

The Bally Buzz



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Term 4 - Week 8

Wednesday 5 December, 2018

Calendar - Term 4 - 2018

Mon	10 Dec	Yr6 Graduation 9.15am + Morning Tea
Tue	11 Dec	Yr6 Farewell Evening Yr2 Carol Mall Performance School Starters Playgroup 9.15am
Wed	12 Dec	Keira HS Orientation P&C Meeting/Dinner @ Balgownie Collegians (6.15pm Dinner/7.15pm Meeting)
Thur	13 Dec	Presentation Day 9.15am
Frid	14 Dec	K-2 Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Mon	17 Dec	Talent Quest Day
Tue	18 Dec	K-6 Reward Day
Wed	19 Dec	Students Last Day

End of Year, Presentation Day and Other Thoughts.

I've just returned to the office from the parent helpers' morning tea where we were having a conversation about how quickly this year had gone. The fresh Year 6 students are now almost Year 7s and the Kindergarten students are suddenly much more grown up and ready for Year 1. It has been another marvellous year both for the school and individual students. Many of these successes will be acknowledged at our Presentation Day Assembly next Thursday morning, beginning at around 9:15. There will be awards for students from each class as well as the major awards for senior students. Our 2019 leaders

will also be announced at this assembly. You could not help but be impressed with the way our candidates presented themselves last week and there is no doubt that any of these fine young students would make great leaders.

The reality is, however, that there are nine candidates for four positions so there will be five students quite disappointed on the day. Similarly, there will be many students who have reached significant learning milestones this year who do not receive awards. They also may be disappointed by this. We must keep in mind that the teachers *could* give an award to every child. Indeed, our teachers regularly give a range of positive feedback to students in verbal, written and physical rewards so our students have all earned these acknowledgements in some way, shape or form. So why not have an award for every child?

Firstly, the assembly would carry on for longer than the Oscars.

Secondly, after we had been past the first 40 or 50, would anyone still be listening? The interest would diminish quite quickly.

Thirdly, something else that would diminish would be the value/credibility of the awards themselves. One of the things that makes the awards special is that there are not that many of them. Would gold still be precious if it was lying around on the ground like gravel? It is made valuable by its rarity, similar to these awards (but alas, no, that does not mean the awards are made of gold this year).

Finally, this assembly, and associated awards ceremony, serves as a lesson in resilience for our students. We want our students to be able to deal with disappointment and take joy in the success of their friends. In the big picture, that kind of reaction speaks volumes about the character of a person whether child or adult and is far more valuable than any award (gold or otherwise).

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So please join us on this day of celebration. You may even speak to your child about the nature of these awards and about being gracious as a recipient or congratulatory as the friend of one.

Camp 2019

There is something definitely missing from camp this year.....ME! It was very strange waving goodbye to the students and teachers on Monday morning. They were all very excited (and perhaps a little nervous) about the week in front of them. It is a great facility at The Great Aussie Bush Camp and I'm sure the kids and teachers will come back with many interesting stories. I spoke to Mr McGoldrick and Mrs Rice yesterday morning and all was going according to plan. It is a terrific opportunity for our kids to work on both their independence and cooperation and it is quite unusual in current times to have a 5-day camp for Stage 3. A big thanks to our Stage 3 teachers for taking time away from their families to provide this opportunity.

Pick-up, Drop off Zone

Several concerned parents have notified the school that the drop-off zone is not being used correctly and that several drivers are behaving irresponsibly or dangerously. Please adhere to the rules displayed to ensure the safety of our children. A member of staff will monitor the situation for the next week or so and, if necessary, we will request a police presence in the afternoon as that seems to be the time of concern. Be aware that the teacher there will be observing only, as we have no power or jurisdiction over parking restrictions or traffic offences. Please be courteous and considerate of others and if you live quite close to the school, consider walking and leaving the car at home.

K-2 Carols by Candlelight



LED candles will be for sale on the night for \$2.00 each or BYO LED candles.

Christmas Hamper Donations

Please send in any donations for our HUGE Christmas Raffle, to the K-2 teachers. Tickets will

go on sale from Thursday 6/12/18 under the COLA, from 8.30-9.00am. 50c each or 3 for \$1.00.

Pre-School Playgroup



The last Playgroup session will be held on **Tuesday 11th December 2018** at 9.15-10.30am. Playgroup focuses on getting familiar with the school grounds and meeting other 2019 Kindy Starters.

Joke of the Week



December Meeting for the Balgownie Public School P&C

All community members are welcome to attend our final P&C meeting next Wednesday 12th December to be held at Balgownie Collegians. We will be having dinner from 6:15pm and following this, a meeting at 7:15pm. We hope to see you there!

Chess Success

Congratulations to 3 ex-students Nazif, Han and Rahil who made Monday night's news for being runners-up in the NSW state chess titles recently. Mr Barrett's protégés have done exceptionally well and are probably now ready to take on their old master! Well done boys!

Cheer & Dance competition

Last weekend Amelia and Katelyn B, as well as Zara B, travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the 2018 National Allstar Cheer & Dance competition. This competition is the largest cheer

and dance competition in Australia with over 12,000 competitors and 1,400 teams.

Amelia and Zara's Cheer team faced fierce competition in a category of 18 teams from across Australia but they did an amazing performance and won first place! Katelyn also performed amazingly, hitting zero – no deductions! A wonderful achievement as a result of lots of hard work and dedication by the girls.



Just another example of Bally kids doing great things!

Uniform Shop

The UNIFORM SHOP is NOW CLOSED!

All orders which have already been placed and have items that are out of stock or on back order will be delivered as soon as the stock arrives. You can still place a NEW order online but the order will NOT be processed or delivered until school returns in 2019.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!!

Can you spare half an hour on Wednesday 30th January, Thursday 31st January or Friday 1st February to help with uniform orders? If so please email balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Details of days will then be emailed to you. Thank you to those people who have already volunteered their precious time. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a uniform or donated items for the second hand pool. We look forward to helping you with all your uniform needs in 2019!



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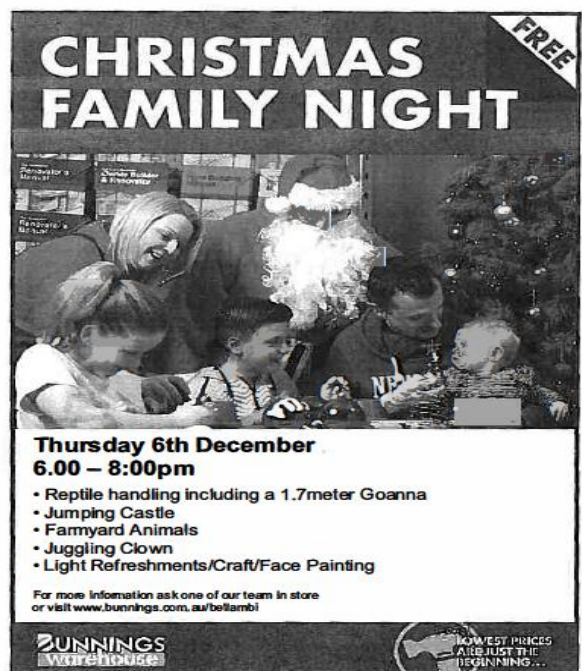
Wollongong

Saturdays 9am-11am, University of Wollongong Sports Hub
Starting 2nd February 2019

Parents can register by phoning 1800 780 900 or online at www.go4fun.com.au



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