held at Balgownie Cenotaph on Balgownie Rd. This is to mark the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War One. The Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir and New Zealand Consul General, Mr Martin Welsh will be present. We have been invited to attend by Wollongong RSL and the Chairman of Illawarra Centenary ANZAC Committee, Mr Peter Poulton, AM. Molly Drain will be reciting the 23rd Psalm and 4/5M, 5/6B and 6L will be attending.

Balgownie Road will be closed from 10am between Foothills Rd and Alexander St.

Happy Eid for last Monday to all our Muslim families. I hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends. Eid Mubarak!

Students shine in ICAS Science exam. Well done to the 27 students who sat for the ICAS Science test. The following students attained excellent results.

Distinction William Newman Year 3
Stephen Knight Year 4

Credit Campell Wearing Year 3
Emma Lowe Year 4
Kelly Newman Year 6
Richie Welsby Year 6

Merit Casey Behan Year 5
Kye Story Year 5
Rachel Lee Year 6

Stage 2 - Milo Cricket Program began on Monday during Fitness time. The aim of the program is to develop hand-eye coordination, fundamental movement skills and promote an active lifestyle. This program has been funded by a generous donation from Balgownie Cricket Club.

Uniform reminder The uniform is looking wonderful especially the jumpers and jackets. There are some non-school hats creeping in and I would like to take this chance to remind you that only Balgownie School hats are to be worn. In 2015, ONLY bucket or wide brimmed hats are permitted. Be ready as this will start on Day One 2015. If your child has lost their cap, then now is the time to get a wide brimmed hat.

Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Boots or high tops are not part of

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our school uniform. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. It is recommended that the canvas shoes are not worn as they provide limited support for growing feet.

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. It is an expectation that students will be wearing the correct uniform

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds; your mind transcends limitations, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be. –Patanjali

Joke of the week

Q: Why are robots never afraid?

A: *Because they have nerves of steel.*

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!

Jordan F 1A Beauden H 1/2D Zac V 2S
Dusty M 2S Richard Z 2S

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

Brock J 2S Molly R 3HR

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week is an annual event occurring in August each year. The official dates for Book Week this year are Saturday 16th August – Friday 22nd August.

Due to a very full Term 3 calendar we will be celebrating Book Week at Balgownie School in Week 5 from Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August. Book week activities include a Book Fair, Book Week mufti day and an author visit for stages 2 and 3.

The Book Fair will run in the Library all week in week 5 and will be open to the public from 3pm until approximately 3.30pm. There will be lots of great titles for sale. Commission raised from the book fair will go towards the purchase of new library resources.

The author visit (no cost) and book week mufti day will take place on Thursday 14th August. In lieu of a gold coin

donation, the P&C have requested that students bring along donations for the upcoming fete Gift Basket Stall. The P&C have requested that children in different stages bring along the following items:

Stage Group	Donation for Gift Baskets
Kindergarten	Baby items – girl or boy
Stage 1 (yrs 1&2)	Kids craft items & toys
Stage 2 (yrs 3&4)	Food/baking items eg. cooking items, tea, coffee, crackers, chips etc. No nut products please and be sure that food is in date and suitable for a gift hamper.
Stage 3 (yrs 5&6)	Women's and Men's gift items

Items can be placed in the boxes that will be outside the canteen on the morning of Thursday 14th August. Many thanks from the P&C.

On a final note, the Book Week theme for this year is 'Connect To Reading'. Book Week information and the Book Week short list of books can be found on the Children's Book Council of Australia web site at <http://cbca.org.au/>.

Happy Book Week everyone! Mrs Birchall

BE PREPARED TO BELIEVE IN SOUTHERN STARS 2014

With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year's show is **#webelieve2014**.

The show's theme is about a child's journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood.

Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them!

Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows:
Adult \$48, Pensioner and student over 12 \$38,
Student/Child under 12 \$27 and Family pass \$140.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 - WEEK 4

MOND 4/8/14	Alison McKillop Emma Kipps
TUES 5/8/14	Marissa Bull Penny Fraser
WED 6/8/14	Ljuba Rodic Michelle Fulcher
THUR 7/8/14	Helen Lewis Tanya Vlietstra HELP NEEDED
FRID 8/8/14	Melissa Ryan Amanda Primmer Mary Dilber

CANTEEN NEWS

CLOSURE: Thursday 31st July

The canteen will be closed due to a shortage in available volunteers this day. Please be sure to send your child/ren to school with lunch and recess.

If you are able to help out in the canteen please contact Faye (0400112825 | ballycanteen@gmail.com).

VACANCIES

We currently have several vacancies which we need to fill asap. These are the stock management/ ordering role, and the roster coordinator role. These roles are flexible and will be well supported. If you are able to help out or need some more information please let Faye or someone on the canteen sub-committee know asap.



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

ETHICS UPDATE

Stage 1 are discussing Courage, Stage 2 Bragging and Stage 3 Moral responsibility.

The Kindergarten curriculum is now available, but we require a volunteer Ethics teacher on Tuesdays at 9.30am in order to commence classes. If any parents or friends at the school would be interested in taking on this extremely rewarding role, please contact Gabi Martinez Ethics Coordinator at gabimartine@gmail.com Alternatively please see our Ethics teachers Juan, Angie, Yuki or Karen for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOLLONGONG CITY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations open on the 1st of August 2014

Costs:

Season 2014/2015 Registration Fee \$130
Early-Bird On-line only \$115 (Early Bird closes at 5pm on Tuesday 19th August)

On-line registration commences August 1 Wollongong City LAC encourages all new and returning athletes to register and pay on line.

Registration Days:

Wednesday August 20th (4:00pm-6:00pm) and
Sunday August 31st (10:00am-3:00pm)

WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL 50TH BIRTHDAY REUNION

All former student and teachers and their partners are encouraged to attend the Woonona High School 50th Birthday Reunion celebration on Saturday 16th August 2014 from 5.30pm-12.30am at Woonona-Bulli RSL Club. Cost is \$50 per person and includes an evening meal, band / music and other entertainment. Tickets can be purchased from Woonona-Bulli RSL, via PROticket by phoning 1300 121 012 or by visiting www.proticket.com.au/Events/Details/3195

WOONONA GIRL GUIDES



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Would you like to have fun, experience exciting challenges and make new friends?

Girl Guides is part of an international organisation that offers a weekly program for girls in various age groups. They are encouraged to think for themselves and to gain life and leadership skills in a safe environment with qualified leaders.

Woonona Dolphin Guides is for girls aged 7-10 years and meets on Tuesday nights. Woonona Guides is for girls aged 10-14 years and meets on Monday nights. Both groups meet at Woonona Guide Hall in Strachan Park, Woonona (between Ball St & Princes Highway).

For more information please contact the District Manager on 0450 632 774, or Girl Guides NSW membership on 1300GIRLGUIDES (1300 447 548).