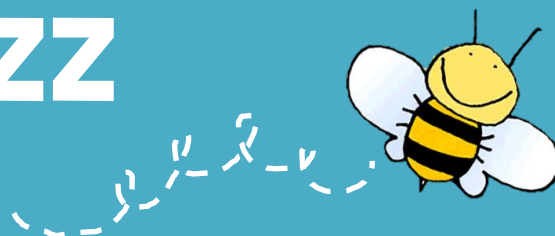


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Term 2 - Week 5

Wednesday 19 May 2021

Calendar - Term 2 - 2021

Wed	19 May	NAPLAN
	19 May	Whole School Photo
Thur	20 May	NAPLAN
	20 May	South Coast Touch Football Trials
Frid	21 May	NAPLAN Catch up
	21 May	Netball Knockout Illawarra Sports Stadium Berkeley 9am
Mon	24 May	BPS Athletics Carnival at Beaton Park
Tue	25 May	Camp Quality Puppet Show
Frid	28 May	PSSA Cricket
Frid	4 Jun	Gala Day Stage 2 & 3
Wed	9 Jun	Kinder 2022 Open Day
Frid	11 Jun	South Coast PSSA Cross Country
Frid	18 Jun	Year 6 Fundraiser Cake day
Wed	23 Jun	Student Reports go home
Frid	25 Jun	Last day of Term 2

From the Principal's Desk

MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have devised a mobile device policy for Balgownie Public School, which was presented and shared

at the last P and C meeting. The purpose of this policy and processes is to ensure we keep our children safe and maintain a respectful use of technology at school. The policy is included with this newsletter, as well as an application for exemption. Please read the documentation and, if you believe your child requires the use of a mobile device for their travel to or from school, you can apply for an exemption. The exemption, if approved, will mean that your child can bring their device to school and then hand it in at the front office, where it will be stored safely until the end of the school day. There is no need for your child to have access to these devices during the school day. We have noticed an increase in issues of mobile device use during play times and social media related issues arising during school time. If there is an emergency or a change in plans for your family, the front office will ensure the message is relayed to your child. We appreciate your support in this matter.

UPDATING THE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND WELLBEING PLAN

At Balgownie Public School, we want to ensure that every child is known, valued and cared for. This includes ensuring we have very clear guidelines and expectations for students and opportunities embedded to celebrate student achievement and success. We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. As is often the case, we need to update our policies and procedures, for many reasons including student need, staff changes and whole school consistency. A review of this policy is being undertaken at this time. We will be asking for your input on certain aspects of the policy and procedures. This is a part of our School Improvement Plan 2021-2024 and can be found on our website. We are excited to engage with students, staff and the community in this space.

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NAPLAN

As you may be aware students in Years 3 and 5 have been sitting their NAPLAN assessments. This year, Balgownie has moved to 'online' tests. The students have been amazing in their adoption of this new procedure. We continue to remind them that it is one test on one day. The teachers at Balgownie Public School will use the data collected to ensure we are teaching our students to the best of our capabilities.

ANZAC DAY

This year we were able to commemorate ANZAC Day at school. The students, staff and some members of the community came together to remember the sacrifices made by so many, to ensure we have a wonderful quality of life. The newsletter contains photos of how our younger generation are being guided, to ensure we never forget.

SPORT CARNIVALS

This term we have celebrated the successes of our Cross Country and are looking forward to competing in our Athletics carnival. This year we are holding a K-6 carnival, where all students will have the opportunity to participate on the day. It is exciting to see the students (and staff), embracing our sporting houses and our community having the opportunity to support us in person! We have also had a number of teams and individual athletes, represent the school at District level. I am immensely proud of their achievements and the way they represent the great name of Balgownie!

REPORTS FOR PARENTS AT END OF TERM 2

At the end of this term, your child will bring home their school report. This is written evidence of the learning your child has achieved and the future directions for their learning. The staff are working hard at the moment to help the children reflect on their learning and tell us where their learning needs to go. To celebrate this reflective process, the school will be holding Student-Led Conferences early next term. This will be an opportunity for your child to have a learning conversation with you about their achievements and their future goals. They are currently working on work samples and structures to support them in this conversation. Also, a note will come home with the written report, explaining this new format. Student voice is critically important in the learning cycle and research shows that students who can

reflect on their learning are able to be more productive in their educational outcomes. If you have any questions or comments please contact us. As always, if you wish to have a separate opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, you will be able to make an appointment through the front office.

Mason and Zara commemorate Anzac Day with their Pop.



Sophie and Piper at PSSA Netball



P&C Information

WORKING BEE

In 2019, the P&C were successful in attaining a 'Revegetation of Green Space' grant funded under the Communities Environment Program. On Saturday 8th May, we planted over 50 mature plants and shrubs thanks to our school community and BPS staff. It is wonderful to think that students will now be able to watch this vegetation grow as they progress through primary school. A special thank you to Mrs Di Burns, Megan from Bunnings and Adam from Tip Top Landscaping and Maintenance for their expertise, planning and assistance on the day.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAUSAGE SIZZLE & YEAR 6 CAKE STALL

No Canteen! Not a problem! The P&C have it covered on the day with a Sausage Sizzle. The money raised will help fund this year's Choral Festival and Southern Stars, an experience our student's treasure. Sausage sizzles can be purchased for \$3 and students will be receiving pre-order forms to take the stress out of the day. Don't worry sausages can also be purchased on the day, plus Year 6 will also be running a stall selling drinks, cakes, and yummy treats to raise funds for their end of year activities. Thank you for your support!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book is an easy and fun way to support our P&C and save money! There are discounts to lots of local venues. It's a great way to explore and discover new places. Subscription is now digital and all vouchers are available via the phone app. Follow this link to

grab your own membership and start saving. <https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/280m215>

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Support our fundraiser!

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2.

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3.

Save on your next family activity & use your spare cash for 'ice creams'



4.

Treat a friend to dinner without the extra cost (we won't tell anyone!)



5.

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6.

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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!



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Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure

Purpose

This procedure guides student use of digital devices and online services at our school. Our school acknowledges the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. We also recognise they may cause harm if used inappropriately and that we need to support our students to use them in safe, responsible and respectful ways.

Scope

This procedure provides a consistent framework for the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services by students in our school. It sets out the shared responsibilities of school staff, students and parents and carers. It also provides a framework to manage potential risks to student safety and wellbeing. This procedure covers student use of digital devices and online services in school-related settings, including on school grounds, at school-related activities and outside of school where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students. This procedure covers the use of school-provided and personal digital devices and all online services.

Our School's Approach

Mobile phones and smart watches are not to be brought to school. If students apply and receive an exemption, they will be required to hand in their phones/smart watches, into the office. The school takes responsibility and liability for these devices. Students can collect their devices, from the office, at the end of each day.

Signed student agreement

To help students demonstrate their responsible use of technology, Balgownie Public School will require students to read and sign a student agreement that outlines the school expectations around appropriate, and inappropriate, use of technology. In signing, students acknowledge the school's expectations and accept the identified consequences for any breaches of the student agreement. Phones stored in school office

Exemptions

Families will need to apply for students to bring their devices to school. These devices will be stored in the school administration office. An exemption from parts of this policy or the school procedure can be requested from the principal by parents, carers, school counsellors and other student support staff, and, if required, students themselves. This may cover times when or places where use would otherwise be restricted. Except where required by law, the school principal has discretion to consider and approve exemptions and to choose which parts of the school procedure the exemptions applies. The exemption may be ongoing or for a certain time period. Request for exemption is attached to this policy.

Consequences for inappropriate use of mobile devices

- The student is given a warning from a teacher or other staff member.
- The teacher or principal arranges a meeting with the student's parent or carer.
- Confiscated devices are handed in to the school office and can be collected at the end the day.

Contact between students and parents and carers during the school day

Should a student need to contact a parent or carer during the school day, they must approach the administration office and ask for permission to use the school's phone. During school hours, parents and carers are expected to only contact their children via the school office.

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Responsibilities and obligations

For students

- Be safe, responsible and respectful users of digital devices and online services, and support their peers to be the same.
- Respect and follow school rules and procedures and the decisions made by staff.
- Communicate respectfully and collaboratively with peers, school staff and the school community in line with our school values.

For parents and carers

- Recognise the role they play in educating their children and modelling the behaviours that underpin the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services.
- Support implementation of the school procedure, including its approach to resolving issues.
- Take responsibility for their child's use of digital devices and online services at home such as use of online services with age and content restrictions.
- Communicate with school staff and the school community respectfully and collaboratively as outlined in the 2018 School Community Charter (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>).
- Switch off or put their digital devices on silent when at official school functions, during meetings and when assisting in the classroom.

For the principal and teachers

- Deliver learning experiences that encourage safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services. This includes: establishing agreed classroom expectations for using digital devices and online services, in line with this procedure and departmental policy; identifying strategies to ensure that all students are able to engage in classroom activities; reading and abiding by the Terms of Service for any online services they use in teaching, including those limiting use by age; and educating students about online privacy, intellectual property, copyright, digital literacy and other online safety related issues.
- Model appropriate use of digital devices and online services in line with departmental policy.
- Respond to and report any breaches and incidents of inappropriate use of digital devices and online services as required by school procedures, departmental policy and any statutory and regulatory requirements. This includes: reporting the creation, possession or distribution of indecent or offensive material to the Incident Support and Report hotline as required by the Incident Notification and Response Policy and Procedures and consider any mandatory reporting requirements; working with the department and the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (if necessary) to resolve cases of serious online bullying and image-based abuse; and following the school's behaviour management plan when responding to any incident of inappropriate student behaviour relating to the use of digital devices or online services.
- If feasible and particularly as issues emerge, support parents and carers to understand strategies that promote their children's safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services.
- Participate in professional development related to appropriate use of digital devices and online services.

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For non-teaching staff, volunteers and contractors

- Be aware of the department's policy, this procedure and act in line with the conduct described.
- Report any inappropriate use of digital devices and online services to the principal, school executive or school staff they are working with.

Communicating this procedure to the school community

Students:

- Student voice will be sought via a Student Representative Council meeting.
- Classroom teachers will inform their students about this new procedure.

Parents and carers:

- Parent and carer voice will be sought via a P&C meeting.
- Parents and carers will be advised via the school newsletter and communication channels.
- This procedure can be accessed electronically via the school's website and in hardcopy at the school office.

Complaints

If a student, parent or carer has a complaint under this procedure, they should first follow our school's complaints process. If the issue cannot be resolved, please refer to the Department's guide for making a complaint about our schools (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions>).

Review

The principal or delegated staff will review this procedure annually.

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Appendix 1: Key terms

- Bring your own device is an optional program where parents and carers can provide personal digital devices for use at school. Any decision to adopt a bring your own device program is made by the principal in consultation with a school community. All digital devices used in schools are covered by the Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services policy. Schools retain discretion to determine the specifications of personal devices to be used at school.
- Digital citizenship refers to the skills and knowledge a person needs to effectively use digital technologies in a positive way so they can participate in society, communicate with others, and create and consume digital content.
- Digital devices are electronic devices that can receive, store, process and share digital information and connect to applications (apps), websites and other online services. They include desktop computers, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, smartphones and other devices.
- Digital literacy is the set of social, emotional and technological skills and competencies that people need to understand to use digital devices and online services, and to expand their opportunities for education, employment and social participation, including entertainment.
- Educational purpose is any use approved by school staff that supports student learning, wellbeing and educational outcomes.
- Online bullying involves using technology such as the internet or mobile devices to bully someone. Bullying behaviour has three key features. It involves the intentional misuse of power in a relationship. It is ongoing and repeated, and it involves behaviours that can cause harm. Bullying behaviour can also involve intimidation, victimisation and harassment, including that based on sex, race, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
- Online safety is the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital media, devices, other technology and online services.
- Reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education and training on the same basis as other students.
- School-related settings include school grounds, school-related activities and outside of school where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students. This connection may exist in situations where: there is discussion about school taking place outside of school hours; a student is wearing their school uniform but is not on school premises; a relationship between parties commenced at school; students are online in digital classrooms; and where online contact has flow on consequences at school and duty of care requires the school to respond once an incident is reported.
- School staff refers to school personnel who have some level of responsibility for implementing policy and the school digital devices and online service procedure. This includes principals, senior staff, teachers, non-teaching staff, school administrative staff, volunteers and contracted staff engaged by schools.

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Appendix 2: What is safe, responsible and respectful student behaviour? For student signature

Be SAFE

- Protect your personal information, including your name, address, school, email address, telephone number, pictures of you and other personal details.
- Only use your own usernames and passwords, and never share them with others.
- Ask a teacher or other responsible adult for help if anyone online asks for your personal information, wants to meet you or offers you money or gifts.
- Let a teacher or other responsible adult know immediately if you find anything online that is suspicious, harmful, in appropriate or makes you uncomfortable.
- Never hack, disable or bypass any hardware or software security, including any virus protection, spam and filter settings.

Be RESPONSIBLE

- Follow all school rules and instructions from school staff, including when using digital devices and online services.
- Take care with the digital devices you use: make sure the devices you bring to school are fully charged each day and are stored appropriately when not in use; understand that you and your parents and carers are responsible for any repairs or IT support your personal devices might need; make sure the devices you bring to school have the latest software installed and take care with the school-owned devices you share with others, so that other people can use them after you.
- Use online services in responsible and age-appropriate ways: only use online services in the ways agreed to with your teacher; only access appropriate content and websites, including when using the school's filtered network and personal, unfiltered networks; and do not use online services to buy or sell things online, to gamble or to do anything that breaks the law.
- Understand that everything done on the school's network is monitored and can be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.

Be RESPECTFUL

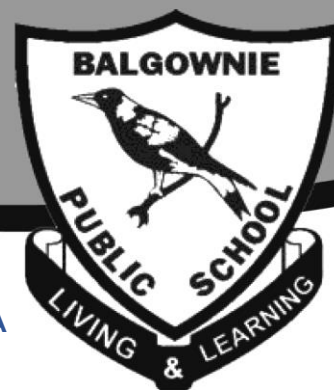
- Respect and protect the privacy, safety and wellbeing of others.
- Do not share anyone else's personal information.
- Get permission before you take a photo or video of someone, including from the person and from a teacher.
- Do not harass or bully other students, school staff or anyone, this includes cyberbullying using a digital device or online service.
- Do not send or share messages or content that could cause harm, including things that might be: inappropriate, offensive or abusive; upsetting or embarrassing to another person or group; considered bullying; private or confidential; and/or a virus or other harmful software.

I (write your name) _____ agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set out above. I understand that failure to do so will result in the suspension of my school account. This means I will not be able to access any digital services at school.

Signed _____

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APPLICATION FOR A STUDENT PERMIT TO BRING A MOBILE PHONE TO SCHOOL - 2021 (to be filled in by parent/guardian)

I wish to make application for my child to bring a mobile phone to school and have discussed the following conditions with him/her:

1. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or theft of any personal property belonging to students, including phones. Security is the responsibility of the student alone. We do not have the resources to investigate incidences of theft. Mobile phones must never be left unattended in bags, or on desks.
2. It may be appropriate for some students who travel long distances, to carry a mobile phone for reasons of personal safety, or where parents may need to contact students outside of school hours while en route to and from school. (Parents should note that the carrying of a mobile phone might make students a target for attack as they travel to and from school.) Complete the form below, detach & return to the school office if you wish to apply for a permit for your child & only if you accept the stated conditions.
3. If it is necessary for your child to bring a phone to school for the above reason, they must hand the phone into the front office on arrival at school and collect it from the front office at the end of the day. The phone will be signed in and out by the student. It will be locked away for safe keeping for the duration of the day. It is the responsibility of the student to collect their phone from the office at the end of the school day.
4. No call may be made to taken before or after school while a student is on the school grounds. Urgent calls may be directed through the front office.
5. Violation of rules 1-3 will result in suspension from school for one day and may also result in the permit being cancelled either permanently or for a specified period of time.

It should be noted that permission to bring a mobile phone to school is not automatic. In the past students have used mobile phones to call "friends" to the school during the school day and this has had the potential to create conflict. The disruption to class caused by phones ringing and the sending and receiving of text messages is unacceptable. You are reminded that it can be an offence, reportable to police, to use mobile phones for the purpose of bullying and/or intimidating other people. Our mobile phone policy helps to reduce the incidence of cyber-bullying.

Please detach and return to school. Keep the above conditions for your records and future reference

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

MOBILE PHONE :NUMBER: _____

REASON FOR APPLICATION: _____

STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT

I wish to apply (for the student named above), to bring a mobile phone to school. He/She agrees to keep it turned off during school hours. He/She accepts full responsibility for its care and agrees to carry the permit at all times and show it upon request to a teacher.

I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THESE CONDITIONS WILL RESULT IN MY CHILD BEING SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mobile Phone Granted: Y / N

Signed: _____

Principal /Assistant Principal

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