

The Bally Buzz



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Term 2 - Week 2

Thursday 4 May 2023

Calendar - Term 2 2023

Thur	4 May	Selective High School 2024 Placement Test
Frid	5 May	K-2 Mini Cross Country 2pm
Frid	5 May	District Cross Country
Tue	9 May	Girls Soccer – Judy master's Oval 1pm
Wed	10 May	Assembly – Cross Country Ribbon awards 2.15pm
Thur	11 May	PSSA Soccer Knockout Boys Stg 3
Frid	12 May	Mother's Day Stall
Mon	15 May	Applications close – Yr5 2024 Opportunity Class
Wed	17 May	Netball Mini Gala Day Girls Stg 2 & 3

From the Principal's Desk

PBL Assemblies and Rainbow award recipients

We held interim rainbow award presentations at the beginning of this term as there were so many awards. We are so very proud of our little people, and they are working very hard! We then held our first PBL assembly on Wednesday. It was a wonderful celebration of learning for our community. Each fortnight we will have a PBL focus. This will be covered in the assembly and during class time. Each fortnight, students will be reminded of who is receiving an award at the assembly and they will let families know. This way, parents can attend the assemblies to join us in the celebrations. At the end of each Semester, we will be holding a presentation and luncheon for our Silver and Gold award recipients. Keira High

School will be catering, using their hospitality team.

Easter Raffle and hat parade

On the last Thursday of Term 1, we held our annual K-6 Easter Hat parade and Easter Raffle. It was a lot of fun, watching students and their families celebrate. We raised \$1500 from the Easter raffle! This was an awesome effort from our very generous community. We have used these funds to purchase more Decodable Readers for our students to use.

Evacuation procedures

As a part of the Department of Education's WHS procedures, we are required to have evacuation and lockdown practices. This ensures our students and staff know what to do in an emergency situation. This includes being aware of the bell sounds and understanding that there is nothing to be scared of. Our teachers talk to their classes after each practice to ensure students feel safe and supported. To ensure we are keeping everyone safe and updated, you received a notification on Sentral, alerting you to the fact that we had a practice.

Congratulations Mr Swan

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mr Dave Swan, our General Assistant! He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his service to the community in a range of roles, including Football South Coast, Corrimal Swim Club, Corrimal Rangers Junior Soccer Club and the Disabled Surfers Association. Most importantly, Mr Swan (Swannie) is our GA!

This honour was announced on Australia Day as a part of the Honour list, however Mr Swan was selected to receive his medal in a special ceremony, last week.

Congratulations, Dave. We are very proud of you and very thankful for all that you do for us and the community!

ANZAC Day Commemoration

On Wednesday 26 April, we held our ANZAC commemoration at school. Members of the Corrimal RSL came and participated in our service. Students told stories reflecting aspects of war and sacrifice through the generations. We are very thankful for all people who have made sacrifices. Lest We Forget.

Acknowledgement of Country

An Acknowledgement of Country is significant to all of us because it represents the recognition that we live and learn on Aboriginal Lands. On Tuesday Julie Street-Smith and Aunty May, came to our school to work with students on developing an Acknowledgement of Country that is specific to Balgownie Public School. We will then work with our families to ensure our Acknowledgement is reflective of the importance it should hold.

Tell Them From Me

Later this term, our students will be completing the tell Them from Me survey, conducted by the Department of Education. All students in years 4-6, will be able to answer questions on their sense of belonging at school, student voice and celebrating student success. A note will be sent home, outlining the survey in greater detail. Next Semester, students, staff, and the community, also have an option to complete a survey and have their voices heard.

My leave

From Monday 8 May, I will be taking some personal leave to travel to Vietnam and Cambodia. During this time Miss Steele will be Relieving Principal and Mrs Maranesi will be relieving in Miss Steele's role of Assistant Principal supervising K-2. I will return on Monday 5 June.

Balgownie Public School has received your email

Thank you to our families for emailing the school with queries and questions. This term, we have set up an automated response, when an email is sent. We initiated this response after feedback from parents saying they were unsure if the email went through. This week we have adjusted the response to ensure we are not promising to respond to the multitude of junk mail and advertising that we

receive! As always, if the request is urgent, please contact the school on 42844245.

PBL focus for the fortnight - RESPECT

This fortnight our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus is RESPECT. At Balgownie Public School, this is how RESPECT looks;

- In our classrooms, we encourage others and follow teacher instructions.
- In our library, we keep the library tidy and use a library bag.
- Our outdoor spaces, we look out for our friends, keep our hands and feet to ourselves, we are kind to everyone around us.
- In our toilet's, we knock, wait, enter and then close the door, we respect everyone's privacy.
- At the canteen, we say 'please' and 'thank you', we always wait our turn.

1/2HK ANZAC Day

To commemorate ANZAC Day, 1/2HK read Anzac Ted by Belinda Landsberry. Ted was packed in a suitcase and went to war with a soldier. He became their mascot and gave them strength. When Anzac Ted came home he might have looked matted and worn but he was a hero.

The students really enjoyed recounting this story of the brave Teddy bear and creating their artworks.





Year 5 Opportunity Class 2024

Parents/carers must apply online **between Thursday 30 March and Monday 15 May 2023** at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

Opportunity Class Placement Test is on Thursday 27 July 2023.

P&C – Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May students will be able to purchase a gift for mum and the other special ladies in their life.

Gifts range from \$1-\$15. Please bring cash and a shopping bag.

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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GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

Gwynneville Junior Guides
For girls 6-9 years old
Mondays 4.30-6pm

Gwynneville Guides
For girls 10-13 years old
Wednesday 6:30-8pm

Gwynneville Senior Guides
For girls 14-17 years old
Mondays 6:30-8pm

Gwynneville Guide Hall,
41 Foley St Gwynneville