

BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2015



Students with examples of the wonderful CHRISTMAS
SHOE BOXES donated this year

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the last term of the year. It's going to be a busy one, particularly for our Year 6 students who will be graduating at the end of the year. We wish them all the best for their final term with us.

One of our school charities for this year is "Operation Christmas Child". This charity gathers Christmas presents for children around the world who may not be fortunate enough to receive a present at Christmas time. Mrs McCarthy, our school Chaplain, is doing a great job organising this charity event which is being well supported by the school community at large. Well done to all who have contributed towards this worthwhile cause.

I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of travelling at 40 kilometres an hour when driving in school zones. With so many people being killed and injured on our roads this year, it is important to slow down and travel at safe speeds when dropping off and picking up children from school.

Another safety issue is the dropping off and picking up of children in the staff car park. This is **NOT PERMITTED** as it is dangerous for children due to high traffic use. Parents please use the designated parent drop off zone located at the back of the school off Alford Street.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mark Cox
A/Principal

ORIENTATION DAYS

KINDERGARTEN

When: Tuesday 17 November
Time: 1.30 pm
Where: Library

PRE-PRIMARY

When: Wednesday 25 November
Time: 2.00 pm to 2.45 pm
Where: Pre-Primary

YEAR 6 BALCATT A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VISIT (note to follow)

When: Friday 30 November 2015
Time: Afternoon

Where: Balcatta SHS

DANCE PROGRAM



All students from Years 3 to 6 will be taking part in a dance program commencing next week.

We would appreciate prompt return of the permission slips and \$20 to cover the cost of the lessons which will be run by Gilkison's Dance Studio.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Congratulations to **Odin** for winning last term's faction competition. All Odin students will be enjoying their sausage sizzle next Wednesday, 28 October.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all the students and families who have already brought in items for the shoeboxes. Let's be **generous** and help a child who has probably never received a gift to have the joy that we all experience in being given a gift.

Remember that items must be NEW and for a child 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years. Ask your class teacher what age group the class is making boxes up for. Above all have fun and enjoy giving to others! **Gift items must be in by this Friday or no later than Tuesday (October 27th) next week.** Thank you for being involved.

Larissa McCarthy
Co-ordinator

ENROLMENTS - 2016

If you **WILL NOT** be returning to Balcatta Primary School next year, please notify the office as soon as possible. This does not apply to current Year 6s. Notes have been sent home for completion.

Tolerance – Virtue for October

TOLERANCE (October)

What is Tolerance?

To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

Why Practise It?

People who don't practise tolerance cannot stand to have anything differ from what they want and expect. Tolerance helps them accept things as they are. People without tolerance judge others by the way they look, sound, or dress. They decide who can be a friend and who can't. When people are teased or left out, they feel sad and lonely. When we are tolerant, we don't allow differences to drive us apart.

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practising **Tolerance** when you:

- accept differences
- are free of prejudice
- don't complain when uncomfortable conditions can't be helped
- make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness
- change yourself instead of trying to change others
- accept people the way they are, faults and all



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

How are you going at treating others as you want to be treated and taking care of other people and their belongings? Are you finding it easy to speak and act courteously (using good manners)? If you can say yes to one or both of these questions you are practicing RESPECT, which has been our virtue for September and October.

We are now focussing on **TOLERANCE**. This virtue is about accepting other people, for who they are, whilst realising that we are all different and that we won't always think, look, speak, feel or act the same as someone else. We are all made to be different – it would be a boring world to live in if we were all exactly the same!

TOLERANCE is about accepting differences in others, but more than that, to appreciate the differences. TOLERANCE gives us the freedom to appreciate that our weakness/fault may be someone else's strength and vice versa, thus working together can help us to achieve more.

In the '**BUZ Programme**', with the year 1 students yesterday, we were discussing the fact that we will all have conflicts (fights). Often conflict happens because people think differently about something or aren't prepared to speak and act in a way that shows respect to someone else. For example, when we don't want to share something, or we think our idea is more important (better) than someone else's. Children find it hard to learn to share, so have fights over a toys, swings, whose turn it is, a friend or even who is going to play a game. As adults we can think *our* way is better than someone else's or the right way to do something but it might just be 'different' way to do the same thing. In BUZ we learn the BUZ Hopscotch Method for solving fights – ask your child about it or come and ask me if you are interested.

So let's have a go at practicing greater TOLERANCE towards one another. Maybe we will have less fights or conflict, and respect one another more.

Please remember to bring in an item(s) for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to help bring a smile to the faces of children who have very little or nothing. **Be a giver!!**

Until the next newsletter,



Breakfast Club

Remember that our School Breakfast Club is in the undercover area every Tuesday morning before School from **8:20am**. Bring your children along and meet other parents. It is a great time for our students to see their friends and get the energy they need to focus and learn well.

We would be very glad to see any parents/ grandparents /carers that can help with making toast, milo, cutting up fruit or pouring drinks.

Please let the office, Mr Cox or Mrs McCarthy know if you can help one or more weeks this term. Thank you.

**Larissa McCarthy
(School Chaplain)**



PLAYGROUP

This term in playgroup we are going to have lots of fun, completing activities based on the letters of the alphabet (xylophones, yachts and zebras) and we will have lots of fun Christmas/celebration activities, also.

Please come along and have fun with us playing, singing, listening to stories, colouring, using play dough, making friends and lots more.

Please come and join us if you have a child or children under Kindy age.

We meet on **Thursday mornings from 9.00 – 10.20 am.**

Dot Filipante and Larissa McCarthy



P & C NEWS

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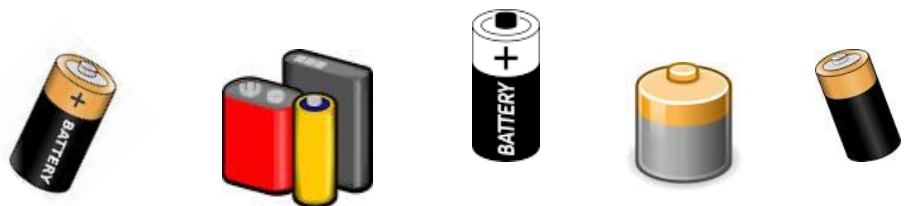
P & C - AGM Meeting – This will be held on Tuesday 10 November, starting at 7pm in the Computer Room. We are looking for new committee members for 2016. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new 'faces'.

BATTERY RETRIEVAL PROJECT



Our school collects used batteries in an endeavour to keep batteries out of the landfill. Please help the environment by bringing in your old batteries. Please note that we do not accept car batteries.

Our green battery collection bin is in the main office area.



TERM 4 CALENDAR 2015

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	12 October	13 October	14 October	15 October	16 October
	School Development Day	Students Start School			
Week 2	19 October	20 October	21 October	22 October	23 October
				• Newsletter 16	
Week 3	26 October	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October
			• Sausage Sizzle (ODIN)		• Dance • Assembly (Yr 1)
Week 4	2 November	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November
		• Melb.Cup		• Newsletter 17	• Dance
Week 5	9 November	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November
		• Staff Meeting (3.30pm) • P & C (AGM)	• Incursion 2pm School Perf. Tours	• Whole School Photos	• Dance • Assembly (Yr 2)
Week 6	16 November	17 November	18 November	20 November	21 November
		• Kindy Orientation (1.30pm - Lib)		• Newsletter 18	• Dance
Week 7	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November
		• Gelati Van • P&C Meeting (7.00 pm)	• Pre-Primary Orientation (2.00-2.45pm)	• Year 6 Orientation Day at Balcatta SHS • Staff Meeting (3.30 pm) • Healthy Lunch	• Dance
Week 8	30 November	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December
			• Staff Meeting (3.30pm)	• Parent Helpers' Morning Tea • Newsletter 19	• Dance • Assembly (P/Prim) • Faction Elect. 2015
Week 9	7 December	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December
	• Dance Social (7.00-9.00pm) (Yrs 4-6) St.Lawrence Hall				• Graduation Ceremony (9.00am)
Week 10	14 December	15 December	16 December	17 December	18 December
	• Santa visit K/A	• Class Awards Assembly (9.00 am) • Reports Home		• Newsletter 20 • Last day of School Year for Students	

Term 1 begins Monday 1 February 2016