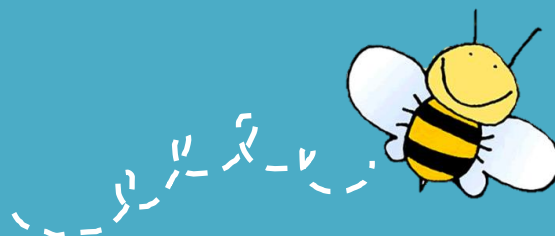


The Bally Buzz



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Term 1 - Week 10

Thursday 30 March 2023

Calendar - Term 1 – 2023

Frid	1 April POSTPONED	BPS Cross Country SEE NEW DETAILS/CHANGES
Wed	5 April	BPS Cross Country Competitors only 8-12yrs (new permission note required)
Wed	5 April	K-2 Reading at Home Parent Info session 2.10pm in Library
Thur	6 April	Artisan Food Drive delivered to school for pickup
Thur	6 April	Easter Hat Parade 9.15am & Easter Raffle
Thur	6 April	Last day of Term 1
Mon	24 April	Staff Development Day
Tue	25 April	ANZAC day & public holiday
Wed	26 April	Students return – Term 2

did hold it on Monday, with all classes doing many activities to learn about how we can ensure everyone feels a sense of belonging. Although we had to cancel the picnic, due to the weather, there were many children in beautiful cultural dress as well as a lot of orange! At Balgownie PS, we work hard to ensure everyone has a place in our school community, and we celebrate all the unique and amazing differences we all bring!

Cross Country, Easter Hat parade and raffle

We have a very busy end to the term, planned. With our 8-12 year Cross Country, our Easter Hat parade and the raffle, we are looking forward to seeing so many families before we break for 2 weeks. Please continue to look out for Sentral notifications, with updates on these events. Alternatively, please contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you

Thank you to the P&C and community for your hard work at the recent Working Bee on 19 March. Families and staff were able to donate some time to assist in tidying our natural environment. In fact, a green waste skip bin was filled with cuttings and weeds. It is wonderful to see how much pride, the students, staff and community, have in our school and its appearance. We are working on strategies to ensure our students learn how to maintain their physical environment by putting rubbish in the bins and collecting their personal belongings at the end of each break. Also, a huge thank you to the P&C and community for our wonderful new laptops, line markings and Decodable Readers. Working together has meant greater resources and learning outcomes for our students. We feel very lucky to belong to a community where we have so much support.

From the Principal's Desk

Last Day of Term and First Day of Term 2

This is our last newsletter for Term 1. Our last day of Term 1 is Thursday 6 April as Friday 7 April is Good Friday and a public holiday. Teachers will return to school on Monday 24 April for a Staff Development Day where our school will be hosting other schools to work on Cultural Awareness and First Nations Education. Tuesday 25 April is ANZAC Day and a public holiday. **Students return to school on Wednesday 26 April!**

Harmony Day

The theme for Harmony Day in 2023 is "Everyone Belongs". Due to the time constraints around NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5, we couldn't celebrate Harmony Day on 21 March (gazetted day). We

Living & learning through high expectations, perseverance and kindness.

Donna Barton - Principal PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com



We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing 2-week break. If you are celebrating a special holiday, Happy Easter, or Eid Mubarak! We look forward to seeing everyone for Term 2, on Wednesday 26 April.

Kind regards,

Donna Barton
Principal

BPS Competitors Only Cross Country Carnival 2023

Our Cross Country Carnival that was scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed and rescheduled to be held on **Wednesday 5 April at 7.30am**. This is a **competitors only carnival where all students who turn 8-12 years can participate**. This event will now be held at Bulli Point (near the Café). The students will be running a course from Bulli Point to Sandon Point and back along the coastal track. As this is a concrete track, the carnival will proceed in light to moderate rain if needed.

Due to the competitive nature of this event, students will be running in their age races where the first 5 places will proceed to the Central Wollongong PSSA carnival. This event will be held **before the start of the school day**, which will allow staff and students to arrive back at school as close

to 9:00am as possible. As a result, there will be no transport provided for competitors. A parent/carer will be required to transport their child/ren to and from the event and be present at all times to ensure students are able to safely leave once their race is over.

Please complete the **new** Student Permission Note on Sentral by 3pm Tuesday 4 April.

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. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs, sweet treats, or anything Easter related. All donations can be taken to your child's classroom and will be made into some delicious Easter hampers. Funds raised will be put towards purchasing more phonics Decodable Readers to support our literacy lessons.

Harmony Day 2023

Harmony Day is celebrated in Australia every year in March. It has been recognised as a day of peace and inclusion since 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Our school celebrated this week, starting with an orange muffin day and a whole school assembly on Monday. The theme for this year's day was 'Living in Harmony'. Orange is the official colour of Harmony Day.

Students have been working in class on activities to promote the theme 'Living in Harmony' such as reading, writing, talking & listening, games, art & craft, viewing and sharing.





Year 5 Opportunity Class 2024 Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 27 July 2023.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between Thursday 30 March and Monday 15 May 2023 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

Important Dates

Applications open

12am, Thursday 30 March 2023

Applications close

11:59pm, Monday 15 May 2023

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Thursday 27 July 2023

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is now able to take Service NSW Back to School Vouchers. The uniform shop will have an information stall following the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6 April to answer any questions regarding the NSW Back to School Vouchers. Unfortunately, no orders will be collected or processed on the day.

The winter tunics have arrived and will be delivered to your child in their classrooms on Monday 3 April.

Thank you to all the families who have donated their preloved uniform items back to the P & C. We have some items in great condition so please drop in next Monday 3 April morning 8.30-9.10am for the final time in Term 1. The uniform shop will then close for the Easter break and reopen Monday 1 May. Any orders placed after Monday 3 April will not be processed until Term 2.

Balgownie PS K-2 Reading at Home Parent Info session

5th April 2023
2.10 - 2.50pm
@ the school library

Reading at Home Video:

<https://youtu.be/fQ0rWjWx9M4>



Sign up new link @ <https://forms.gle/md91Y3C5pcUS7KaP6>

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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!



Minnamurra Rainforest and Killalea Regional Park

April 2023

Traditional weaving Workshop: Killalea – Wednesday 19th April 2023

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Meet: Meet on grassed area in front of Farm Kiosk, Killalea

Cost: Adult / Child \$25 per person.

Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 10 years and above.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/events/traditional-weaving-workshop-killalea>

Traditional weaving workshop: Minnamurra – Wednesday 12th April 2023

Time: 10:30 – 12:30

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest

Cost: Adult / Child \$25 per person.

Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 10 years and above.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/events/traditional-weaving-workshop-minnamurra>

Minnamurra Rainforest by torch light – Friday 14th April and Tuesday 18th April

Time: 6pm – 7:30 pm

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest

Cost: Adult \$25 per person. Child (5-16 years) \$15 per person. Family \$70 for 2 adults and 2 children (includes park entry)

Grade: Medium. Suitable for ages 5 years and above.

Bookings essential: 1300 072 757 or

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/minnamurra-rainforest-torchlight>

For more information visit
nationalparks.nsw.gov.au
or call 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS)

Peoplecare
HOLIDAY CLINICS
AUTUMN

WEEK 1: TUES 11 APR to THU 13 APR
FIGTREE
THIRROUL
ALBION PARK

WEEK 2: MON 17 APR to WED 19 APR
KEMBLA GRANGE
HELENSBURGH

REGISTER AT WWW.FOOTBALLSOUTHCOAST.COM

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