

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School

Living & Learning

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Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday 17th September 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 3

Thur	18 Sept	Stage 2 Assembly 2.15pm in Hall
Frid	19 Sept	SRC Mufti Day – Footy Colours World Vision Child Sponsorship fundraiser
Tue	7 Oct	Term 4 begins

It is hard to believe that the term is nearly over. There have been fabulous things happening for our students both in class and out. One of the lovely things about being a teacher is the celebration when students are making progress and achieving goals that are set. It is a buzz to see the joy on a student's face when they master the skill or learning that we all have been working towards. Celebrate learning with your children over the holidays!

Working bee a big success. Thanks to the hardworking children, parents and teachers who braved the inclement weather and came for a tidy up around the school before the fete in five weeks time. It looks fabulous! A great deal was achieved including the painting of the characters around the canteen to brighten the place up.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers that help our school. Our school is unique in the amount of support that it receives in the community and I am grateful for all of the help that is given. It is a team effort and is always appreciated. These activities include:

- Home reading

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- Uniform shop
- P and C
- Canteen
- Grounds and Environment including the kitchen garden
- Fundraising including Fete.
- Working Bees
- Scripture and Ethics
- Museum
- Driving students to excursions
- Helping with excursions or 'incursions'
- Covering books
- Partnering us with homework
- Website updates
- And all the other small things that are 'just done' without a fuss

We currently have 79 volunteers for the fete and we need about 25 more. If you can spare an hour, please see Donna Guest in the playground or leave your contact details at the office or the canteen.

Child protection messages are good for home and school. This term all classes have been involved in Child Protection lessons. The message that is shared for all students is 'No, Go Tell' and I recommend that families talk to their children about how this applies to the 'What if' scenarios outside school as well as at school.

The message of -

No – yell this/say loudly

Go – get away from the situation and

Tell – a trusted adult

is applicable for all areas where we want our students to have a planned strategy should they ever need it.

These lessons compliment our PBS lessons in Term One and our antibullying lessons in Term Two to help our students build protective strategies to face all types of life challenges.

Environmental Scientists of the future are at Enviro Watch camp. Ten of our students, including our Enviro Leaders, are at a three day camp at Killalea Environment Education Centre together with another primary school and our local high school, Keira High. The students are working on observing and collecting data to send to the Climate Watch Scientists in Melbourne. This is exciting real world learning that is significant and relevant to our lives. I am looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Artist in residence completes mural Zac Bennett Brook is completing an art work based on the Yandelora story. Our garden between the library and staff room will be completed by this mural which is a Dharawal story about reconciliation that our school learns about each NAIDOC week. This mural will hang in our garden which has become a feature piece of our school.

ICAS English Congratulations to the students who challenged themselves to complete an English ICAS examination. The results have been brilliant and the following students are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Year 3

William P - Merit
Caleb C - Credit
Jacob I - Credit
Cameron W - Credit
Campbell W - Distinction
William N - High Distinction

Year 4

Ashton R - Merit
Maenee B - Credit
Emma L - Credit
Kalia S - Credit
Stephen K - Distinction
Kelly Z – Distinction

Year 5

Daniel P - Credit
Grace A - Distinction
Jayda P – Distinction

Year 6

Rachel L - Credit
Mitchell W - Credit
Kelly N - Distinction
Isabella R - Distinction
Kate C - High Distinction

Ways to ask Your kids “So how was school today?” Without asking them “So how was school today?”

Excerpt from www.simplesimonandco.com Aug 27, 2014

This year Simon is in 4th grade and Grace is in 1st grade and I find myself asking them every day after school, “So how was school today?” And everyday I get an answer like “fine” or “good” which doesn’t tell me a whole lot. AND I WANT TO KNOW A WHOLE LOT!!!!

Or at get at least a full sentence. So the other night I sat down and made a list of more engaging questions to ask about school. They aren’t perfect...but I do get at least complete sentences...and some have lead to interesting conversations...and hilarious answers...and a few insights into how my kids think and feel about their time at school.

- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Tell me something that made you laugh today.
- Where is the coolest place at the school?
- Tell me a weird word that you heard today.
- If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today?
- How did somebody help you today?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today.
- When were you the happiest today?
- Who would you like to play with at recess that you’ve never played with before?
- Tell me something good that happened today.
- What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
- Where do you play the most at recess?
- What was your favourite part of lunch?
- If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?
- Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

Sometimes we just need to figure out the right kinds of questions to ask our children....some questions may work better for some kids than others. I'm sure this will give you some different ideas and hopefully some more conversation about your children's school day.

Have a great holiday and see you back on Tuesday after the holidays!

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week

Q: What happens when a cat eats a lemon?

A: *It becomes a sourpuss.*

Thought of the week

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated our values of **Respect, Responsibility** and **Real Learning**.

These students have earned themselves a wrist band. Well done!

Jemima B 1A Lacey P KK Sophie P KK Kirsten J KK

And well done to the following students who achieved the PBS Badge.

Dylan C 4/5M Risha K 2S



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P & C NEWS

Many thanks to the staff, parents and students who attended the working bee on Saturday. While there were fewer of us than usual, we achieved so much in one afternoon. Some cute little characters were painted on the wall outside the canteen - please take the time to check them out! We also cleared plenty of weeds and spread lots of mulch. The grounds look fantastic in preparation for the fete!

MILK BOTTLES

Julie Gallan is collecting "worm wee" from our school worm farm to sell at our school fete. Julie needs 2 litre milk bottles to collect the

worm wee. Please bring clean empty 2 litre milk bottles to school, and place them near the worm farm for Julie to use. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAY CRICKET WITH BALGOWNIE THIS SUMMER

Many of the BPS students were involved in the cricket program in term 3.

Balgownie Junior Cricket Club is still looking for players for the Under 10 and Under 12 ages.

The game format is inclusive and everyone bats and bowls.

Training is generally 1 hour per week and games about 2 hours on Saturday mornings.

For more information please phone Cathy Harding on 0431259389

BALGOWNIE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual General Meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday 17 September 2014, 7pm** in CWA Room (building at rear of main hall and accessed from western gate) 113 Balgownie Rd, Balgownie.

Once a year we come together to find out what's been happening as well as what is planned for Balgownie Village Community Centre. There is no expectation to join the management committee however we always welcome newcomers. For further information please phone the office on 42853225.

NORTH WOLLONGONG SANDPIPERS

We're inviting all kids aged 5 – 13 years (as at October 1st 2014) who would like to have some fun in the sun, meet new friends and learn some surf safety and surf skills, to come along and join the North Wollongong Surf Club Nippers at the Illawarra's premier beach.

We're holding registration days at the surf club on:

Sunday September 21st: 10am – 12pm

Sunday September 28th: 10am – 12pm.

New child members are required to bring their birth certificate along to registration for age verification. For further information please refer

to our website: www.nwslsc.com.au

See you on the beach!

WONDER IN ALICELAND

"The Arcadians Children's Theatre presents "Wonder In Aliceland". Come and disappear down the rabbit hole with this fun show at the Miner's Lamp Theatre to delight everyone! 19-21 September - Fri/Sat 7pm, Sat/Sun 2pm - tickets available at www.arcadians.org.au - \$15/\$10 - Don't miss out!"

JUNIOR WATER POLO PROGRAM

We are gauging community interest for a **Junior Water Polo program** to run this Summer. We currently run a successful adult competition all year round and with help from parents would like to form a committee to run junior competitions and coaching. We encourage Parents and Students to attend our AGM on 20th September or contact us at info@illwp.com to express their interest in volunteering. The Illawarra Water Polo AGM will be held on 20th September 2014 at the Wollongong City Library Theatre. For more information on Water Polo please visit <http://www.waterpoloaustralia.com.au/get-involved/join-a-club/>



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5	75cm	64cm		\$30.00	
6	77cm	68cm		\$30.00	
8	79cm	75cm		\$30.00	
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