

# The Bally Buzz



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Term 1 - Week 8

Thursday 16 March 2023

## Calendar - Term 1 - 2023

Wed	From 15 - 27 Mar	NAPLAN online
Sun	19 Mar	P&C Working Bee
Wed	22 Mar	Swimming Carnival Assembly
Frid	24 Mar	School Cross Country
Sat	25 Mar	Election Day BBQ
Mon	27 Mar	Harmony Day - Orange/Cultural Dress Muffi & Picnic Lunch at 11.00am
Mon	27 Mar	Artisan Food Drive - orders close
Tue	28 Mar	School Photo Day
Thur	6 Apr	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am & Easter Raffle
Thur	6 Apr	Last day of Term 1
Wed	26 Apr	Students return - Term 2

## From the Principal's Desk

### Goal Setting Conferences

A huge thank you to our families who made time to come and support their children in the Goal Setting Conferences. The teachers reported that many students were confident in their ability to explain their goals, and all students were excited to share their learning with their families. If you have not yet been able to make a time to sit with your child and their teacher, please send the teacher an email to arrange a time mutually suitable.

### PBL

Our first Positive Behaviour for Learning Assembly, will be in Week 2 of next term. There will be a number of rainbow, bronze and perhaps silver awards, presented on this afternoon. Thereafter, our assemblies will be held every second afternoon, in even weeks. We are looking forward to celebrating student success with our families.

### Learning Support

Our Learning Support team works with students to ensure they have support when having trouble in certain aspects of their learning. The types of support provided to students, looks different, depending on student need. Support may look like a few weeks of intensive support, extra support in the classroom, and conferencing between the teacher and the Learning Support team, on the best strategies to support student learning. Each week, the executive, the learning support teachers, and I, meet with the school counsellor to discuss any student who may require extra support in their learning. Class teachers are also a part of this meeting, to ensure we have as much information as possible. If your child is to be discussed in a learning support meeting, you will have been contacted by their teacher, and possibly have had ongoing conversations with the teacher. This program is flexible in length and level of intervention, all based on individual student need. If you have any questions about the support your child may need or is receiving, please contact your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Donna Barton  
Principal

### Swimming Carnival Assembly

An assembly will be held on Wednesday 22 March to present students with their Swimming Carnival ribbons. Notes will be sent home for those students who are receiving ribbons.

### Harmony Day - Orange/Cultural Dress Muffi & Picnic Lunch on Monday 27 March 2023

To help us celebrate Harmony Day this year, students are being asked to come to school dressed in the Harmony Day colour - ORANGE. Alternatively, if students have access to an outfit or costume of cultural significance, we'd love to invite you to share this with the rest of our school.

We are inviting **families to join us for a picnic lunch at 11.00am** in the playground with our students. Bring some goodies and a blanket, and hopefully we can organise some sunshine for the event. In the case of bad weather, we will notify families through Sentral if the picnic has to be cancelled.

The overall message of Harmony Day is community participation, inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, respect and belonging. We want every staff member and student at Balgownie Public School to have a sense of pride and belonging to our fantastic school and wonderful community.

### Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade

We will be collecting donations for our Easter raffle to be drawn at our Easter hat parade on Thursday 6 April. A note will be coming home next week with more information and asking for donations of Easter eggs and Easter themed goodies. All donations can be given to your classroom teacher and will be gratefully received.

### Year 5 Opportunity Class 2024

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March 2023 and close on Monday 15 May 2023. Late applications cannot be accepted except where some very stringent conditions are met.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be conducted on Thursday 27 July 2023.

Further information can be found here: [Opportunity Classes Year 5](#)

### South Coast PSSA Cricket team

We are very proud of Brody and his selection in the South Coast PSSA Cricket team.

Brody was selected in the team for batting and wicket keeping, and had a very busy week, competing in Ballina.

Tuesday they played Sydney East and lost by 1 run. Wednesday they played Polding and took the win. Thursday they played CIS which they lost by 40 runs. Friday they played Western NSW close game again but they lost by 10 runs. In this game Brody took 2 stumpings, a catch and had a crack at bowling and bowled 2 wickets in one over!



Congratulations, Brody on a wonderful week!

### Regional Swimming Carnival

Balgownie Public School was proudly represented at the South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival held at Dapto Pool on Friday 10 March by Thomas J, Capri D, Penny J, Piper B, Emily R and Sophie G. It was a fantastic day with all swimmers doing an amazing job and performing at their best. Well done to all those swimmers!

### 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 9 (Friday 24 March): Year 7 Audition Applications CLOSE
- Term 2 2023 - Weeks 1-3: Year 7 Auditions held

Link to audition information:

[Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts Audition Information \(office.com\)](#) (link to the electronic application is within).

### Uniform Shop

Winter tunic orders have now closed and will be delivered to students in classrooms once received.

NSW School Voucher Update - the P&C Executive are continuing to work through the registration process. Any family wishing to use a voucher to purchase winter uniforms should contact the uniform shop via email before placing an order.

Reminder uniform shop is open Monday morning 8.30am-9.15am in the canteen area. All online orders will be delivered to students in their classrooms. Orders received after 9am will not be processed until the following week.

### 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.

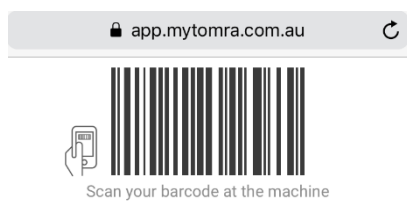
### Where is Return & Earn located?

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!



## Transport for NSW

### We're Hiring Crossing Supervisors

Permanent part-time roles available [Balgownie Public School-83232](#)

#### Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

#### Days and hours

- Between 8:15 -9:15AM and 2:30 -3:30PM, Monday to Friday, with 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon. 20 per fortnight on Balgownie Road.
- Between 2:30 -3:30PM, Monday to Friday, with 1 hour in the afternoon. 10 hours per fortnight on Chalmers Street.

Apply today Applications close Wednesday 22nd March 2023 Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for Reference Number: 83232. For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary. E: [sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au) P: 0466 343 704



## Disabled Surfers South Coast Presents

### Port Kembla 'Smiles on Dials Day'

Sunday 19th March 2023

Meet at Port Kembla beach near the pool, Olympic Boulevard, Port Kembla



**Check-in no later than 9.00am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility**

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is \$10 and all **participants** receive a bag of goodies.

Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses some gifts are provided.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive **FREE** Sausage Sizzle on the day.

NSW Health Covid restrictions apply

Please do not attend if	Please
You are feeling unwell.	Follow Social distancing where possible
Are awaiting a Covid Test	Use hand sanitizer (available on site)
Have recently received a positive covid test	Use a mask when out of the water and in groups (optional)
Have been a close contact to a positive test	Masks are not required due to this being an outdoors event, but appreciated for the safety of all

Or for more information and who to contact view  
[disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch](http://disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch) or [www.disabledsurfers.org](http://www.disabledsurfers.org)

**See you there putting "Smiles on dials"**