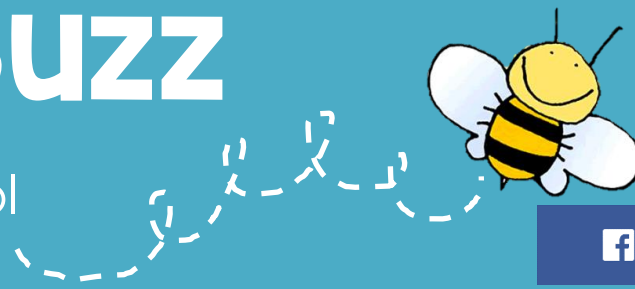


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Term 3 - Week 1

Thursday 23 July 2020

Calendar Term 3 - 2020

Frid	25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	5 Oct	Public Holiday
Mon	12 Oct	Term 4 – Students Return

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been an interesting time to begin my Principalship at Balgownie Public School. Last term we all had to adapt to the many changes in a COVID-19 world. I hope you all had a nice break with family and friends and were able to rest and relax. Since returning to full-time learning at school, staff have been focusing on reconnecting with our students and re-engaging them in their learning. This term we have been able to get straight back into 'normal' learning routines! Many of our guidelines continue to remain in place including, enhanced school cleaning, vigilant hand hygiene, children with cold and flu symptoms remaining at home and the restriction of all non-essential adults on the school grounds. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Reports: During Term 2, teachers were assessing where your child is 'at' in their learning, so that they can focus on what is needed to support them in moving forward. Whilst this was happening, teachers have also been busy writing reports. Reports will be sent home this week. Due to COVID-19, the Department provided guidelines around modifications to school reports for Semester 1. You will notice that our reports are

different to the usual format. There will be information on English and Mathematics and other Key Learning Areas, however there will not be an A-E grade. As always, you can request a phone interview with your child's class teacher, if there is anything you would like to discuss. We will be asking for feedback on our reports and would love to hear from you.

Celebrations: Although we have been unable to continue with our usual celebrations of learning, many teachers have been uploading great work on our Facebook page and on Skoolbag. We hope to continue with this as a means of sharing the wonderful work that is happening at Balgownie Public School.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2021: Enrolments for Kindergarten 2021 are well underway. If you know of any friends, neighbours or siblings who are yet to enrol, please remind them to contact the school via phone, so that they can be informed of the enrolment process. Unfortunately, we are still unable to allow parents and carers on to the school site due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will continue to update families as we receive further information about holding kinder orientation sessions.

Year 6: Year 6 to Year 7 transitions are also starting to be organised. Parents and carers will be updated as information comes through. We are also working on possible options for Year 6 Farewell and Stage 3 Camp, depending on the NSW Government restrictions. We will continue to keep families updated.

Parking: Please do not park in the Bus Zone and the Drop off and Pick up zone as they are what the signs say. You cannot arrive 20 minutes early

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and park there to wait for your children. If you come early, park further up the road and walk down to meet your child.

Dismissal: From next week all children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm. Parents need to observe the social distancing requirements and cannot come into the school grounds. Please wait along the footpath. Children will still leave via the 3 exits, depending on their surname. Please see the attached note for details.

Communication: At Balgownie PS we have many ways we can communicate with you. We utilise Skoolbag App, Facebook and our school website page. At all times we try and ensure that every message is received by every family. Sometimes, I can appreciate, that you may be frustrated by what is or is not happening at Balgownie Public School. Please contact the school through the school email, balgownie-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or by phone, 4284 4245, so that we can address your concerns or answer your questions. Posting your frustrations on Facebook often leads to further misunderstanding and the issue not being dealt with. I want to work with all families to ensure that Balgownie Public School provides the best possible learning outcomes for all students. I am looking forward to working with you in this space.

I know that Term 3 will be an awesome time of learning for all of us at Balgownie Public School and I cannot wait to showcase our successes!

Keep safe,

Donna Barton
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will remain closed until further notice. This will continue to be reviewed as circumstances change and we will provide any updates via the Skoolbag app, the Bally Buzz school newsletter and the Balgownie Public School P and C Facebook page. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us at: balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au





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Dismissal Procedures from Week 2.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the support and understanding we have received through these new and very challenging times. We truly appreciate that families have tried to work with the school and follow the many different protocols.

The Department of Education and the Department of Education Health are continuing to request that no parents enter school grounds.

After much discussion and community consultation we have decided to return to a 3pm finish for all students. Teachers are looking forward to having the students stay until the end of the day.

We must still ensure that we are providing adequate measures to support social distancing at this time. Therefore, all 3 gates will be open at 3pm for students to leave the school grounds. Students will be directed to gates based on alphabetical order of their surnames:

Balgownie Road - Students and families whose surname starts with A, B, C, D, E, F, G or H

Chalmers Road - Students and families whose surname starts with I, J, K, L, M, N, O or P

Brokers Road - Students and families whose surname starts with Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y or Z

It will be the responsibility of all parents/carers to maintain social distancing and follow all traffic rules.

If you wish to change the nominated exit at which your child/children will be leaving the school, please ensure you notify their class teacher.

As per usual, students are permitted to leave the school independently at 3pm and walk home or to an alternative meeting point.

Kind regards,

Donna Barton
Principal