

Term 3 - Week 10

# Calendar Term 3 - 2020

Frid	25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	12 Oct	Term 4 – Students Return
Frid	23 Oct	Preorder for Kindy 2021 Dresses <b>closes</b>
Wed	16 Dec	Last day of Term 4

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

## School Uniform

Balgownie Public School has an excellent reputation, where our students (and staff) wear our uniform with pride. Wearing our uniform creates a sense of pride and belonging. It has come to my attention, as I watch the children enter and leave each day, that some students need reminding of the appropriate footwear, including socks. All students should be wearing black school shoes and short white socks. Sports day, students should be wearing joggers and short white socks.

# School Improvement Plan

This year we are working on a new 4 year School Improvement Plan. As a school, we are one step ahead of the game, as we have just finished working through our External Validation. I will be presenting in the P and C meeting, in November, our progress so far. I am looking forward to working with you on ensuring Balgownie Public School is the best it can be!

# Thank you

Thank you to all of families for their ongoing support. During these ever changing times, we very much appreciate all the ways you show us that you are supportive of what we are doing. We Wednesday 23 September 2020

know, that many of you sometimes feel disconnected to the school, due to not being able to come onto school grounds. We are working hard to ensure that you stay connected and that you can contact us at any time if you need to speak to your child's teacher. We are unsure of what Term 4 will hold for us in terms of end of year celebrations and events, and what restrictions will need to be considered. At the moment the staff are looking at ways to ensure that our families have an opportunity to share in the celebrations. Watch this space.

At the end of term, I would also like to thank all of my staff for the tireless efforts to ensure every student is known, valued and cared for, and every student is learning to the very best that they can. I have heard teachers making phone calls to families to check in and make sure you and your child are getting all of the support needed. I know you will join me in wishing them a wonderful 2 week break!

Finally, thank you to our students. Our reason for being here every day! You have worked so hard and made so many adaptions to your school day, and I am very proud of you. Every day, you show up and do your best learning. You make Balgownie Public School a great place to be! Make sure you stay safe over the break and enjoy lots of rest and sunshine!

Donna Barton Principal

# Waste-Free Wednesday

Did you know that Australian households produce 3.3 million tonnes of food waste every year? As well as this, 85% of soft plastics from bags and food packaging ends up in landfill.

#### Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning

Join 2/3H, 3/4M, 3/4W and 4/5L in our efforts to reduce food and packaging waste by participating in...

#### "WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY"

Every Wednesday we will ask students to bring food in reusable containers. This means no chip packets, sandwich bags or muesli bar wrappers. We will also make sure our food scraps go into composts to reduce food waste and prevent it from going to landfill.

Only with your efforts can we achieve our goal of reaching ZERO waste!

Some ideas.....

- Use reusable containers and drink bottles
- Buy in bulk and put in only what you need in a reusable container eg. Chips, biscuits, juice, salad, etc.
- Put sandwiches in reusable containers without using glad wrap
- Make your own fruit trail mix
- Bake some muffins and freeze them. Put one in your lunch box each day. It will thaw by the time you are ready to eat it.

Please keep your rubbish at home!







## **Uniform Shop**

Thank you to all the families who have placed an order online and adapted to the Uniform shop and Covid19.

Last week we welcomed some new 2021 Kindy children and parents to try on uniforms. So many happy and excited little faces. Welcome Kindy 2021 and families. We look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks. If you have a child starting kindy in 2021 please phone the Office to make an appointment to arrange a time for sizing.



The summer dress orders placed earlier this term, have unfortunately been delayed. There is a short supply on zips! The dresses will now not be delivered until the end of Week 1 Term 4. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The **preorder for Kindy 2021 dresses** is now open. If you wish to order a dress for your daughter for 2021, please place this order **by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. This order will not be delivered until late Term 4.

The P and C have now partnered with Bright Star Kids. Please consider placing your next order for labels and register Balgownie Public School as your nominated fundraising. The P and C will receive 20% of your total order.



# Double Deal - Helping your school & the environment!

You probably know about Return & Earn? What you may not know is that you can contribute Return & Earn money to Balgownie Public School! Return & Earn works for those small single serve plastic bottles (eg. gatorade), cans or glass bottles. Milk cartons or big juice cartons etc are not accepted, you can recycle them in your yellow bin at home.

#### Where is Return & Earn located?

The automatic deposit machine is located at the back of the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow.

When you get to the Return & Earn collection point, simply scan the barcode below and start feeding your bottles down the chute. This money is then sent to the P & C's PayPal account which will help us raise money throughout the year. Every little bit helps and your children are always the recipients of material bought with the money raised for the school.

Of course recycling in any way is better than it going to landfill, so you can involve your children in Return & Earn where they can earn some pocket money, or you can choose to donate it to one of the charities or organisations listed.

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Happy bottle & can collecting!





