The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School
Living & Learning

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Term 1 - Week 2 Wednesday 5 February 2020

Calendar Term I - 2020

Wed	5 Feb	BPS Swimming Carnival
Wed	12 Feb	Gymnastics K-Yr2
	12 Feb	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
Thur	13 Feb	Gymnastics Yr3-6
Frid	14 Feb	StEPS Vision Screening for Kindergarten
Wed	19 Feb	Gymnastics K-Yr2
Thur	20 Feb	Gymnastics Yr3-6
Frid	21 Feb	District PSSA Swimming Carnival
Tue	25 Feb	AFL AusKick after-school program 3-4pm Week 1

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back

It was a very warm welcome back for me and my wife from 2 degrees in Vienna to 37 degrees in Sydney on Saturday afternoon. But still not as warm as the welcome from the Balgownie kids on Monday. They all seemed so happy to be back and students are quickly settling into new classes, rooms, teachers and routines. This is made possible by the preparation the teachers have put in as the new school year approached and by the positive discussions parents have with their children as they begin the new year. If your child is still unsure or anxious about their new class, continue the positive discussions, focusing on the great opportunities a new class represents. One of the strengths of Balgownie School is the open communication between parents and teachers and the shared understanding of the importance of student welfare. This includes the building of resilience in our students and coping with the changes that a new year presents is an integral part of this growth and development.

If at any time you are concerned with any aspect of your child's experience at school, please contact us. Your first port of call is always the classroom teacher and most incidents/concerns can be rectified by such meetings or telephone conversations.

I must congratulate the new kindergarten students for the terrific start they have had to big school. They have settled in really well and both the students and their parents have managed the 9:00am farewells magnificently – well done!

Please keep watch for any notes that come home from school. Next week and the week after, teachers will be conducting information sessions so you can meet them and learn a little about what your child will be learning this term and in the terms to come. Please remember, this is not a Parent/Teacher interview scenario as it is a little early for our teachers to tell you how your child is progressing. Formal parent/teacher interviews are held at the end of term.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome back and I look forward to working with staff, parents, the wider community and, of course, the students of Balgownie in my capacity as the relieving principal in Term 1.

Martin Loxton.

Have a great week!

School Gates

To ensure the safety of our students, the school gates will be closed and locked at 9.10am and reopened at 2.45pm. If you require to come in or out during these times you can use the Balgownie Rd carpark through one of its gates. Simply reach through to slide or lift the bolt, open gate and close behind you.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wollongong High School of Performing Arts (WHSPA) Audition Process

The audition application for entry into Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Year 7 (2021) is now available online only, on the WHSPA website. Application must be submitted online by midnight **Wednesday 4th March 2020.**

Auditions will be held from Monday 25th March to Friday 12th April, the last 3 weeks of Term 1.

StEPS Eyesight Screening

Kindergarten StEPS Eyesight screening will be held at school next Friday 14 February 2020. Permission forms for students to undergo screening have been sent home with students.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop and our awesome team of volunteers survived the first week of uniform orders. A massive thank you to those ladies who gave up 30mins on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning- I could not have done it without you, so thank you.

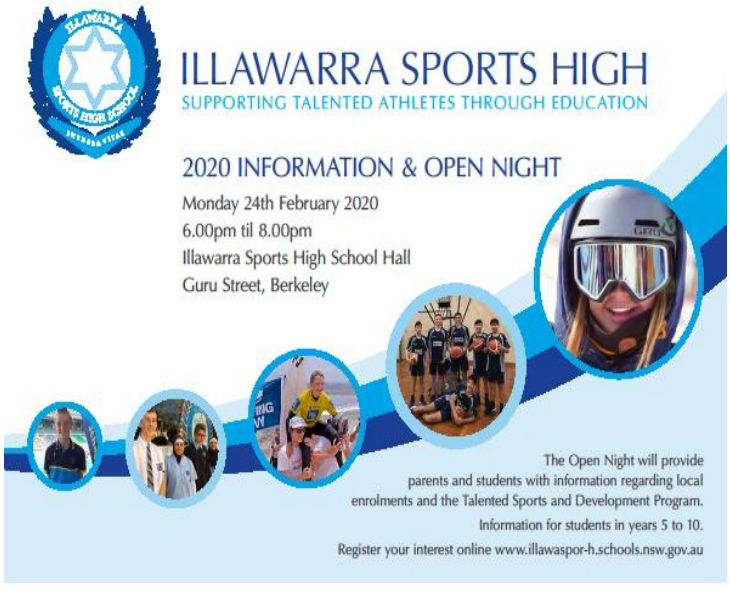
Thank you to everyone who placed orders and your patience while restocking some items. Most items are now back in stock. Did you know that every order placed through the P & C assists your school?

We have received lots of preloved uniforms. Thank you to those families who have donated items. The Second Hand clothing pool is available on Friday mornings 8:30-9:00am or by emailing balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au for an appointment. Items start from $1 and dresses/jackets $5.

How do I place a uniform order?

- Online at http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/uniforms/ . Please ensure you record the correct **child's name and class** to assist with prompt delivery
- Come and see us Friday mornings inside the Kindergarten building (CASH ONLY) and correct change it appreciated

If you still need help, no problem! Email balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au Emails will be answered by one of our volunteers as quickly as possible.



IGNITE YOUR PASSION!

Balgownie PS After School AFL Auskick

JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!!
Day: Tuesday's
Time: 3:10pm-4.10pm
STARTS: February 25th (Term 1, Week 5-8)
RUNS FOR: 4 WEEKS (SESSIONS)
Location: Balgownie PS
HEAPS OF FUN? YES!
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
REGISTER
Register online: Play.afl/Auskick
click Register Now and enter school suburb "Balgownie" then scroll through and select Balgownie PS (After school) Auskick Centre and register
Enquiries to: kieran.churchill@afl.com.au or 0413-381-483

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- Have fun and learn new skills
- Receive an AUSKICK PACK – Football, Auskick cooler bag, Footy Cards, Footy pump and activity book
- Heaps of Fun, Fitness, and Friendship.
- **Starts Term 1, Weeks 5-8**
- For Girls and Boys from years K-6

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2020 - Term 1 Development Academy

The best possible start to the new season!

Term 1 - Vincentia High (Wednesday's 4.30-5.45pm)

Term 1 - Bellambi (Monday's 4.30-5.45 & 5.45-7.00pm)

*** Family Discounts Available ***

Boys and Girls - 5-16 Years (9- 11.45am)
Goalkeepers and Outfield Players. All skill levels catered for.

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