

The Bally Buzz



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Term 4 Week 5

Wednesday 8th November 2017

CALENDAR - TERM 4

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| Wed | 8 Nov | P&C meeting 7.15pm Library |
| Fri | 10 Nov | Remembrance Day Assembly 10.45am |
| Wed | 15 Nov | Kindergarten orientation 9.30 -11.00am. Parents in the Library for Numeracy Session |
| Fri | 17 Nov | Brokers Gala Day Girls - Dragon tag Boys - AFL |
| Fri | 24 Nov | Stage 3 Assembly 12.30pm |
| Wed | 29 Nov | Presentation Day 9.15am |

We are half way through the term already. Christmas will be upon us before we know it. Our school is a hive of activity- assessments being finalised and reports being written. Year 6 are getting excited by the prospect of high school, but a little sad about having spent seven years at our wonderful primary school and now it is time to spread their wings. Our Kindergarten students for 2018 are testing out school to see what to expect during our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Enjoy the last few weeks of school!

Classes 2018

Staff are beginning to look at the composition of classes for 2018. Can you please inform the school if you are leaving or you know of anyone moving into the area that will be attending our school in 2018.

If your return to school is delayed for whatever reason can we please have a written letter/phone call stating your return date as our final numbers for the year which calculate our staffing are finalised by around 12 February each year. Thank you to the parents who have already been in touch.

PBS End of Year Celebration Excursions

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) program at Balgownie Public School, we hold an annual end of year celebration day. The 2017 upcoming event will be held on **Thursday 14th December**.

This year we are taking our celebration out of the school grounds with three separate fun filled excursions for our students to look forward to.

Students will be bringing home a permission note in the next few days outlining the details for their stage group event, but in an effort to inform families early, costs and venues are as follows:

- **Kinder and Stage 1** – will be travelling by bus to the University of Wollongong's Discovery Centre and to the Botanical Gardens. Cost for this event is \$12.00 per student.
- **Stage 2** – will be travelling by bus to the Northern Bowl for Ten Pin Bowling. Cost for this event is \$16.00 per student.
- **Stage 3** – will be travelling by bus to Flip Out Trampoline Arena Warrawong. Cost for this event is \$13.00 per student.

We understand that this is an expensive time of year for families and hope that early notification for this activity will help families to budget for their child/children's participation in this enjoyable day.

Change of Teacher

My apologies, but I forgot to mention in last week's newsletter that Mrs Shum has been unable to return to work due to her pregnancy. We wish her all the very best with the imminent arrival of a new family member. We welcome Mrs Davina Robson to her role who will

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be teaching on Monday and Tuesday each week until the end of year. Lucky 3/4HS!

Jump Rope for Heart!

Well done Mr Barrett! I would like to share with you an email received by Ms Stewart regarding Jump Rope for Heart and our amazing community.

Dear Ms Stewart,

On behalf of the Heart Foundation, I am writing to express our thanks to the students, families, friends and staff of Balgownie Public School for participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program this year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Michael Barrett, whose efforts in co-ordinating the program greatly contributed to its success.

Critical to the success of Jump Rope for Heart is the passion, motivation and commitment of teaching staff that co-ordinate the program within the school. The commitment of staff just like Mr Barrett has a positive impact not only on the health of the students but also in the heart health of the broader community. Mr Barrett has been a true heart health champion and should be commended for the time and dedication spent facilitating Jump Rope for Heart within your school.

We are most appreciative of the \$8,838 raised by your school community. Heart disease remains the single leading cause of death in Australia. By supporting the Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart, your school community is making a positive contribution to the health of all Australians, raising much-needed funds for heart research. We trust that Jump Rope has contributed to the health of your students by encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours and showing them the many benefits of participating in regular physical activity.

Once more, thank you for your invaluable support. We are already jumping for 2018 and we would love to see Balgownie Public School participate in the new year so please let me know if I can reserve you a place for next year.

*Kind Regards,
Alicia Barry*

Go Balgownie community – well done. Thank you!

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017

In 2017, 11 November marks the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the

German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. Today we all stopped at 11.00 a.m. to remember the fallen from all wars, past and present. It was also a time to give thanks for those currently serving.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Kindy 2018

Kindy 2018 (the class of 2030) – Orientation One. It was lovely to meet our new cohort of Kindergarten students and they looked confident and happy at school last week on their first official orientation. They shared a lesson with their parents in the classroom.

This week they were in class by themselves whilst their parents were learning about our school and Best Start. The new Kindies will also meet the Year 5 student buddies. It is wonderful to see the responsibility and care shown to these students by our older students, who genuinely want this to be a smooth start and fun experience for the new generation of Balgownie Kids. Not to mention they can help unwrap those challenging packaging items at lunch and recess!

Playgroup has been another HUGE success. Thank you Sharon for organising and coordinating the activities of this important initiative to build relationships with our new families and to make sure that the new generation of Balgownie Kids are happy and confident to come to 'big school.' They play hard and have a great time.

The focus of the group is on the children starting school in 2018. It is on from 9.30-10.30am on Wednesdays in the hall and complements our three orientation sessions.

We are currently looking for a team of coordinators for next year. If you have a child who is starting school in 2019, we need you! The program is all set and the

current and past playgroup leaders are happy to mentor you. Please see me or our Playgroup coordinator, Sharon, to put your name down.

We also say thanks to the P and C who have donated a Balgownie School Hat to each new student. It is a great way to start our expectations of school uniform with our students.

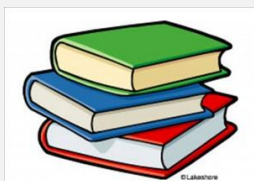
Well done everyone! We look forward to seeing you again next week.

The last session is on Wednesday 15 November 9.30-11.00am in the library. Next week will be a numeracy session delivered by Ms Sarah Steele whilst children engaged in the kinder orientation program will remain in the kinder rooms.

Library Notice

Thank you to all who have supported and enjoyed our wonderful school library in 2017. It's now that time of year when I need to cease borrowing and start recalling all library items in readiness for our annual stocktake to begin. Please ensure that all library items are located and returned to school as soon as possible.

Mrs Birchall



P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2017

All community members are invited to attend our monthly meeting of the P&C to be held this evening at 7:15pm in the school library.

Below is the agenda for this month's meeting:

1) Welcome

2) Attendance

3) Apologies

4) New members

5) Minutes of Previous meeting

6) Business arising from previous minutes

- Fete 2018
- Sausage Warmer

7) Reports

- Principal's
- President's
- Treasurer's
- Fundraising
- Uniform shop

- Grounds & Environment
- Grants
- Canteen
- Museum

8) General Business

- Representative Application
- School Plan 2018-2020
- Anaphylaxis

9) Next Meeting

10) Meeting close

We hope to see you there!

I hope the P&C and friends enjoyed their movie night out last Monday 6 November- Bad Moms 2!

I intended to come and got caught up assisting a colleague with school related issues.

Mrs M

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY 2019

Allocations close next Monday 13 November so be sure to apply on time.

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 open on **10 October 2017** and close on **13 November 2017**. You can apply at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The Selective High School Placement Test is on **15 March 2018**.

I have a limited number of paper copies of – *Thinking for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry 2019?* available at the office.

Overdue Payments

It has come to my attention that there are a number of outstanding payments for Reading Eggs and The School Magazine. These form part of curriculum delivery and payment for these resources **is compulsory**. Please arrange payment at the office immediately.

If you have not yet paid your Voluntary School Contribution and are able to, please arrange payment as soon as possible with the office.

Temporary Contact Information

If you have arranged for someone else to care for your child whilst you are away, please advise the office of the carers name, contact details and period of time this arrangement will be in place for.

Melbourne Cup Breakfast!

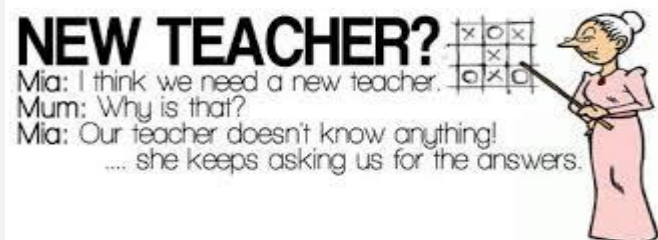
Our staff got into the excitement of Melbourne Cup by coming to school early to share breakfast together. Students saw the teachers dressed in their finery - high heel shoes, fascinators and hats. This is Ms Duffy, Ms Steele and Mrs Lynch drawn by a Stage 1 student.



Quote of the Week:



Joke of the Week:



Lesley Matthews

(Relieving Principal)

Have a great week!

POTATO HARVEST



2H and 1S harvested potatoes this week. They enjoyed roasting and eating them. It was lots of fun!

2L made a fresh salad using beans, tomatoes and parsley from our vegetable patch. It was delicious!

