

The Bally Buzz



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Term 1 - Week 6

Thursday 2 March 2023

Calendar - Term 1 - 2023

Mon -Fri	From 27 Feb	Life Education Van
Wed	1 Mar	Illawarra Sports High School Open night – register online to attend
Wed	8 Mar	P&C AGM 7.15pm at Collegians Balgownie
Wed	8 Mar	WHSPA Open night – register online to attend
Week 7		Goal Setting Conferences
Wed	From 15 - 27 Mar	NAPLAN online
Frid	24 Mar	School Cross Country
Tue	28 Mar	School Photo Day

From the Principal's Desk

It has been another busy fortnight, with Life Education, Swimming Carnivals, Student Leader Induction, and preparing for our Goal Setting Conferences. I am so very proud of the way our students have conducted themselves and settled into the routines of school. For many, this is the first year of their education that has not been significantly impacted by covid. For all of us, it has been a few years since we have been able to fully engage in all the activities that the beginning of the year has to offer. I am looking forward to many wonderful events between now and the end of term!

Teachers contacting you from school

Sometimes your child's teacher wants to contact you to discuss aspects of learning. More often than not, our teachers will call from a No Caller ID. If they try and call and you do not answer, they will leave a voice message (if that option is

available). Many times, this may occur when the teacher has a break from teaching. If you have received a call from a No Caller ID, please contact the school, as it may be one of us, trying to make contact!

Induction Assembly

As I mentioned, we held our Induction Assembly last week. It was wonderful to see families coming to support and celebrate our new leaders. I am very much looking forward to working with our Senior leaders and our SRC to ensure we offer as many opportunities as possible.

Staff Carparks

Between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm the staff carpark is only to be used for school staff. We ask that families do not use these carparks to drop off or collect their children. This is not safe and causes further congestion on our local streets when cars must reverse during peak times. If you are dropping off or collecting children from OOSH, you can access the carpark before 8am and after 4.30pm. Thank you for support in this matter.

Communication

As mentioned in the last newsletter, and as messaged in the final Dojo message to Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes, we will no longer be using Class Dojo as a means of communication. Stage 2 and Stage 3 families, please note that this platform will be phased out. Sentral Parent Portal and school email will be used for communication, while Facebook and the school newsletter, will be used for celebrations.

If you wish to contact a teacher, provide the school or teacher with information, or make inquiries, please email the school balgownie-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au OR, if it is urgent, please contact the school on 42844245.

Living & learning through high expectations, perseverance and kindness.

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Maggie has arrived!

Yesterday we finally had our new signage installed for PBL.



Maggie now watches over us and is ready to reward us when we are being Respectful, Responsible and Resilient!

We think Maggie looks great and the children do too!



Importance of attendance

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half years, now is the time to prioritise face-to-face learning and making the most of every school day.

If you are planning on a family holiday or extended leave from school for more than 3 days, the Department of Education requires a Leave Application to be completed. This can be done via our website or in person at the front office.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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Have a wonderful fortnight!

Kind regards,

Donna Barton
Principal

School and District Swimming Carnival

The Balgownie School Swimming Carnival was well attended on Wednesday 8 February. It was wonderful to see so many students have a go and participate in both the competitive races and the novelty events on offer. Our school values shone through with the amazing display of sportsmanship and true grit shown by all. Thank you so much to the amazing parent helpers who time kept, even with the change in the weather. From the school carnival, a team of 26 swimmers competed at the Wollongong Central District Swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day where the swimmers showed great Bally Spirit and represented our school with pride. The relays were a highlight where each school cheered on their team. Our Junior girl relay team won convincingly by 11 seconds and will now go on to represent our school at the South Coast Regional Carnival being held at Dapto Pool on 10 March. The team is made up of Penny J, Piper B, Sophie G and Emily R. Penny, Piper and Emily have qualified for individual swims at the meet along with Capri D and Thomas J. We wish all these competitors the best of luck!

NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online from Wednesday 15 March to 27 March. Students can use the public demonstration site <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site> to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests. If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

Bally Bake Sale

A fantastic response from our school community was witnessed this past Saturday after they were called upon to support our school bake stall. In response to the tragic earthquake which devastated Turkiye and Syria, our families baked, boxed and bought cakes, cookies, brownies and muffins. The astounding amount of \$1789.60 was raised and, this week will be donated to the Australian Red Cross to aid their humanitarian work presently being carried out in the region.

Heartfelt thank you's go to the P&C and BPS staff members who willingly donated their time to man the stall. Thank you too to Max, our Yr6 student and school leader, who also gave his time. A special thanks must also be given to PACKAGING DIRECT in Fairy Meadow as they supported our cause by donating 100 cake boxes, and sold the balance at cost price. The cost of these boxes was paid for by the school.

Thanks again one and all who helped out in any way, your support is and was much appreciated. Mrs Di Burns, organising teacher.

High school Information for 2024

If your child will be moving to High School in 2024, we will do our very best to inform you of any upcoming information sessions as soon as possible. We advise all parents to check their local High Schools website for regular updates as we do not always receive the information about the schools upcoming events.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts (WHSPA)

WHSPA provides opportunities for gifted and talented Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts students to pursue a high quality performing and creative arts programs, whilst studying curriculum developed by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Year 7 Audition Applications OPEN now

- Term 1 2023 - Week 7 (Wednesday 8 March): Expo Evening at WHSPA - all invited bookings required*
- Term 1 2023 - Week 9 (Friday 24 March): Year 7 Audition Applications CLOSE
- Term 2 2023 - Weeks 1-3: Year 7 Auditions held

*Families are welcome to download our School E News app

"Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts" and choose "Pre Year 7 (Year 6), for the latest information. The Expo will also be advertised on our Facebook page, soon!

Link to audition information:

[Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Audition Information \(office.com\)](https://www.wollongonghighschooloftheperformingarts.com.au/audition-information) (link to the electronic application is within).

Uniform Shop

Winter tunic pre orders are NOW open and **CLOSE Friday 10 March @ 10am**. Please

place your order online **BEFORE 10am** as delayed payment and orders will result in delayed delivery for everyone. Tunics should be delivered Week 1 Term 2. Please place your order online at

<https://www.balgowniepnc.com.au/winter-tunic/> or email balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au



Parents will have an opportunity to try on sizes on Monday 6 March 8.30-9am and Thursday 9 March 3pm-3.30pm. Long sleeve polos, jumpers, cargo pants are stocked and ready for delivery.

Winter Uniform is worn in term 2 and 3. Note: It is not mandatory to wear long sleeve tops or long pants - so you don't have fight that battle! Girls may choose to wear either the tunic, or top and pants.

Winter Uniform includes:

- Polar fleece jumper - unisex
- Long sleeve polo top - unisex
- Long cargo pants - boys
- Long bootleg pants - girls
- Winter Tunic
- White long sleeve tshirt/polo shirt or skivvy under the tunic - not sold through the uniform shop
- Black stockings under the tunic - not sold through the uniform shop
- White socks
- Black shoes (fully black, no logos/colours)

SIZE	CHEST MEASUREMENT	LENGTH	QTY	PRICE
4	70cm	60cm		\$45.00
5	75cm	64cm		\$45.00
6	77cm	68cm		\$45.00
8	79cm	75cm		\$45.00
10	84cm	83cm		\$45.00
12	92cm	90cm		\$45.00

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?

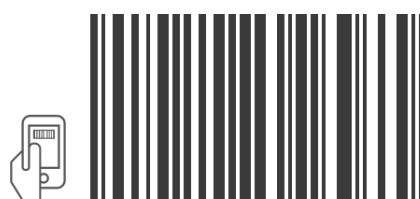
The automatic deposit machine is located near Corrimal Library.

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 collecting!

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Scan your barcode at the machine

<https://illawasporth.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2023/2/2023-open-night---tsdp-trials.html>

ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
TALENTED SPORTS & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday March 1st
Register online through school website or Facebook.
TSDP Information & Tour
4pm to 5pm
Whole School Information & Tour
5pm to 7.30pm

TSDP TRIALS

Wednesday March 29th
9.30am to 12.00pm
Year 6 to 9
Register online through school website or Facebook.
Call the front office if you have any queries.
All details will be emailed to you once registered.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

OPEN NIGHT 2023

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH

Year 6 Parents and Students are invited to attend WHSPA's Open Night.
Book your tour today!

- In Area Students - 5.00pm (<https://www.trybooking.com/CFYWN>)
- In Area Students - 6.00pm (<https://www.trybooking.com/CFYWX>)
- Auditioned Students - 5.30pm (<https://www.trybooking.com/CFYWS>)
- Auditioned Students - 6.30pm (<https://www.trybooking.com/CFYWU>)

IMAGINE WHSPA

Balgownie Junior Football Club are looking for a few more girls wanting to play in an all-girls soccer competition.

No previous soccer experience necessary.

Looking for girls aged 9, 11, 12 & 13.

Entries close very soon, visit www.balgowniejuniors.com.au or their facebook page for registration details. Active kids vouchers accepted.

BALGOWNIE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FIND YOUR PLACE
JOIN OUR TEAM

Balgownie Junior Football Club has registrations open for the 2023 season. We are looking for female players to join teams in the under 9, 11, 12, and 13 age groups, with all newcomers welcome. Registrations close soon. For more information visit <https://balgowniejuniors.com.au/registration-process>

2024 DANCE DRAMA MUSIC

YR 7 WHSPA AUDITIONS OPEN

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts is a comprehensive, co-educational high school with a special performing arts focus.