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NEWSLETTER

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‘ STARRY NIGHT ‘



A whole school collaboration based on Vincent Van Gogh's
Starry Night painting.

Each class participated in making a component of the
mural which is on display in the art room .

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our ANZAC ceremony held on Friday 8 April. Special thanks to Mr van den Beuken and the Year 6 student leaders for their hard work organising and conducting the service, and to Ms Pinakis and the school choir for their beautiful singing.

With the wet weather and winter fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of taking care on the road, particularly when approaching student crosswalks. Remember to drive slowly with due attention when dropping off and picking up students from the *student drop off and pick up area*.

Best wishes to all Mums for a very special and enjoyable Mother's Day coming up on Sunday (8 May).

Have a great weekend everyone.

Peter Gates
Principal



NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy

Once again, all Australian schools will conduct annual testing of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy, using national tests. The language conventions tasks assess students' skills in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

All Years 3 & 5 students will be assessed. The assessment tasks will take place from 10 May to 12 May inclusive. A parent information pamphlet about NAPLAN has been sent home with today's newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 20 May, commencing at 9.00 am with the students from Balcatta Senior High School performing a dance item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – COURTESY

What is Courtesy?

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. It is greeting others with respect. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello", "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are courteous expressions that show people you respect them and care about them.

Why Practise It?

When a person doesn't practise courtesy, people feel insulted and disrespected. They think this person is rude and ignorant, not caring about anyone or anything. Practising courtesy gives people a sense that they are valued. Courtesy is like a magnet. It makes you attractive to others.

Signs of Success

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

- show others that you value and respect them
- remember to treat elders, parents, teachers and children politely
- think about how your actions affect others
- eat, speak and move graciously
- make requests instead of demands
- greet people with a smile



P & C NEWS

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WE'RE HOLDING A BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND NEED YOU! - Sunday 29th May 2016

This year the P&C are fundraising to make some big improvements around the school. Two of the things we'd like to accomplish are an extension to the junior playground and the refurbishment of one of the 'bitumen quadrangles' into a nature play space.

As one of our major fundraising events, we are hosting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta on Sunday 29th May and **need many volunteers to ensure it is a success. Please help out if possible!!** Notes went home last week asking for volunteers to work in shifts, please remember to return your sign up forms to the office by *Friday 6th May*.

Still want to help but can't be there on the day? We'll also need a variety of soft drinks to sell so are requesting donations of **375ml cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade, Lemon Squash, Fanta and 600ml bottles of water**. Please note that donations must be limited to these options only. Please bring donations to the uniform shop on Thursday mornings or drop them in at the office.

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TERM 2 - CALENDAR 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	25 April	26 April	27 April	28 April	29 April
	Anzac Day	PUPIL FREE DAY			
Week 2	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance (PP – Yr 3) 9am – 12.20pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 6 	
Week 3	9 May	11 May	12 May	13 May	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance 	(NAPLAN) – Yrs. 3 & 5		
Week 4	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May	20 May
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly (BSHS dance)
Week 5	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May	27 May
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance P & C Meeting (7.00 pm) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAIDOC DAY Assembly Winter Carnival (Yr 4-6)
Week 6	30 May	31 May	1 June	2 June	3 June
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 8 	PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 7	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June	10 June
	WA Day (Public Holiday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance School Council Meeting (2.30 pm) 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly (Yr 4/5)
Week 8	13 June	14 June	15 June	16 June	17 June
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 9 	
Week 9	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June	24 June
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Yr 5/6 Inter School Cross Country (12.30-3.00pm)
Week 10	27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June	1 July
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu Dance P & C Meeting (7.00 pm) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 10 Open Afternoon (3.30 pm) Reports Home 	END OF TERM TWO

Term 3 begins Tuesday 19 July 2016