

The Bally Buzz

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Term 1 Week 8

Wednesday 18th March 2015

CALENDAR – TERM 1

Thu	19 March	School Photo Day
Thu	26 March	BPS Cross Country 12.00pm
Wed	1 April	Jack Flash & the Jumping Beanstalk performance
Thu	2 April	Last day of Term 1

Balgownie sporting legend continues with several students being selected in Brokers District teams. Congratulations to all of these students.

Netball: Emma L

Soccer Boys: Joshua N, James K, Harry D

Soccer Girls: Ashley J

Wow! What a turnout for Grandparents Day, which celebrated the start of Seniors Week. Thanks to all who made this day special, the grandparents, the volunteers and the teachers who opened their classrooms to share how our children learn in 2015.

Thanks to all those warm and wonderful grandparents who make all our students feel included, when some of them don't have a grandparent who is able to visit. Thank you! It was a wonderful event where I could see the pride in our students as they showcased our school and the pride in the grandparents as they shared in the learning achievements of our students. Thanks to Mrs Lewis for her organisation of the event. Well done!



Grandparents Day was very interesting as many students learnt about the past and what it was like to learn at schools without modern day technology. We even heard about the Japanese plane that flew over the Illawarra. 5/6B taught the grandparents how to play a modern day times-table game called Maths Chess.

On behalf of our school we thank all the grandparents who attended Balgownie's Grandparents Day. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated by our school.

By Jayda P and James K

Our new history syllabus is being implemented in 2016 and we are already beginning to plan its implementation. The interviews and discussion about school in the past that was generated on Monday was a real example of how history can be made relevant and exciting to our students. Who doesn't want to know about what school was like in 'the olden days?'

The discussion allowed students to see history as a living subject and that finding out about the past from primary sources such as interviews with people, viewing photographs or artifacts and then forming conclusions gives the opportunity to develop a lifelong interest in and enthusiasm for history.

There was also a great deal of interest in the museum which is unique to Balgownie Public School. Our school turns 126 next month. The museum is open to the public the first Sunday of each month from 1pm to 4pm.

AGM of P and C was held on Wednesday last week. Thank you to the outgoing P and C executive for your support, wisdom and guidance during the past year. Thanks also to the new office bearers who have stepped up to keep our school support really strong.

Not only do community meet through the P and C but the volunteers at our school include extraordinary numbers doing jobs that need to be done.

For example:

- ☐ 75 work in the canteen
- ☐ 50+ in working bee last year
- ☐ 100 at fete
- ☐ Over 10 in museum

☐ As well as the Grounds and Environment committee, changing reading books, helping in the classrooms, covering books, uniform shop, school starters playgroup, Year Six farewell, and fundraising.

Thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and community who help make this school the best it can be for our students. It is very much appreciated! The office bearers are:

Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning

Principal: Aloma Stewart PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com

Position	Elected
President	Joanna Lindenau
Vice Presidentx2	Hamilton Wearing Vacant
Secretary	Amie Grierson
Vice Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Amy Crawford
Vice Treasurer	Hazel Merola
Canteen subcommittee convenor	Martha Tindell
Canteen subcommittee treasurer's rep	Michelle Reid
Canteen subcommittee member	Megan Hammersley, Yuki Nakamara, Michelle Reid
Fundraising subcommittee convenor	Vacant
Fundraising subcommittee member	Jacqui Birchall
Grounds & Environment Subcommittee convenor	Karen Rogers
Grounds & Environment subcommittee member	Vanessa Allen, Emma McIntyre, Toni Lee-Howie
Uniform Shop subcommittee convenor	Evelyn Knust
Uniform subcommittee member	Donna Guest
Grants convenor	Joanna Lindenau
Website administrator	Brad Stokes

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5 at our school in the week beginning Tuesday 12 May. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each child can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks.

The assessments will be held across Australia on

- Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May - Reading
- Thursday 14 May - Numeracy

Everyone belongs. Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year. It celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is *Everyone Belongs*. It is about dealing with cultural, racial and religious intolerance by promoting respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Schools have the opportunity to share with others the importance of diversity in school and community through teaching and learning outcomes including action, performance, costume and food. At Balgownie School we have 74 of our students who come from houses that speak another language at home. Happy Harmony Day!

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week

Q: What sound do porcupines make when they kiss?
A: Ouch!

Thought of the week

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."
~ Michael Jordan

YR6 STUDENTS HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

Please note that the Expression of Interest for High School Application 2016, is due back to school by 20 March 2015. **All Year 6 students** need to return their completed and signed applications even if they are attending a private high school.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY **Thursday 19 March 2015**

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.

ATTENTION Chess Players!

The Interschool Chess Challenge is on again!

Date: Thursday 26th March 2015

Venue: Edmund Rice College 112 Mt Keira Rd. West Wollongong

Cost: \$11 per student

Please see Mr Barrett if you are interested in attending.

(The School Cross Country is being held on the same day. Please be aware that if you attend the Chess Challenge you will miss out on the Cross Country Carnival)

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)

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster for week 9

Monday 23 March: Jameela Krishna, Bianca Ljubicic

Tuesday 24 March: Jodie McLaughlin, Barbara Picciolini

Wednesday 25 March: Hazel Merola, Nicky Kettley

Thursday 26 March: Sharon O'Brien, Joanna Lindenau, Margaret Lynam

Friday 27 March: Belinda Down, Zoe Wood, Samantha Brown

Thanks to all our volunteers for their ongoing commitment to our canteen service. We now have Karen Rogers coordinating the roster. If you need to contact Karen about the roster please call/text her on 0401729778 or email kazrogers@optusnet.com.au. You can also still contact Karen at ballycanteen@gmail.com. We still have a few spaces, so if anyone is willing to do some filling in even in the short term it will be appreciated.

A reminder to all families that the canteen will be closed for cleaning on Thursday 1 April, but could those volunteers rostered on please still come in to help with the end of term jobs. Thanks to everyone.



BALGOWNIE HERITAGE SCHOOL MUSEUM

BALGOWNIE REMEMBERS SOLDIERS OF WW1

Invitation to come and share your stories
and photos's

May 3rd 2015
10am to 4pm

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

BIG FAT SMILE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our Skoolzout School Holiday Clubs have a jammed packed program of fun, entertainment, excursions and much more these school holidays. Starting Tuesday 7 April, we've got science, music, visual arts, sports, games and excursions to inspire and entertain. Our directors have worked hard to come up with some new and exciting activities these school holidays, but they have also remembered to keep those popular favourites. Check out the program, booking forms and contact details on our [website](#). Bookings are essential and spots fill up fast, so contact your local Skoolzout Club today!



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	
				TOTAL	\$
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
- 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