

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 3 Week 7

Wednesday 27th August 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 3

Thur	28 Aug	CANTEEN CLOSED Firemen Visit – Stage 1
Tue	2 Sept	Stewart House clothing bags due back (place in old Hall)
Wed	3 Sept	Father's Day Stall
Thur	4 Sept	Stage 3 Cricket Gala Day at Judy Masters Oval
Sat	13 Sep	School Working Bee 1pm-4pm

Congratulations to India McKeown for being selected in the Regional Team to compete at State Athletics in Long Jump. This is an amazing personal achievement! India will be competing in the State Athletics at Sydney Olympic Park.

Southern Stars Have a wonderful time this week to all the students and staff who have worked hard. Thank you to Mrs Burns, Mrs Carrigan, Mrs Shum and all the other helpers who sewed and glued to complete the costumes. If you haven't been to see the show it is well worth it. The energy, enthusiasm and skill of our students in the Illawarra makes you feel incredibly proud. It is also wonderful entertainment.

Engaging learning Our younger students are having a fun time this week with some out of class experiences. The chickens have arrived and are hatching from their eggs and into the hutch. I shared in the wonderment of watching a baby chicken actually hatching from the egg with a group of Kindergarten children. It was beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Lewis for organizing this 'incursion.'

Our Stage One students are also having visits from Workers in the Community as part of their unit in work. Some locals are sharing their experiences in their daily lives.

Fathers Day stall is on next Wednesday. Thank you to the volunteers for your help. We couldn't do it without you!

Currently we have a number of students who are ill with some 'winter bugs'. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. They need to be home with you or a

relative to recuperate. It is also better if you don't send them back to school before they are better. Thank you for your cooperation.

BPS Celebrates National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Throughout Week 7, Balgownie students and teachers will celebrate NLNW. Along with the usual classroom activities that take place each day, students and teachers will have the opportunity to take part in a range of Data collecting activities revolving around Literacy and Numeracy. For more information on *National Literacy and Numeracy Week* visit <http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/>
Below are some suggestions for some activities that are easy to complete in the home.

Fun activities in the home

- See who can find longest word in a book?
- Estimate how many books are in your home?
- List up to 10 words or short statements that describe the characteristics of a good book (eg: exciting, good pictures, gripping story, dinosaurs, etc).
- Play a board game- Monopoly, Snakes & Ladders, Guess Who
- Play a card game- Uno, Go fish, Snap
- Play a dice game- Yahtzee, add up the dice, dice multiplication
- Perform a play, play charades or play Who am I?
- Sketch a map of your house/ backyard.
- Conduct a survey of car colours/ or car brands in your street.
- Measure the height of your family. Measure the length of the furniture.
- Create a tessellating pattern using blocks.



Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning

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BPS Switch off the TV/ Switch on your MIND

Students are encouraged to make an effort to turn off the TV each night and participate in Literacy and/ or Numeracy activities. Students will collect data each morning to monitor our whole school progress.

This is an exciting celebration of Real Learning and I hope all will be eager to participate... Enjoy

Home Survey

I turned off the TV for:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
More than one hour					
One hour					
Half an hour					
I didn't turn off the TV					

Literacy and Numeracy Websites to try with your children (Ctrl + click to follow the link) They look like fun!!

Literacy Links

- [ABC Games Centre](#) - fun games including characters from B1 and B2, Rattus, Mixy, Feral TV, the Couch Potato game and more.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) - interactive online games to assist you with spelling, phonics, using punctuation and more.
- [CBeebies Stories](#) - Listen and read along with popular children's stories.
- [Children's Book Council of Australia](#) - recommends books for young readers and has links to the websites of Australian authors.
- [FUSE](#) - find a large range of interactive online tools and games for literacy and numeracy.
- [Giggle Poetry](#) - choose from hundreds of poems to read and rate.
- [Inside a Dog](#) - a website for young people about books. You can read book reviews or write a book review of your own.
- [Learn English Kids](#) - Play the language games and have fun while you learn.
- [Lexipedia](#) - an online visual network with dictionary and thesaurus reference functionality.
- [Literacy Centre](#) - interactive literacy activities for primary school students.
- [Peep and the Big Wide World](#) - Play games with Peep and his friends on this site for Early Childhood and Lower Primary students.
- [Read Write Think](#) - an interactive tool where you can create your own newspaper, booklet, brochure or flyer.
- [Starfall](#) - activities to teach children how to read with phonics.
- [Storybird](#) - make stories with family and friends to share.

- [Storyline Online](#) - Listen to stories being read online and then challenge yourself to complete activities that accompany the stories.

Numeracy links

- [Bobbie Bear](#) - games related to Bobbie Bear.
- [Count On](#) - Maths games and activities for school children, resources for teachers and general maths investigations.
- [Count Us In](#) - games to help kids with basic number concepts.
- [FUSE](#) - find a large range of interactive online tools and games for literacy and numeracy.
- [Illuminations](#) - Over 100 online maths activities for students in Kindergarten to Year 12.

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.

Douglas Adams

Joke of the week

Q: What did the blanket say to the bed?

A: "Don't worry, I've got you covered!"

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!

Caleb C 3HR Lance K 4/5M

Owain C 4/5M Vidhi G 4/5M Marko A 4/5M

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

Marco W 1S Lizzie W 4/5M

STAGE 1

Students in Stage 1 are studying the unit "Workers in the Community". We are very fortunate to have some workers from our local community visit us in our school on Thursday this week to provide us with information on how they support the local community. We will have a visit from the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Balgownie Vets and Life Guards. The students are very excited and looking forward to talking with these workers. You might like to have a conversation with your child about the very important role these workers play in our community, as well as the many other workers – paid and unpaid.

Show Week for Southern Stars #webelieve2014 – Get your tickets now!

After almost a year of preparation and months of rehearsals, Southern Stars **#webelieve2014** is in the final week – show week!

From Tuesday this week, students will start arriving from around the state for mass rehearsals at the WIN Entertainment Centre, culminating in four blockbuster performances on Friday August 29 and Sat August 30. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, don't delay any further, there are still great tickets available through Ticketmaster.

The success of the show and its future for many thousands of public school students depends on the community, and that means we need YOU to buy a ticket and come along to see one of the biggest and best entertainment events in NSW.

Southern Stars **#webelieve2014** is a show that looks at all our beliefs from childhood, through the teenage years and into adulthood. From superheroes and princesses to a belief in social justice, the show is a musical journey which will have you laughing and crying, but most of all leave you uplifted and inspired.

Over 2800 public school students from Illawarra the South Coast and further afield will perform in Southern Stars **#webelieve2014**, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus.

There are three performances available to the public, Friday August 29 at 7.30pm, a 2pm matinee on Saturday August 30 – ideal for families – and another show again at 7.30pm.

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

www.ticketmaster.com.au

STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House clothing appeal bags have been given to students today. Please place filled bags in the old hall, ready for pick up by **Tuesday 2nd September**.

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW Online Ordering!!!

Online ordering is now available at the canteen. Go to www.flexischools.com.au. It is quick to set up, and easy to use. Start ordering today to be in the winning for our frequent users prize.



Ordering online pays off - Skye of 1S prize winner.

Ongoing Vacancies

We have several vacancies within the canteen and on the roster. Please contact Faye 0401520632.

ballycanteen@gmail.com

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 - WEEK 8

MOND	1/9/14	Alison McKillop Emma Kipps
TUES	2/9/14	Marissa Bull Penny Fraser
WED	3/9/14	Ljuba Rodic HELP NEEDED
THUR	4/9/14	Helen Lewis Tanya Vlietstra
FRID	5/9/14	Yuki Nakamura-Bell Naheda Baghdadi Lilliana Vlachos



P & C News

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Wednesday 3rd September

The **Father's Day Stall** for the children will be held at the school next **Wednesday 3rd September**. We know that the kids enjoy shopping for their Dads and Grandfathers with their own money and purchasing multiple items they have chosen themselves. There will be something suitable for everyone with a large range of great value gifts. The children will be taking home their purchases on the day so please prepare them with correct money in dollar increments and a reminder that they can buy multiple gifts for all of their loved ones. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated and any money raised goes towards improving your child's schooling experience (this year funds are being put towards a new playground structure).

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

BALGOWNIE MARKET DAY **SATURDAY 30 AUGUST**

Balgownie Markets are on at Balgownie Village Community Centre, 113 Balgownie Road on Saturday 30 August from 9am – 2pm. You can find lots of goodies from local talented people- homemade, jewellery, fashion, homeware, natural products, food, plants, kids things. There will also be face painting, music and BBQ.

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.



Need to get the kids out from in front of the computer screen and TV? Come and Try Scouts for 4 weeks **FREE**. Vacancies in Joey section for 6 year old Boys and Girls

Barker Street Balgownie

Joeys Tuesday 5.15 to 6.15 pm

Get information on joining and have a go at some scouting activities. Want to know more?

Wayne Hulbert

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We are not always at the hall so please call first

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!"