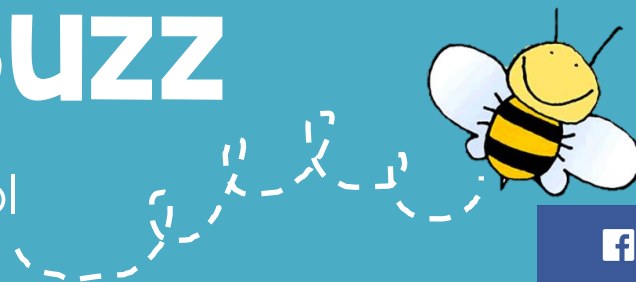


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Term 1 - Week 6

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Calendar Term 1 - 2020

Thur	5 Mar	Gymnastics Yr3-6
	5 Mar	AG Class Assessment in Lab
Tue	10 Mar	AFL AusKick 3-4pm Week 3
Wed	11 Mar	Gymnastics K-Yr2
	11 Mar	South Coast PSSA Swimming Carnival
	11 Mar	Keira HS Expo Evening 5-8.30pm
Thur	12 Mar	Gymnastics Yr3-6
Mon	16 Mar	PLP Afternoon Tea 3.15pm
Tue	17 Mar	School Photo Day
	17 Mar	AFL AusKick 3-4pm Week 4
Wed	18 Mar	P&C Annual General Meeting 7.15pm at Collegians, Balgownie
	18 Mar	Gymnastics K-Yr2
Thur	19 Mar	Gymnastics Yr3-6
Frid	20 Mar	Harmony Day celebration - Mongolian Throat Singing & wear something Orange
Frid	27 Mar	Yarning Circle Working Bee 3.30-6.30pm

school in an exemplary fashion. Sara and Ned spoke to the audience about our school motto and what it means to them and about what they hope to achieve as leaders this year. They both spoke eloquently and confidently. This was a great opportunity for our leaders to meet the other leaders of our CoS group and further consolidates the close relationship we have with them, especially Keira High School.



New Principal

As was communicated last week through the Skoolbag app, Balgownie will have a new principal beginning on the first day of Term 2. Her name is Ms Donna Barton. She has been the principal of Sarah Redfern Public School, Campbelltown for the last 6 years. We are looking forward to welcoming Ms Barton to our school on Day One, Term Two.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of formally introducing our leaders to the Keira Community of Schools (CoS) in a ceremony at Keira High School. Sara, Ned, William and Fiona represented our

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P&C

There is a P & C meeting next Wednesday night in the library beginning at 7:15pm (see newsletter attached). During this meeting, I will be outlining two projects we are currently considering. One is the placement of a digital sign for the school. The other is the proposed relocation of the school bell which involves a significant building project. If you are interested in either or both of these projects and would like to provide some input, please attend.

Working Bee

Please consider helping at our working bee on Friday, 27/3/2020. Students will be doing some tidying up around the school from 2-3pm, laying the groundwork for the grown-ups. See the flyer in this newsletter for details.

Fit Futures Gymnastics

Fit futures gymnastics has now been running for several weeks. Please ask you child/children how they are finding this program as we will be seeking feedback at its conclusion.

Interviews

As part of our reporting procedures, Balgownie Public School holds parent/teacher interviews at the end of Term 1 each year. This year, these interviews will take place in Weeks 10 and 11 (30th March – 3rd April and 6th April – 9th April). These interviews are highly valued by both teachers and parents as they provide a great opportunity for two-way communication. You will receive information about your child's progress and focus areas for them to work on. It is also an opportune time to discuss social development.

Martin Loxton.

Have a great week!

SPORTS NEWS

Central Wollongong District Swimming Carnival

On Friday 21st February we had 30 Balgownie students attend the Central Wollongong District Swimming Carnival. This was our first carnival after the district merge, with half of the Brokers schools combining with Central Wollongong (making a total of 16 schools in our new district!). Our students had a fantastic day in the pool and showed great sportsmanship. It was great to see everyone trying their best, in particular the

students who were a bit worried about diving into the pool. These students overcame their fears of diving into the pool and had a go. Well done Balgownie!!

Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the South Coast Swimming Carnival next week at Dapto Pool.

- Lucas B
- James D
- Madhu M
- Junior Boys Relay Team: Sam P, Isaac M, Aidan R & Lucas B

District Trials

Term 1 is extremely busy for our students in Stage 3 with various sports trials for our District and Zone teams. We have students' trialling in the following sports: basketball, cricket, AFL, netball, soccer, rugby league, rugby union and touch football. We would like to wish the students attending these trials the best of luck in their chosen sport.

Congratulations to Lucas B and Mitch L for their selection into the Northern Illawarra Zone Boys Cricket team. They will attend the South Coast Boys Cricket Trial in a few weeks time.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY AND UNIFORMS

MSP Photography order/payment envelopes have been issued to students. Please read the relevant information on the envelope regarding ordering and note that **envelopes are returned on photo day Tuesday 17 March**. Sibling photo envelopes are also available at the school office.



A number of parents have enquired about uniforms for school photo day. We have 2 uniforms for girls and either is acceptable for the photo. The photographers will make sure the photo looks wonderful and that the uniforms are balanced.

Please make sure that students are in **full school uniform** including **plain black school shoes, white socks and no jewellery**. It is also asked that students **wear small black and white hair accessories only**.

UNIFORM SHOP

The **SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL** is open this **FRIDAY 6TH MARCH** from **8:30am-9:10am**.

We will be set up under the COLA weather permitting. Items from \$1. Dresses and jackets \$5. **CASH ONLY**.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist ONE MORNING or AFTERNOON a month. Please email

balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Don't forget Girls Winter Tunics **pre orders CLOSE 10 am this Friday**. There will be no further orders after this date as this will delay the delivery of the entire order. Place your pre order:

- Online at <http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/uniforms/#!/Winter-Tunic/c/9579779/offset=0&sort=priceAsc>

PLEASE NOTE tunics are not kept in stock and require 5 weeks for delivery. **Tunics will be available for sizing on Friday 6th March.**

All orders placed online will be delivered weekly to your child's classroom. Please record your child's FULL name and correct class to ensure prompt delivery.

Opening dates for TERM 1:
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

Big Fat Smile

Before and After School Care
School Holiday Care

GET OUT OF THE NORMAL, GET INTO THE AWESOME!

Before School: 7-9am
After School: 3-6pm
School Holidays: 7am-6pm
at Fairy Meadow Demonstration School

CASUAL BOOKINGS ALSO AVAILABLE!

- Safe learning environment
- Nutritious food menus
- We are part of your local community
- Our educators use the national learning framework
- S.T.E.M. focus each month (science, technology, engineering, maths)

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Find out more at bigfatmile.com.au



Come and Play at Balgownie Junior Football Club

Are you interested in playing a team sport?

Balgownie Juniors Football Club still have player places for both Boys and Girls for the following age groups.

Under 6, Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 & Under 12

Every under 6 player is provided shorts and socks as part of their registration.

How to Register?

Registration is only \$200 per player, with a NSW Active Kid Discount its only \$100.

You can register online.

[www. Playfootball.com.au](http://www.Playfootball.com.au)

HURRY! Limited places remaining
Email Michael at
registrar@balgowniejuniors.com.au
for any further information.



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PLP (Personalised Learning Pathways)

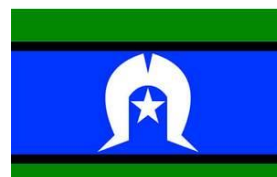
Afternoon Tea

Monday 16th March, 3.15pm

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander family, you are invited to attend an afternoon tea with your teachers. You can talk to them about your child's goals and aspirations for 2020.

A letter will be sent home shortly, please keep an eye out for it.

We would love to see you there. Please see your class teacher for more information.





Harmony Day at Balgownie Public School

Mongolian Throat Singing - Wear Something Orange

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity - a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. To celebrate this in our school, we are asking **all students to wear something orange to school on Friday 20th March.**



To further celebrate Harmony Day, Balgownie Public School students will be participating in an interactive performance of **Mongolian Throat Singing.**

In Mongolia, throat singing is an ancient art form whereby the singer uses the voice to create anywhere from two to four notes at the same time generating a sound that appears to be several voices at once! Throat singing is said to have developed centuries ago by nomads in a region called Tuva, an independent republic between Mongolia and Siberia. The practice is said to have originated in a contest between rural herdsman to see how far they could get their voices to carry through valleys.

The session includes:

- A live throat singing & Mongolian horse fiddle performance
- A traditional Mongolian throat singing workshop for students
- A final showcase performance of what has been learnt

There is no cost to students.

We need your help!

'In the Foothills of Mt Keira'
'Kullillah' (meeting place) - draft name

We have been successful in obtaining an
Eco Schools Grant
to complete phase one of developing our
'yarning circle'.

This will be built in the space outside of the Library,
beside our Aboriginal Reconciliation Garden
and frog pond.



Working Bee

Friday 27th March,
3.30pm to 6.30pm

We are hoping for a big turnout!!

Come for as little or as long as you can – every little bit helps!!!

There will be a sausage sizzle at the end of the evening to feed the hungry workers.

Please **register your interest** by returning the slip below to your class teacher, so we know how many will be there on the day and how many to cater for.



Removing the
old pavers, silver
seats and
current plants.

Building a
yarning circle,
something like
this!



☐ **Yes!** We would love to help out at the 'Yarning Circle' Working Bee.

☐ **Yes!** We will be staying for the sausage sizzle

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Signed: _____ No. of people: _____

Parents & Citizens Association

WELCOME

A warm welcome from the P&C to the Balgownie School Community, especially to new families!

The P&C is a group of parents, carers and community members working together to support the school. Our P&C is where you get to help shape your child's school environment, where your ideas are heard.

The P&C would like to thank all the families who have volunteered and supported the activities of the P&C in 2019.

2019 was another great year for the P&C. The P&C was able to operate the Uniform Shop, purchase a defibrillator for the school, pay for Life Education, hold a Working Bee, and make contributions to the Year Six Farewell, Dance Festival, Choral Festival and Southern Stars.

One of the highlights was the Colour Run, supported by students, staff and the local community. It was hard to tell whether the teachers or the students had the most fun! Over \$4000 was raised for sporting equipment already in use by the students at lunch and in classes.

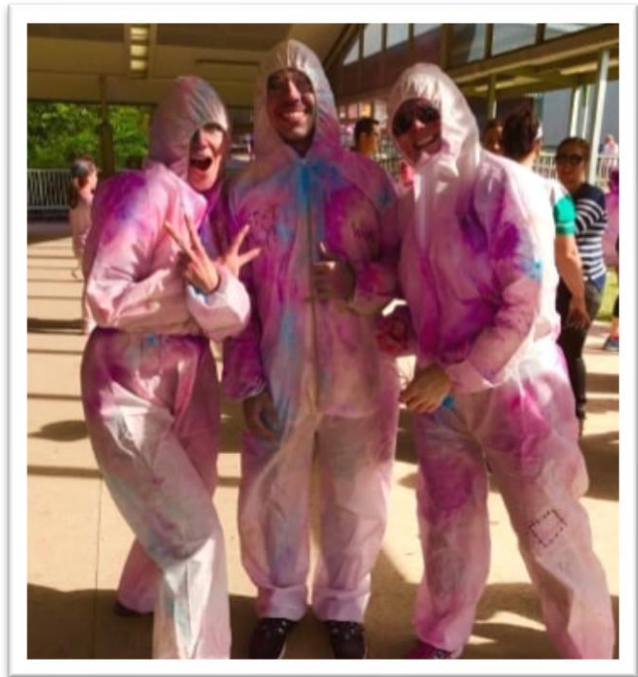
MARCH P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C AGM will be held at 7.15pm on **Wednesday 18 March** at Collegians, Balgownie. All financial members are invited to renew their membership, nominate and vote at the AGM.

Please note the date of March 18 – this is a week later than the usual meeting date to avoid conflict with Keira High School's Open Day

GET INVOLVED IN 2020

To continue the good work in 2020 we are looking for new people to be part of the P&C team. To nominate for a position, you need to be a financial member of the P&C. Financial membership is a requirement for voting at the AGM. We really do need your help and encourage new families to get involved.



P&C PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

We have had a wonderful start to the year, with our first P&C meeting which was held in February. It was so encouraging to see familiar faces and meet members of our school community who are interested in being part of our P&C community.

Some of the great initiatives that we have planned for 2020 include fundraising through the Return and Earn program, our Working Bees, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall and Entertainment Book Fundraiser. We also look forward to welcoming our new Principal Ms Donna Barton to the Balgownie Public School community.

MARCH P&C AGM

We encourage all members of the school community to come along to our March P&C AGM.

All positions and subcommittee memberships are declared vacant at the AGM, and will be filled by nomination/vote. These include:

- Executive Committee
 - President
 - Vice-Presidents x 2
 - Secretary
 - Vice-Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Vice-Treasurer
- Sports Coordinator
- Fundraising Subcommittee Convener and Members
- Uniform Shop Subcommittee Convener and Members
- Grounds & Environment Subcommittee Convener and Members
- Grants Coordinator
- Website Administrator

NOMINATIONS FOR P&C POSITIONS

Financial P&C members can nominate in writing using the form provided. Place your nomination in the P&C pigeon hole in the school office or send an email to balgowniepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au indicating which position(s) you are interested in by **3pm on Wednesday 11 March**, when nominations close.

The basic requirements of P&C Subcommittees and Officers are set out by the P&C Federation, available via <http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/by-laws/>

If you have further questions, contact balgowniepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

AGENDA FOR MARCH AGM

1. Membership renewals and new members
2. Acceptance of minutes of 2019 AGM
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Principal's Report
7. Election of Executive Committee and other positions

BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate for the P&C position(s) below to be voted on at the P&C AGM on Wednesday 18 March (tick one or more):

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice President x2
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Vice Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Vice Treasurer
- ☐ Canteen Liaison Officer
- ☐ Fundraising Subcommittee Convener
- ☐ Fundraising Subcommittee Member
- ☐ Grounds & Environment Subcommittee Convener
- ☐ Grounds & Environment Subcommittee Member
- ☐ Uniform Shop Subcommittee Convener
- ☐ Uniform Shop Subcommittee Member
- ☐ Grants Coordinator
- ☐ Website Administrator

I am a current financial member of the P&C

Signed.....

Date.....

Nominations close Wednesday 11 March 3pm