

The Bally Buzz

Balgownie Public School *Living & Learning*

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Term 1 Week 6

Wednesday 5 March 2014

CALENDAR

Term 1

Friday	7 Mar	Regional Swimming Yr6 Shirt Orders Due
Wednesday	12 Mar	PBS Report by J Birchall 6.45pm in Library P&C – AGM 7.15pm
Thursday	13 Mar	Selective High School assessment
Monday	17 Mar	Grandparents Day 10am
Thursday	27 Mar	School Photo Day

Apology to the champions whose names were not listed in last week's newsletter. My mistake!!

Congratulations to the following age champions:

Junior Boy	Fergus Moss
Junior Girl	Emma Lowe
11 Yrs Boy	Daniel Papakosmas
11 Yrs Girl	Libby Churchill
Snr Boy	Clancy Lowe
Snr Girl	Emily Balkwill

We might see you at the 2020 Olympics!

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival this Friday at Dapto Pool. We wish you all the best!

Max Whalan	Emma Lowe	Clancy Lowe
Kye Storey	Emily Balkwill	Jack Balkwill
Teagan Myers	Lauren Myers	Daniel Papakosmas
Libby Churchill	Abbey Neal	Joel Hammersley
Fergus Moss	Damian Luzaic	Natasha Trajcevski
Claudia Konza	Nicholas Trajcevski	

125th Anniversary of our special school is Sunday April 6th from 10am to 5pm. Our senior students will be taking tours around the school at 11am. There will be a showing of the documentary about Balgownie and time to reminisce about school life with long lost friends.

On Friday 4th April, our students will be dressing in clothes from 1889 and learning about 'olden days' school life. Start thinking about costumes! There will be bush dancing, lessons in rows, playground games and other

activities to make history come alive.

We need help for the working bee the weekend before the anniversary to make sure our school looks at its best and donations of cakes on the day for sale to the visitors. We also need a few people to sell cakes on the day. More details to follow on how you can help.

It will be wonderful to celebrate 125 years of learning and think about how many children have been educated in our heritage building and the more modern additions.

A day in history.....

- **1908** The formation of Balgownie Parents and Citizens Association. They were very vocal with complaints about overcrowding, as classes were being held in weather sheds.
- **1911** Another room was added to existing building.
- **1921** Plans drawn for the addition of 1 more room plus modifications to the older rooms. The stepped floors were removed and the windows were remodeled to provide better ventilation and lighting.

Science 'incursion' makes learning rich in our school. We have a focus on science this year as we plan for the implementation of the new Australian Science syllabus in 2015. Thanks to Mr McGoldrick for organizing the CSIRO Science show about forces (Physics). The students enjoyed the demonstrations and were encouraged to explore the concepts of force, pressure and gravity, and how they affect aspects of everyday life. It's funny how well a student can develop the concept of spreading pressure over a large area when laying on a bed of nails. Through activities like this, Balgownie Public School is working hard to make science come alive for our students.

Grandparents Day is fast approaching! Welcome to Seniors Week. Monday 17th March is the beginning of Seniors Week and we are celebrating with Grandparents Day! 10am is class visits, followed by a BYO picnic lunch with your grandchildren. Teach our students some games that you played at school and enjoy the time spent with our students as they show you how we learn in 2014.

PBS Lesson for this week - Joining in and playing cooperatively Students will require the ability to know

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how to 'join in' in a game or activity and how to play co-operatively with their peers. This will provide students with strategies that will be useful when joining in and playing co-operatively.

'Joining in' Activities

1. What does it mean to join in? Have students generate as many responses as possible.
2. Why is it important to know how to join in?
3. Discuss with students possible ways one may ask to join in.

The steps include:

1. Greet the other person (use their name and say "Hi", "How are you" etc.).
2. Wait for the right time (do not interrupt and make sure they are paying attention).
3. Ask to join in (ask using a friendly voice).

Playing Co-operatively Activities

1. What does it mean to co-operate? Some examples include:
 - To play together in a fair way.
 - To share, take turns and help each other.

The steps include:

1. Decide who starts- flip a coin, roll a dice etc.
2. Wait your turn.
3. Speak and listen to the other person.
4. Say something friendly at the end- 'good game, that was fun' etc.

Students need to be able to apply these understandings in their interactions with each other in their playground games. Please reinforce these at home by talking about what it means to play games fairly and cooperatively; agree on rules, take turns, sharing things, sorting out disagreements, helping and supporting others, good sportsmanship. You can practice these skills when you are playing board games as a family.

Have a wonderful week.
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week

Q: What happened to the snowman when he couldn't take it anymore?

A: He had a meltdown.

Thought of the week

If you want to succeed you should strike out on new paths rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success.

- JD Rockefeller

IMPORTANT - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All school volunteers need to complete the Departments new Working with Children Check - declaration form. There is a 100 points proof of identity check that is required with the new form. Please see the office for a new form or further information. Please complete form and return to office with identification details as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT

If your child suffers from an allergy, you must complete an Allergy Action Plan. You can pick one up from the office or your Doctor. If your child no longer suffers from the allergy, please notify the office in writing.

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated our values of **Respect, Responsibility** and **Real Learning**. The students have earned themselves a wrist band. Well done!

Hamish C 1A

Riley U 1A

Zetlan F 1A

Jaxon S 1S

Escher G 1S

Han T 1S

AFL NEWS

Balgownie Public was recently lucky enough to have a visit from Sydney Swans players Lewis Roberts-Thomson (#30) and Tim Membrey (#1). The boys spoke about their sporting history, training schedule and promoted healthy food & active lifestyles. Zoe (1/2D) demonstrated the great height of the two players (see attached photos).



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Our popular after-school Auskick program is the biggest in participant numbers in our area with over 50 students talking part. Congratulations to all involved.

Free Swans tickets and memberships for juniors are available when joining the Red Rookies. For more information visit <http://www.sydneyswans.com.au/fan-zone/red-rookie>

STAGE ONE

Stage One students are studying a fantastic new Science unit entitled Push and Pull. The students are experimenting with gravity, flight and floating & sinking. Riley (1/2D) filed the following report.

Push and pull

The gravity is pulling the basketball down but it won't go down because the water is pushing up.

The tennis ball is not going too high because the tennis ball is small and there is not much air in it.

The brick is sinking because there is no air in the brick.

Riley 1/2D



SRC

This week I have been going around the playground and have been asking students from Kindergarten to Year 6 "what is the best thing about Balgownie" and this is what they said:

Zoe KS: "My favourite thing about this school is the red jumpys from the canteen".

Liam KK: "It's cool how we have news time in class".

Toby 1/2D: "The students and teachers are the best".

Helena 3/HR: "I love the big playground that we have".

Jayda 4/5M: "I really like that we have a lovely veggie garden".

Jared 6L: "I like that we have a lot of handball courts"

Written by Chloe Heyman

WORLD OF MATHS

2nd & 3rd April 2014

Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make numeracy fun and relevant to our students, we have arranged for the *World of Maths* to visit our school. It is an exciting and educational presentation of hands-on, problem solving activities. The *World of Maths* is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to real life situations.

Students will be engaged in hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and probe their problem solving skills. It is a highly engaging session which will show the students that Maths can be fun!

For more information and to view a video of a session in action, visit the World of Maths website: www.worldofmaths.com

There will be **NO COST** to parents / caregivers for student participation.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 27 MARCH

- Return your photo envelope on photo day. Your child will hand the envelope directly to the photographer.
- You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders.
- For any enquiries, please contact MSP Photography on 4261 3009.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 7 Term 1

Day	Date	Name
Mon	10.3.14	Wendy Myers Lisa Sheedy
Tue	11.3.14	Lisa Tunstall Callie Heyman
Wed	12.3.14	Amie Grierson Ghada Sultan
Thur	13.3.14	Helen Lewis Catherine James Shirley Butterly
Frid	14.3.14	Donna Guest Amanda Prior Mary Dilber

CANTEEN NEWS

Sushi Fresh Each Friday!

By all accounts, the kids and staff are all loving fresh Friday sushi from **Aoba Sushi Bar** in Fairy Meadow. Not only is it fresh and delicious but the rolls are a lot bigger, and more filling than last year's supplier. To order your child's sushi you need to put their name/class/pre-order Friday Sushi on a lunch bag (with money included) and put it in the **canteen slot by 9am Thursday. You are more than welcome to place your pre-orders in on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.**

Choices are:

- Teriyaki Chicken/Avocado \$3.00
- Tuna/Avocado \$3.00
- Vegetarian(Cucumber/Avocado) \$2.80

Canteen Specials for Grandparents Day

Having our Grandparents visit at school on Monday 17th March is a special day and the canteen has a special treat for you all available via pre-order.

Plain Jelly Cups 50c (Red or Green)

Mexican Potato skins \$1.50

(a single serve of potato skins, melted grated cheese, salsa and sour cream)

To take advantage of this special treat, please place your pre-order bags in the canteen with the correct money by Thursday 13th March.

(Orders will be available at 11am on Monday 17th March from the canteen. The canteen will be operating as normal on this day).

Positions Available

5 volunteers. We are currently seeking 5 more volunteers for the school canteen roster-namely Thursdays and Fridays. The job requires you to work on a day of your choice, for approximately 3 hours a month. You will be responsible for preparing lunches and snacks, and making 100's of kids smile when they come to the canteen at lunch time. Lunch and tea/coffee is provided and it's a great way to meet other parents/carers. Why not grab a friend/mum or dad/sister/aunty/partner and team up once a month to help out our school canteen.

Food Preparation. The canteen Food Preparation Role has recently become available. It involves the cutting up of fruit and veggie sticks, pre-preparing garlic bread, jelly and custard cups and takes about an hour each Monday morning. **If you are available and interested please contact Donna Guest on 0447 790 619 or Tracy Koschny on 0490 063 090.**

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Important Note: Girls Winter Tunics Not Available from Uniform Shop

Due to sizing issues, the uniform shop will **NOT** be providing girls winter tunics this year. These can be purchased from Crystal Bears at Corrimal. It is advisable to see Crystal Bears ASAP in case they need to make a tunic for you. The uniform shop does however have a small supply of second hand tunics.

LOST & FOUND

A diabetes test kit (small black case with zip) has been handed in at office.

COMMUNITY NEWS**FOOD DRIVE**

A Community Initiative by "Need a feed?" for Wollongong Emergency Family Housing.

The Bendigo Bank is accepting non perishable food donations in support of a food drive.

For more information contact Shaz: 0404 474 880

FAIRY MEADOW NETBALL CLUB

Fairy Meadow netball club is currently looking for age specific children to complete partial teams already organised. The club needs boys or girls aged 6yr to 8yr for Saturday competitions. Contact Margaret Stanley on 4283 5985.

SHAMROCKS JUNIOR RUGBY**Registration Days 2014**

Wed 26th Feb & Wed 5th Mar 5pm – 7pm

Sun 9th Mar 2pm – 4pm

Frid 14th Mar from 5pm – last registration & first training session. Registrations at Ocean Park, Woonona. Contact Andrew Cracknell for more info. 0432 944 543

YR6 SHIRT ORDERS – URGENT REMINDER

A reminder that Yr6 shirt orders are **due this Friday 7th March**. Please place orders with money in Canteen slot.

If you have any questions phone Callie Heyman 0407 237 707 or Di Drain 0456 755 556.

Year 6 White Shirt Order Form

Name on front of shirt: _____

Size _____

Cost: \$27.00 (\$15.00 for shirt & \$12.00 for printing)

Year 6 Black Long Sleeve Jumper Order Form

Name on front of shirt: _____

Size _____

Cost: \$50.00

