

The Bally Buzz



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Term 4 - Week 6

Wednesday 21st November, 2018

Calendar - Term 4 - 2018

Frid	23 rd Nov	Stage 2 & 3 Gala Day
Mon	26 th Nov	K-6 Assembly 12pm Leaders Speeches 2019
Tues	27 th Nov	School Starter Playgroup in library Combined Scripture in hall (last for 2018) Last day for Book Club orders for 2018
Tues	3 rd Dec	Playgroup activities in playground Parent helpers' morning tea 10.00am

Kindergarten Orientation

For the last couple of weeks I've had the pleasure of working with Mrs Lynch to address the parents of the kindergarten students who will begin at Balgownie in 2019. With 55 new enrolments we will form 3 kindergarten classes, the first time I have seen this since I was appointed to BPS (back when dinosaurs ruled the world). Our Year 5 cohort has done a marvellous job in helping out our new students, helping them to settle in. It has been quite amazing to see, even over a few weeks, how comfortable our new charges have become. Mrs Kerema, Miss Scott, Mrs Carrigan, Mrs Phillis, Mrs Cliff and Mrs Seagrove have provided a warm, positive and supportive environment for our newest recruits, facilitating a smooth transition to "big school" in 2019. All feedback suggests our school has been painted in a very positive light. I big thank you goes out to all those involved in the planning (and delivery) of

Kindergarten Orientation, including Mrs Oyston who did a great job putting together the information packs.

P&C Meeting

Last Wednesday at our P&C meeting, Miss McSweyn and Mrs Rice delivered an impressive presentation on our school's robotics programs and the direction we are travelling with technology over the coming years. Accompanying the presentation was a funding application for 38 new iPads to facilitate both robotics and other programs. After a lengthy Q&A session, healthy debate and negotiation, the application was successful. This will take our iPad to student ratio to 1:4 and will provide more opportunities for both group projects and independent tasks. The hard work and dedication of our P&C is truly inspiring and it's great to see the effort put into the Fun Day has reaped the very real reward of improved technology (the focus area for the fund raising) for Balgownie. What was a little surprising, however, were the number of parents at the meeting. Apparently there are frequently only 6-8 members attending, perhaps 10 on a good night. The old adage of "many hands make light work" is very relevant to voluntary organisations such as the P&C. I urge all Balgownie parents to consider joining up and attending these meetings. They give a great insight into how the school operates and our priorities. They also strengthen our sense of community. I would particularly encourage new Balgownie parents (55 Kindergarten students in 2019!) to join in as working towards common goals is a

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great way to get involved with the school and meet other parents.

Swim Scheme

Thanks to Mrs Sheath for her organisation and to Miss Grant and Mrs Carrigan for accompanying our students to swim scheme for the last two weeks. See the report and pics following. It's so important for our kids to know about water safety. Learning to swim, particularly in our part of the world, is vital.

Classes 2019

Our current student enrolments for 2019 indicate we are again on the borderline between 13 and 14 classes. Although we have already begun looking at possible structures, staffing and class allocation for students will not be determined until very late in the term because of this uncertainty. Serious and legitimate requests from parents around class placement will always be taken into account, however please do not make requests for specific teachers for your child/children in 2019 as we currently cannot be sure which year level each member of staff will teach. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

On Tuesday, December 3 we would love to see all of our parent helpers at a morning tea in the hall. This is a great chance to catch up with other parents and the teachers over a cuppa and some delicious food provided by the staff. It represents a simple thank you from Balgownie staff to those members of our school community who give up their time for the benefit of our students. So if you've assisted with home readers, been to a working bee, helped out at the Fun Day or other event, taught scripture or ethics, been to P&C meetings, listened to students read or contributed in any number of ways, please come along and say hello. Mr McGoldrick will be devastated if you don't come along and sample some of the cakes he's baking/buying.

Joke of the Week

Headmaster: Why are your eyes crossed?

Teacher: I just can't control my pupils!



Pre-School Playgroup

Playgroup will next be held in the school Library on Tuesday 27th

November 2018 at 9.15-10.30am. Playgroup focuses on getting familiar with the school grounds, meeting other 2019 Kindy Starters and gives your child the opportunity to try on and order their Balgownie School Uniform.

Commemorating Remembrance Day 2018

On Monday the 12th of November, teachers and students attended a Remembrance Day Ceremony to pay their respects to those who had served our country. We reflected upon the sacrifice made by all servicemen and women with a minute's silence and by laying down poppies. A big thank you to all kindergartens, Ava, Autumn, Aria, Harley, Marko and Tianna for laying



down the poppies, stage two students, Astrid and Emma for sharing the poem "In Flanders Fields", and to our fantastic school Leaders Olivia, Holly, Cooper and Rosie for modelling great leadership skills.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program 2018

It's that time of the year again where Stage One and Two Students take part in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This fantastic program teaches our students important water safety and survival tips so they can participate in aquatic activities responsibly. Our



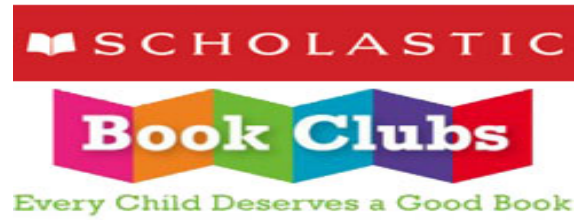
students enjoyed each day at the pool, and they have all made substantial improvements in their swimming abilities. Here are some pictures taken throughout the two weeks! Well done to all those students involved!



LAST Uniform Shop for 2018 FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER.

You will still be able to 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 sales and orders? We will need you from 8:30am 9am. If so please email balgowniepublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Last Book Club for 2018!!!!



You can place Book Club orders and correct money in the gold slot in front office OR you can order online using the Scholastic Book Clubs 'Linked Online Ordering and Payment' (LOOP) platform for parents. The new online ordering system eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to our school safely. Students have been given an information sheet about LOOP with their Book Club magazines. *We encourage you to use LOOP for all your future Book Club orders.*



Don't miss out on the **Big Fat Smile Kids Aquathon** this Australia Day. This fun, family friendly community event has something for everyone.

With two swim distances to choose from and a flat scenic run – it is the perfect event for kids aged 6-12 years. Parents can participate with their kids and everyone gets a finishers medal! If you don't want to do the full event, grab a friend and do a Tag Team. For more information and to register, visit: <http://aquathon.com.au>



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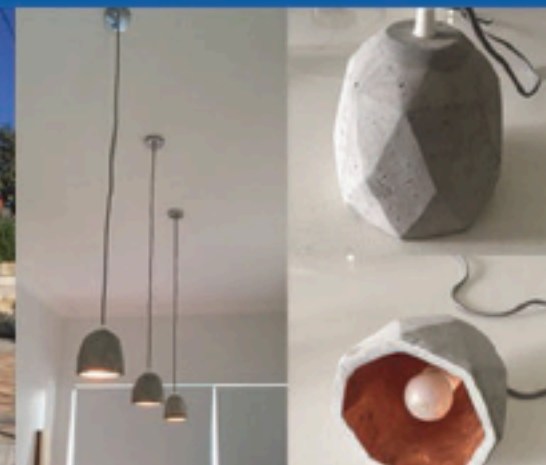
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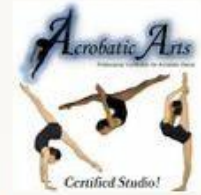
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The **Fun**
Starts
Here!

Dec/Jan

School Holiday Program | 7am - 6pm

Highlight Event:
Jamberoo



Thursday 20 Dec

Jamberoo

We're going to the Illawarra's favourite action park. Be prepared to have some serious fun!

Fee range*: **\$24.65-\$116**
Extras: **Bring swimmers, towel, change of clothes.**
Excursion: **9am-4pm**
\$20 Cancellation fee applies, CCS not applicable

Friday 21 Dec

Christmas Party

The countdown is on, it's only 4 days until Christmas! We'll play games, eat party food and have lots of festive fun.

Fee range*: **\$13.70-\$71**

Wednesday 2 Jan

Board Game Bonanza

We will be playing a range of board games like Pie Face, The Voice, Disney Trivia, and will be making our very own board games.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Thursday 3 Jan

Park Crawl

Today we'll be hitting two different parks! We will be walking to Pop Errington Park in Towradgi and Guest Park in Fairy Meadow.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**
Excursion: **10am-3pm**

Friday 4 Jan

Wicked Wheels

Bring along your bike or scooter and join us for a day outside riding. We will have obstacle courses and timed races.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**
Extras: **Bring bike/scooter and helmet.**

Monday 7 Jan

Water Wars

Bring your swimmers and water toys, and go friend against friend to battle it out in our water fight.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**
Extras: **Bring swimmers, towel, change of clothes.**

Tuesday 8 Jan

Messy Craft Day

Today will be all about getting messy. Paints, slime, ooblek, oil pastels and more!

Fee range*: **\$13.70-\$71**

Wednesday 9 Jan

Tik Tocs Playland

Climbing gym and massive indoor slides. There's also a teacup ride, laser skirmish and rock climbing wall.

Fee range*: **\$20.45-\$106**
Extras: **Lunch provided. Wear enclosed shoes.**
Excursion: **8am-5pm**
\$20 Cancellation fee applies, CCS not applicable

Thursday 10 Jan

Cubby Mania

We will be making forts and cubbies out of blankets, sheets, boxes and the furniture around the room.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Friday 11 Jan

Nan Tien Temple

Come along to a day full of Tai Chi, Origami, and mindful meals. We will be having a guided tour of the temple and the museum.

Fee range*: **\$18.50-\$96**
Extras: **Lunch provided. No singlets or thongs.**
Excursion: **9am-2pm**

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK



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Fairy Meadow

Book at bigfatmile.com.au/funclub
Phone: 4285 4616

Families need to **complete a Child Care Subsidy assessment (online at myGov / Centrelink)**, including confirming the name of your child care provider – otherwise full fees will be charged.

* Fee range indicates the out-of-pocket expenses which vary according to CCS. For your individual fee please contact your fee manager.

Bring every day:
Hat + Drink + Lunch

Excursion days:
Wear enclosed shoes

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Monday 14 Jan

Karaoke Disco Day

Be sure to wear your dancing shoes and bring along your best singing voices! Today we will be twisting and jiving, flossing and superman-ing as well as singing the day away to all the greatest music.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Tuesday 15 Jan

Maritime Museum

Climb aboard the HMAS Vampire, Australia's largest museum vessel and the last of the country's big gun ships.

Fee range*: **\$18.50-\$96**

Extras: **Wear enclosed shoes.**

Excursion: **8am-5pm**

\$20 Cancellation fee applies, CCS not applicable

Wednesday 16 Jan

Codebotics

Coding and Robotics go hand in hand in this fun twist on programming. Children see the evolution of coding using 'Plugged' and 'Unplugged' forms. Commanding their robots to speak, sound like a chicken, change colour, roll and jump is just the beginning.

Fee range*: **\$16.60-\$86**

Thursday 17 Jan

Bootcamp

Join us for a sporty day of group games and individual challenges. We will be doing games such as tug-o-war, running races, most burpees in a minute and various strength challenges.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Friday 18 Jan

Harry Potter Day

Come along and experience a day devoted to Harry Potter. There will be games of Quidditch, a gaming lounge and Wand Choreography where you will get to keep your own wand!

Fee range*: **\$16.60-\$86**

Monday 21 Jan

Frozen Fun

Today will be all about ice. We will be freezing various items in large blocks of ice and excavating them out, enjoying snow cones, making and freezing our own ice blocks, and seeing whose ice cube is the fastest.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Tuesday 22 Jan

Crazy Hair and Makeup

Come in and get your hair teased, sprayed, spiked and coloured.

Fee range*: **\$12.75-\$66**

Wednesday 23 Jan

Camp Wombaroo

Challenge yourself with fun outdoor team activities at Camp Wombaroo!

Fee range*: **\$22.35-\$116**

Extras: **Wear enclosed shoes.**

Excursion: **8am-5pm**

\$20 Cancellation fee applies, CCS not applicable

Thursday 24 Jan

Laser Tag

We will be setting up a battlefield on the back oval and joining in a few rounds of Laser Tag.

Fee range*: **\$16.60-\$86**

Friday 25 Jan

Australia Day Party

AUSSIE! AUSSIE! AUSSIE! OI! OI! OI! Come and celebrate Australia Day with craft, games, challenges, face paint and more.

Fee range*: **\$13.70-\$71**

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

Australia Day

Public Holiday



Tuesday 29 Jan

Inflatable Frenzy

Come and burn off the last of your holiday energy on our inflatable jumping castle and slide and join in a game of bubble soccer.

Fee range*: **\$14.65-\$76**

Wednesday 30 Jan

Start of Term 1

During the school term we offer...

**Before school care:
7am-9am**

**After school care:
3pm-6pm**



Highlight Event | Camp Wombaroo

Photo: The Outdoor Education Group



Walk for Sheree

Sunday 9th December

Start and finish at Bulli Surf Club

Distance: 3km, 5km, 10km

Course: Out and back

Start: 10 AM

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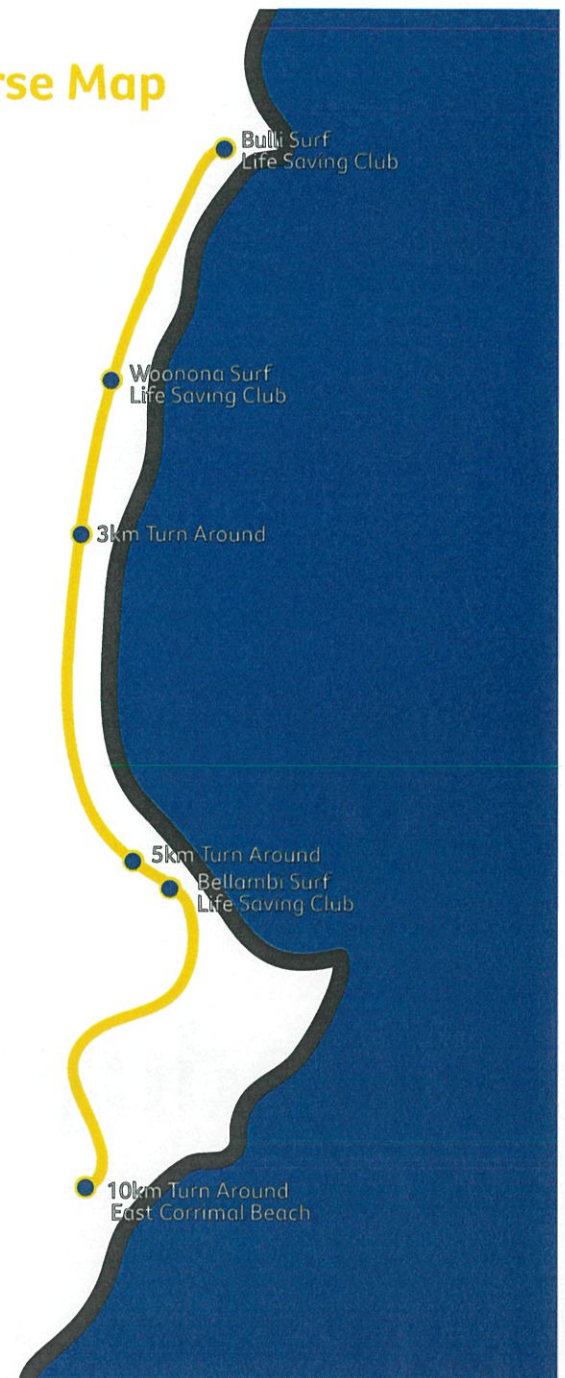
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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. I, the undersigned, in consideration of and as a condition of acceptance of my entry in the Walk for Sheree Event, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby waive all and any claim, sight or cause of action which I or they might otherwise have for or arising out of loss of my life or injury, damage or loss of any description whatsoever which I may suffer or sustain in the course of or consequent upon my entry or participation in the said event.
2. This waiver, release and discharge shall be and operate separately in favour of all persons, corporations and bodies involved or otherwise engaged in promoting or staging the event and the servants, agents, representatives and officers of any of them and includes but is not limited to medical and paramedical practitioners and personnel, police officers and shall so operate whether or not the loss or damage is attributable to the act or neglect of any one or more of them.
3. I will abide by the competition rules.
4. I will walk/run on the approved course as directed, will not accept assistance and will accept the judges decision as final.
5. The organisers reserve the right to reject or cancel any event entry at any time.
6. I acknowledge I will not be awarded a lace unless I wear an official competitor's chest number on my chest and the entire number and colour strip is visible throughout the event.
7. I will walk/run on the left hand side of the road walking/ running with traffic unless otherwise directed by police or event marshals.
8. Supporters must not follow competitors; the only vehicles allowed to follow the race being police and official cars.
9. The event committee reserves the right to alter without notice any of the rules and conditions that govern the event.
10. I will abide by all directions given by official marshals.

Course Map



Entry Form

Entry Fee: All entrants are asked for a donation of \$10 to the Cancer Council NSW.

Enquiries: 0488 208 208 or Email grant.plecas@nswcc.org.au

Children's name(s) - under 18 years (Provide date of birth)

DOB: _____
DOB: _____
DOB: _____

If you are under 18 years, the section across must be signed by your parent or guardian.

I certify that I am the parent or guardian of the above entrant(s) and have my consent to walk/run in this fun run and I agree that my child/children and I will be bound by the above Conditions of Entry.

Signed by the Parent/Guardian _____

To register visit

doitforcancer.com.au/walkforsheree

Family Name: _____

First Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

Email: _____

Total: \$ _____

I have read and understood the above Conditions of Entry and agree to abide by the rules and conditions of the event.

Signed by the entrant: _____

Date: _____