

# The Bally Buzz

## Balgownie Public School

*Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday 25 February 2015

### CALENDAR – TERM 1

Tue	3 Mar	Resilience - Parent Workshop 7.00-8.80pm in Library
Wed	11 Mar	P&C AGM at Collies Balgownie 6.30pm for dinner and 7.15pm for meeting
Tue	17 Mar	Resilience - Reflection Workshop 7.00-8.30pm in Library
Mon	16 Mar	Grandparent's Day
Thur	19 Mar	School Photo Day

### Playground steering committee to be rescheduled

**Congratulations to our student leaders** We have a strong tradition of student leadership at Balgownie Public School and we congratulate our leaders in their induction.

### School captains

J Kipps C Adams J Petrov J Whalan

### School Representative Council (and peacekeepers)

J Petrov J Kipps C Adams J Whalan T Nethery

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F Parkinson V Gohil J Nikolovski K Templeman  
H Reid-O'Brien

## **Information Technology Leaders (IT)**

A Hogan I McKeown M Tiernan C Behan C Baker

## **Environment Leaders**

K Storey L Koschny D Papakosmas T Liddell  
E Cowan O Cooper-Sims L Mercieca

## **Sports Leaders**

### **Nebo**

E Birchall G Abernethy D Carter C McGarry

### **Huntley**

N Baytieh L Walsh H Drain S McGuinness

### **Keira**

H McLaughlin J Ross E Green

### **Kembla**

C Heyman K Sackett Z Hill Z Hawes

Schools build the understandings and skills of leadership through the total curriculum and the many varied activities of school life. Students develop their individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner. Student leadership assists all students to learn about, and

exercise, the rights and responsibilities of participating in a community that values social justice.

Student leadership allows the development of skills which will benefit our school, our local community and the wider community.

These skills include:

- active and reflective listening
- critical and creative thinking
- communication and negotiation in oral and written forms
- mediation and dispute resolution
- problem solving and decision making
- goal setting and action planning.

If our students leave our school with these skills then they will influence our future with their actions. Well done leaders, we are proud of you!

Our school captains have been invited to be part of the Keira High School Captain's Induction today. It is a time for our leaders to meet older leaders and be part of celebrating student leadership with our Community of Schools.

**Congratulations to the following age champions from our school swimming carnival.**

<b>Junior Boy</b>	J Balkwill
<b>Junior Girl</b>	T Myers
<b>11yr Boy</b>	A Kettley
<b>11yr Girl</b>	E Lowe
<b>Snr Boy</b>	D Papakosmas
<b>Snr Girl</b>	C Behan

## **RESILIENCE WORKSHOP**

Our School Counsellor Nikki Dala Pozza will be running a parent workshop in which she will present strategies to foster resilience in children.

The workshop will be on Tuesday 3 March 7.00-8.30pm in the Library, with a follow up workshop for reflection on Tuesday 17 March 7.00-8.30pm.

**Please RSVP to the office before Thursday 26 February, to ensure you secure a place.**

## **Stage Two's Chinese New Year Celebrations**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of February (the day before New Year) Stage Two had a Chinese New Year celebration. We made Chinese style dragons, paper dragon puppets on chopsticks, fish kites and

learnt a little bit of Chinese. My favourite part was making the dragons because I liked working with others to stick the paper on. When we were parading, there were lots of adults taking pictures. Happy Year of the Goat!

By Caleb.



**Sydney Swans representatives** visited our school this week and spoke to the K – Yr2 students about healthy lifestyles and positive choices. The students had a great time and enjoyed the Swans presentation.

**ILP writing day -case management of students.** Last Thursday, our staff spent time writing Individual Learning Plans(ILPs) for our students with support needs using a case management approach. This process has occurred for a few years now, and staff can access previous plans and support given to students.

Our children have an Individual Learning Plan, a group plan if they have similar learning needs or can be accommodated in the classroom by the teacher differentiating the work. Not all students who have work adjusted for them necessarily have an ILP as their learning needs may be met by the teacher in the normal course of grouping the students.

Our Learning Support Team helps design and write these plans and consults with the class teacher in ways of supporting students to access the curriculum and learning. The Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) Mrs Cliff, the English as a Second Language Teacher (ESL) Mrs Shum, and the School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs), Mrs Masters and Mrs Carrigan all liaise with the teachers so that a cohesive plan of support is provided for students. Most support happens in groups in the classroom. All support is planned using the case management process.

Our Learning Support Team(LST) meets three to four times per term, with our counsellor, Mrs Nikki Dalla Pozza. The team works together to plan support across the school and to help classroom teachers. Counsellor referrals can be made by classroom teachers through the LST or by parents through the classroom teacher, myself and the LST. Our school counsellor's caseload is prioritised according to urgency. Please note that while our

counsellor is able to do short term counselling of students, it cannot be long term due to her time constraints. Nikki will however, discuss external providers for parents and how to access this support.

**Grandparents Day is fast approaching!** Welcome to Seniors Week. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March is the beginning of Seniors Week and we are celebrating with Grandparents Day! 10am is class visits, followed by a BYO picnic lunch with your grandchildren. Enjoy the time spent with our students as they show you how we learn in 2015.

**PBS Lesson for this week - Joining in and playing cooperatively** Students will require the ability to know how to 'join in' in a game or activity and how to play co-operatively with their peers. This will provide students with strategies that will be useful when joining in and playing co-operatively.

### **'Joining in' Activities**

1. What does it mean to join in? Have students generate as many responses as possible.
2. Why is it important to know how to join in?
3. Discuss with students possible ways one may ask to join in.

The steps include:

1. Greet the other person (use their name and say “Hi”, “How are you” etc.).
2. Wait for the right time (do not interrupt and make sure they are paying attention).
3. Ask to join in (ask using a friendly voice).

## **Playing Co-operatively Activities**

1. What does it mean to co-operate? Some examples include:
  - To play together in a fair way.
  - To share, take turns and help each other.

The steps include:

1. Decide who starts- flip a coin, roll a dice etc.
2. Wait your turn.
3. Speak and listen to the other person.
4. Say something friendly at the end- ‘good game, that was fun’ etc.

Students need to be able to apply these understandings in their interactions with each other in their playground games. Please reinforce these at home by talking about what it means to play games fairly and cooperatively; agree on rules, take turns, sharing things, sorting out disagreements, helping and supporting others, good sportsmanship. You can practice these skills when you are playing board games as a family.



**The School Magazine turns 100 and becomes the longest continually published children's literary publication in the world** *Sydney Morning Herald*

**Alexandra Smith** *Education Editor* Feb. 17, 2015

The first edition, back in February 1916, promised boys and girls tales of "birds and beasts and fairies and their wonderful doings." There would be stories from the "mother country" and a guarantee children would learn what "brave men did and wise men thought thousands of years ago."

Almost a century on and 100 volumes later, the *School Magazine* has evolved into a glossy magazine with stories, poems and plays about martians, superheroes and different cultures within Australia. Thousands of students from public and private schools across the country devour it each month.

The *School Magazine* is now the longest continually published children's literary magazine in the world. It is also the oldest magazine in Australia. Most people who attended a NSW school in the past 100 years would have read the *School Magazine*, published monthly by the state's Department of Education, but its popularity has meant schools in other states now subscribe and 1.5 million copies are printed each year.

The 100th volume was launched on Monday at Haberfield Public School, which has been subscribing to the magazine for decades.

For the launch, one of the school's grandfathers offered his collection, dating back to the 1930s and including a special coronation edition for the crowning of King George.

Principal, Karlynnne Jacobsen, said she read the *School Magazine* when she was in primary school at the same school she now runs. "We have a long tradition of using the *School Magazine* and even though we have so many great books and a wonderful library, the *School Magazine* is a great motivator to more reading, to go on and read books by authors who you may get a taste of in the magazine," Ms Jacobsen said. "It is colourful and attractive but not overwhelming or too bulky and a great way to really enjoy learning."

The magazine's editor, Alan Edwards, said some of Australia's most well-known children's authors, including Ruth Park and Pamela Allen, had written for the publication over the years and illustrator Noela Young, best known for her drawings in *The Muddleheaded Wombat*, has been a contributor for 60 years. Ms Young joined the *School Magazine* straight out of art school in 1952 and she still drops off her watercolour illustrations at the magazine's city office to be scanned and printed in the publication

*Have a great week!*

**Aloma Stewart**

**Joke of the week**

Q: When two snakes marry, what do their towels say?

A: Hiss and Hers.

**Thought of the week**

Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself.

- John Dewey.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Sibling Photo Envelopes are available at the school office upon request. Online Ordering is NOT available for Sibling Photo Packs.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given.
- **Return your individual photo envelopes on photo day.** Your child will be asked to present the envelope directly to the MSP photographer.

**WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**

**A REMINDER** - Audition applications for Year 6 (2015) into Year 7 (2016) **close on Friday 6th March.**

Auditions will be held in the last 3 weeks of this term.

The **Expo Evening** is Thursday 26th February from 5.30 - 7pm.

## **AUDITIONS FOR THE SOUTHERN STARS PERFORMING COMPANY ARE NOW OPEN**

Any students from year 2 to year 12 are eligible to audition for a place in the Southern Stars Performing Company. The company consists of a Dance Company, Drama Company, Vocal Company and Orchestra. The successful students become featured artists in Southern Stars 2015 as well as performing in South Coast Dance Festival, South Coast Drama Festival, Schools Spectacular and other community events throughout the year. The majority of rehearsals are held in the July school holidays. The link to apply online is below:

<https://southernstarseoi.wordpress.com/auditions/>

(please right click and open in another browser if you are experiencing difficulty opening this link)



**THE 2015 SCHOOL WRITING COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN!**

Calling all Australian school students. Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school). As well as one of these AWESOME prizes. Apple iPad Air, Xbox One, Samsung Galaxy or Playstation 4.

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! We can't wait to read yours!

Entry is FREE! Entries close Sunday March 29, 2015. There is NO theme, you can write about whatever your heart desires!

*\* Poems no longer than 16 lines. Stories no more than 500 words.*

*\* Entries must be in by Sunday 29th March 2015.*

## Story Starters

See if any of these kick start your imagination!

1. I'd always wanted a superpower but never in a million years thought it would be this...
2. It was too late when the truth of it hit me. I had chosen wrong...
3. He couldn't believe his ears. Had the baby just... spoken?
4. "God help us," she whispered to herself...
5. Life is short... or not...
6. "Don't look down," I chanted, "don't look down." I looked

down...

Enter online: [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)

## **The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:  
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take

less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 27 February**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

## UNIFORM SHOP

### WINTER TUNICS PRE ORDERS

We are receiving orders for Winter Tunics. These are NOT generally kept in stock, so please make sure you put your orders in by the **25th March**.

Please ensure you select the correct measurement and size for you daughter. Full payment must be received PRIOR to this date. Orders will be delivered to your nominated child's Classroom. This is expected in the First week of Term 2.

Please consider **PRE-ORDERING ONLINE**, it's easy and safe. Pay with Paypal, Credit Card, Cash or cheque.

Visit: <http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms>

Thank you for your order!

## CANTEEN NEWS

Please contact the pnc if you can help with volunteering your time in our canteen in any way. We need you.

Thank you to the following volunteers for your time....

### Next week's roster

**Monday 2nd March** - Jemma Mulquin and Michelle Guilloni

**Tuesday 3rd March** - Marissa Bull and **HELP NEEDED**

**Wednesday 4th March** - Ljuba Rodic and Fahmiya Haniffa

**Thursday 5th March** - Sue Mulquin and Tanya Vliestra

**Friday 6th March** - Yuki Nakamura-Bell and Naheda Baghdadi

## P&C

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We have a government election coming up on Saturday 28th March and a polling booth will be set up at our school. We understand families may have sporting commitments on this day but we are looking for someone to coordinate a BBQ. Polling is 8am til 6pm and we are hoping to have a BBQ running from 8am til 2pm. Assistance with gathering volunteers, stock and guidance with organising is available if needed from the p n c.

We are also looking for someone to coordinate this year's

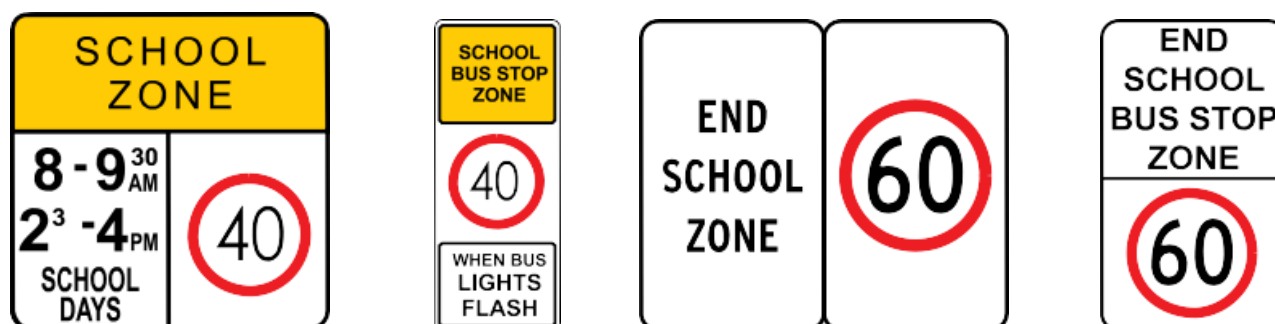


**Mother's Day stall.** This role would be very well supported by pnc and other volunteers. It includes selecting and ordering stock (lots of feedback and guidance available from previous ordering), receiving and organising payment with the treasurer, gathering volunteers, running the stall on the day and organising "I owe u.'s" (if any) in the days after the stall. We expect the stall will be run on Wednesday 6th May.

## SCHOOL ZONES

A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h. Between the *School Zone* and *End School Zone* signs, drivers must obey the school zone speed limit.

The school zone speed limit applies on NSW gazetted school days and during the times detailed on the school zone sign. School zone hours are normally 8:00am–9.30am and 2.30pm–4:00pm.



## ROAD RULES AWARENESS WEEK

23–27 February

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**[roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Wollongong JNR Chess Club**

The Wollongong JNR Chess Club meets Thursdays 4-6pm (not school hols) at the Fairy Meadow Community Centre.



Girl Guides have lots of FUN!! Camping, cooking, doing craft, playing games, earning badges and learning skills for life.

Girls 7-10 yrs meet Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am

Girls 10-14 yrs meet Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm

Girls 15-18 yrs meet Mondays 7.00 – 9.00 pm

At the GWYNNEVILLE GUIDE HALL

Call Pam on 0434111062 or to find out more visit our

Website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

### **FAIRY MEADOW NETBALL CLUB INC**

Children turning 11 or 12 this year required to fill teams. No experience necessary. Please call our President Margaret on 4283 5985.



The poster features a green background with a white silhouette of a soccer player kicking a ball. The text 'FOOTBALL 5S' is in green, 'STREET SOCCER' is in large black letters with a green star, and 'FREE ENTRY & MEMBERSHIP PROVIDED' is in orange. Logos for 'Twilight Tournaments' and 'PCYC WOLLONGONG' are present.

**EVERY SATURDAY  
6PM TO 9PM  
FEB 28TH TO MARCH 28TH  
AGES 11 +  
REGISTER NOW  
42294418**

**INDIVIDUALS WELCOME AS WE WILL PLACE YOU INTO  
TEAMS ON THE FIRST NIGHT**

**DINNER PROVIDED  
TRANSPORT AVAILABLE  
PRE-REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL**



## BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C WINTER TUNIC PRE-ORDER FORM

Size	Chest Measurement	Length	QTY	Price Per Dress	Total
5	75cm	64cm		\$40.00	
6	77cm	68cm		\$40.00	
8	79cm	75cm		\$40.00	
10	84cm	83cm		\$40.00	
12	92cm	90cm		\$40.00	
14	97cm	96cm		\$40.00	

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
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### INVOICING INFORMATION: *(Please complete)*

Parent's Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address*(for invoicing/receipting purposes)*:

Child's Name:

My Child is in Class:

### **Important Information:**

- Please Consider Pre-ordering Online....visit <http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms>  
orders are payable via credit card, PayPal or Direct Deposit
- We still accept Cash & Cheque via the canteen slot. Please make all cheques payable to:  
**BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C**
- Uniform Shop is open by appointment only on Fridays. Please contact [uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com](mailto:uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com)
- This is a **Pre Order**, Dresses are not kept in stock. We will be ordering from Sweet P on the 25 March 2015 so please ensure you select the correct measurement & size for your child and full payment received prior to this date. Orders will be delivered to your nominated child's class room once stock arrives  
Which is expected in the first week back to school (Term2)

Thank you for your Order