

The Bally Buzz



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Term 2 - Week 6

Thursday 1 June 2023

Calendar - Term 2

	27 May - 3 June	Reconciliation Week 2023
Thursday	1 June	School Touch Football Knock Out teams - Woonona
Friday	2 June	P&C Donut Day at Lunch time - \$2
Wednesday	7 June	P&C Winter Pie Drive – orders close
Thursday	8 June	K-6 Athletics Carnival
Tuesday	13 June	School Cricket Knock Out teams - Bowral
Wednesday	14 June	PBL Fortnightly Assembly 2.10pm – parents welcome
Thursday	15 June	Whole school photo 2.00pm
Thursday	22 June	School reports Workshop in the library 2.30pm
Friday	23 June	Stage 2 Excursion to Nan Tien Temple
Thursday	29 June	Spelling Bee Competition 11.50am-1.50pm
Thursday	3 August	K-6 Parent Math Workshop in the library 2-3pm

From the Principal's Desk

COMMUNICATION:

A reminder to all families, we have 2 main methods of communication to the school.

- For any **urgent matters**, please **phone** the school office directly.
- Any other **non-urgent messages** can be sent via **email** to the school office and will be responded to as soon as possible.



LEARNING SUPPORT 2023

Balgownie Public School is lucky to have a dedicated group of teachers this year in the Learning Support role. Teaching and learning can be adjusted in many ways, based on every student's unique needs, to enable students with disability and additional learning and support needs to enjoy the same opportunities and choices in their education as their peers. Learning support looks different in every school and changes over time. When students are identified with specific learning needs by their classroom teacher or allied health professional they may be referred to the Learning Support Team. Students may then receive tailored Learning Support which can be either in-class or small group withdrawal.

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REPORTS:

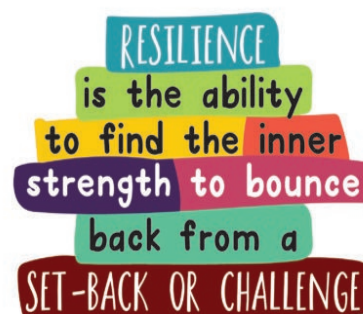
On Thursday 22 June, we be hosting an information session in our school library to help parents understand the changes to our student reports.

Features of Semester 1 student reports:

- the School Bytes platform to create reports
- English and Mathematics personal comments to identify your child's strengths, improvement areas and next steps in learning
- knowledge/skill statements in all key learning areas (English, Mathematics, Science & Technology, History & Geography, Creative Art, PDHPE) with A to E achievement grading
- overall A to E achievement grading for each key learning area
- effort in each key learning area
- general comment including a teacher reflection of your child's social and academic learning and a student reflection on their learning across Semester 1

PBL focus is for the fortnight – Resilience.

- This fortnight our PBL focus is **Resilience**. At Balgownie Public School, this is how **Resilience** looks;
- **In our classrooms**, we know it's ok to make mistakes. We keep on trying!
- **In our library**, we are patient waiting for the book of our choice and look for alternatives.
- **Our outdoor spaces**, we understand it is only a game, if someone is unkind, we remind them of the rules and then tell the teacher. We eat the food that has been provided for us.
- **In our toilet's**, we ask the teacher if we need to go to the toilet and if the toilet is unclean, report to a teacher.
- **At the canteen**, if we are not buying, we wait for our friend away from the canteen area.



☺ Have a fabulous week everyone! Mrs Barton will be back on deck next Monday.

Don't forget your \$2 for donut day tomorrow!

Miss Steele (Relieving Principal)



Holiday Update from Mrs Barton:

We have travelled along the Mekong Delta and it is beautiful. The weather is still so very, very hot. It is the start of the wet season, but we only get rain in the late afternoon, and only have rain for a short time. We have spent the last 2 weeks travelling from the Mekong Delta, through to North Vietnam. We have visited, Saigon, Hoi An and Hanoi. We also went on a boat to Halong Bay, which is a World Heritage site. Every place we have been too, is so very different.



We have seen scarf weaving and a fishing village. The children enjoy swimming in the river in the afternoon to cool down. We even rode on a rickshaw (the drivers are very strong)!

Xin Chau! (Pronounced zin chow) means hello in Vietnamese!

In Vietnam a school day is also half a day, morning or afternoon.

We were here in time to see the last week of school for the year. So many graduation events and lots of music and celebrations. Many children will attend summer school during their summer holidays, so they can learn more. Other families will work on the farms and help with running the small business.

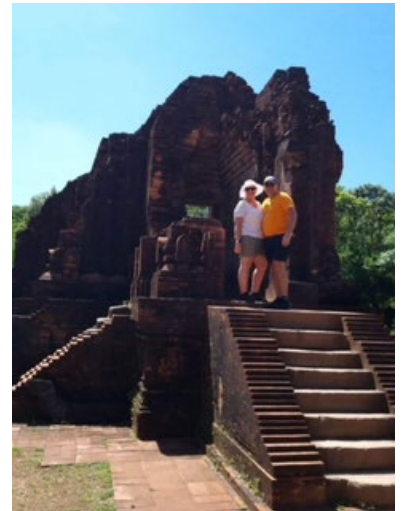
We have seen many old buildings and then some very, very old buildings. It is still extremely hot! 37 but felt like 47! It is very humid. People in Vietnam say they have 2 seasons, wet and dry. Or, hot and very hot! We are here in the very hot!!

There is 1 train line that goes from the top to the south of Vietnam. It is 1726 Kilometres long!

I have learned so much about Cambodian and Vietnamese culture. Every person we have met has been kind, generous and happy to share their country and culture with us. We are getting ready to fly home and I will see you all on Monday!

Tam biet!

Mrs Barton



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:

A reminder that permission notes and payment is required to the office by Tuesday 6th June NEXT WEEK!

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2023

The Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage with and improve their spelling.

This year, BPS students from Stages 2 & 3 will be eligible to compete in the Spelling Bee Competition. Four students from each class will be selected to go into the school final, which will be held in the school hall on Thursday 29th June (Term 2, Week 10) from 11.50am-1.50pm. Parents of students participating are invited to come along to this event.



The four students selected from the stage 2 & 3 classes will be given more information and competition spelling lists to take home on Friday 2nd June.

Only one winner from Stage 2 (junior) and one winner from stage 3 (senior), will be chosen in the school final to attend the regional finals which will be held somewhere between weeks 7 and 8 in Term 3. This date is yet to be advised.

Best of luck to all of our participants who will be listed in our next Newsletter.

Regards

Mrs Birchall (organising teacher)

WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE SCHOOL IS THE BEST WAY TO HELP YOUR CHILD RESOLVE BULLYING ISSUES.

Fact sheet for parents:

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resource/fact-sheets/familyfactsheets/bnw-factsheet-3-types-of-bullying.pdf>

Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying.

Learn what bullying is and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. 'Bullying' is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.

Schools can be much more effective when parents report bullying and support their efforts to deal with it.

If your child reports that bullying is occurring at school, or the bullying involves students from the school outside of school, you should let the school know the situation

STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO NAN TIEN TEMPLE – SAVE THE DATE

Hi all parents of students in stage 2. We are planning an excursion to the Nan Tien Temple on Friday 23 June 2023 enhancing our learning in History this term. A permission note and further information will be sent out next week.



Congratulations to Olivia, who recently competed at the NSW girls Touch Football Championships for South Coast.

Well done!

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



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Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

P&C INFORMATION

DONUT DAY

The P&C are holding a donut stall at school this Friday 2 June to celebrate International Donut Day! Donuts will be sold at lunchtime for \$2. The P&C are raising money for shade sails for the playground.

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 Corimal Library.

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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!



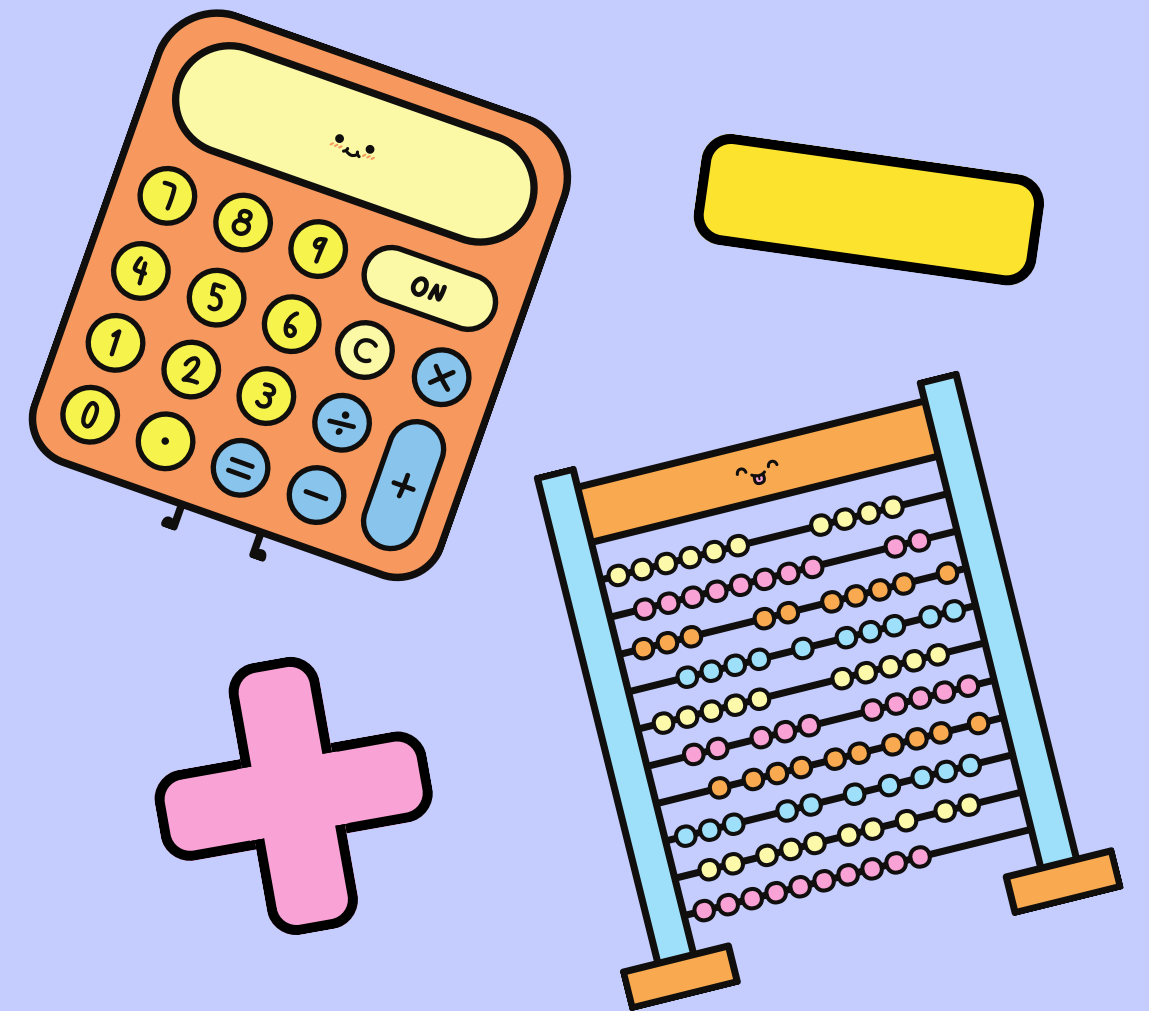


K-6 Math Parent Workshop

2 - 3pm on Thursday 3 August 2023

Join us in the library to learn more about what maths learning looks like in our classrooms.

We will also engage in and play some fun maths activities and discuss ways that you can support your child's learning at home.



Please register your intention to attend.



<https://forms.gle/fxuUgPpNzsLf9KmPA>



Reading at Home Family Workshops



Reading decodable texts & creating learning games

Thursday 1st June 3.10pm - 4pm

Parent and Child Workshop @ library.

Read a decodable text with your child. Use the book to practise reading and spelling sounds, words and sentences. Create word cards, word pocket sliders & play card games.

**Bring your child's 'reading at home' folder.*



Using the digital platform to support learning to read

Thursday 15th June 3.10 - 4pm

Parent and Child Workshop @ library.

Learn how to access the great features of Decodable Readers Australia. Explore fiction and non-fiction texts, learning songs, theme songs, sight words and daily review songs. **BYO preferred device. Laptops will be available to assist. Bring your log-in codes.*



Reading in the older years - comprehension & knowledge

Monday 21 August 2 - 3pm

Parent Workshop @ library.

Learn how you can support your child to more fluently read a text, and how to deepen their understanding of a text. Explore the importance of background knowledge, vocabulary and becoming wordsmiths!

Register to attend one or more workshops - <https://forms.gle/9phzp8m3xvzkpaYH8>

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Please
register

