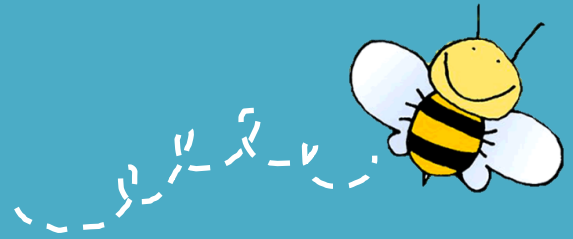


# The Bally Buzz



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Term 4 - Week 5

Thursday 4 November 2021

## Calendar - Term 4 - 2021

Wed	17 Nov	OC Testing
	Date TBC	2022 Kinder Orientation
Tues	7 Dec	Presentation Day
Wed	8 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Fri	10 Dec	Uniform Shop Closes
Wed	15 Dec	Reports sent home to Parents
Wed	15 Dec	Last of term for students
Thurs	16 Dec	Staff Development Day

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back!!

We are so thankful to have all our little people back with us! The teachers are still smiling! We appreciate how much we have worked as a team this last term during home learning and are looking forward to being in the classrooms again.

Thank you to all the families who have supported us during our staggered starts and finishes. Just a reminder, if your child is walking home from school they are not permitted to leave before 3pm.

Children who are walking with parents can leave at their designated time.

### [Update on current restrictions.](#)

In the mornings, we no longer require students to arrive at staggered times. Please continue to use the 3 different gates for entry into the school. At this time parents are still not permitted onsite. This means that all students need to be at school between 8.30 and 9am. Please do not send your child before 8.30am as there is no supervision.

### [Masks](#)

All staff are required to wear masks when indoors, when on school grounds. Staff are no longer required to wear masks when outside the buildings. Students are not required to wear masks when outside, but it is strongly recommended for students to wear a mask when inside the classroom. Due to this, we are conducting learning outside, as much as possible, to ensure the comfort and wellbeing of all members of the Balgownie learning community.

### [Bubblers, play equipment and sport](#)

Students can now use the school bubblers and play equipment. All cleaning protocols will be maintained and continue. In school sport began this week. This will occur on your child's

normal sport day and will be held within your child's cohort.

### Moving to Level 3

The Department of Education has directed us to move to Level 3 operations from Monday 8th November. From Monday we can start planning our Kinder orientation, High School transitions and Year 6 Graduation and Formals. We will also start to look at how we can hold our end of year assemblies.

Unfortunately, parents and visitors are still not permitted onsite, unless supporting curriculum delivery or school operations, with the permission of the Principal. These parents are requested to check-in and show evidence of vaccination.

We will continue to update you as we receive information and thank you for your ongoing support.

*Donna Barton*  
Principal

### Starting or Leaving our school

Thank you to those families who have enrolled their children, ready for 2022 or who have notified us that they are leaving us. We appreciate that these are very big decisions. Please make sure to let us know if you are leaving, as this has significant impact on our student numbers. One student can mean the difference between 13 classes or 14 classes. We thank you for your cooperation in this space.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will **close** for 2021 on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am**. All orders (including Kindergarten 2022) received

prior to 9am will be processed and delivered as and when stock is available. Please send an email to the uniform shop should you have any queries. We appreciate your patience as this is a very busy time of year for our volunteers.

**Orders received after this date will be processed when school resumes on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.**

<https://balgowniepnc.com.au/kindergarten-2022-uniform-orders/>

### Sentral for Parents

A reminder to download the Sentral For parents App which has replaced Skoolbag. Log in and register for access to our parent portal here:

<http://balgownieps.sentral.com.au/portal/register>. Should you require assistance, or have not received your access keys please email the school. We will no longer be using Skoolbag.



### 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?**

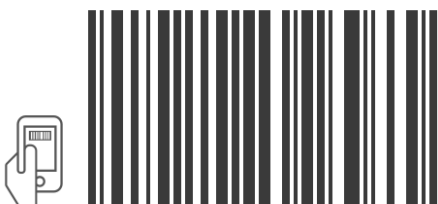
The automatic deposit machine is located at the back of the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow.

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.

Happy bottle & can collecting!

 [app.mytomra.com.au](https://app.mytomra.com.au)



Scan your barcode at the machine