



BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

Telephone: 9253 4900

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 2021



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Hi Everyone,

A warm welcome back to all our students and staff and I hope everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday even with the challenges of Covid19 etc.

Thank you to all our school community for a wonderfully smooth start to the year even though we have endured lockdown with an extra weeks holiday for students and the wearing of masks. At this stage it is unclear as to whether the wearing of masks will continue next week, however, phase4 of the Covid19 roadmap will continue until further notice.

A reminder to everyone that when dropping off or picking up their child/ren, please do so as promptly as possible (i.e. drop & go and pick up & go) and please ensure appropriate physical distancing of adults is maintained. Please note that parents are not to enter classrooms and anyone wishing to see the teacher at any stage can do so by calling the school office on 9253 4900. Also, please note that playground equipment is not to be used before or after school. Many thanks for your continued support and patience as we continue our journey through these testing times.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially welcome all our new students and families to our school this year and hope you have a very enjoyable stay with us. I would encourage everyone to become actively involved in the school community, as this benefits your children, you and the school as a whole.

Keep safe and well everyone and enjoy your weekend,

**Peter Gates
Principal**



**Protect yourself
and your family**
Cover your cough and sneeze

STAY GERM FREE AND HEALTHY

STAFF - ADMINISTRATION

Principal:..... Mr Peter Gates
Deputy Principal: Mr Robert Croft
Manager Corporate Services: Ms Julie Walker

PHONE NUMBERS

Primary School.....9253 4900
Pre-Primary9253 4917
Kindergarten.....9253 4918

SCHOOL HOURS

School Commences: 8:50am
Recess: 10:30am - 10:50am
Lunch: 12:20am - 1:00pm
School Closes: 3:10pm

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL



Parents are requested to ensure that their child/ren do not arrive at school before **8.30 am**. If for reasons of work etc. your child/ren are required to arrive earlier, written notification is required. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

CLASSES FOR 2021

Kindergarten (A & B)	Ms Jones / Ms Malajczuk
Pre-Primary (PP)	Miss Galambos/Mrs Myles
Year 1	Ms Heywood
Year 1/2	Miss Newberry
Year 2	Mrs Hall
Year 3	Ms Stewart
Year 4	Mrs Phillips / Mr Hatton
Year 5	Miss Raso
Year 6	Miss McFee

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT DETAILS

This information is of great assistance in the event of your child meeting with an accident or becoming ill during the day.

Please notify the school (ASAP) if your address and/or contact details change at any time throughout the school year. (i.e. home, work etc.)

If your child has a medical condition, please complete the Health Care forms which are available at the office.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to those parents who have been prompt in paying the voluntary contribution this year. As approved by the School Board, the voluntary contribution amount is **\$40.00** per student from Kindergarten to Year 6. Parents are encouraged to pay this as soon as possible, as the funds raised are used by the school to support student programs. The P&C also has a voluntary contribution levy of **\$10.00** per family.

Please note: Payment can be made on-line - please see the office for details.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A reminder to all our parents that the school newsletter is sent home with the oldest child (K- 6) each fortnight on a Thursday. It is also posted on the school website and sent home by e-mail. If you do not receive your newsletter, please contact the office on 9253 4900.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

These are usually organised to take place in the first few weeks of first term, however, due to Covid19 restrictions (at this stage) teachers will instead send home their classroom information booklet. Parents can then contact the school to have a parent interview with the teacher if required.

WIDE-BRIMMED HATS - (No Hat No Play Policy)



The wearing of the school uniform wide-brimmed hats in the school grounds is school policy for the whole school year. Children **must** wear school wide-brimmed hats at all times when playing in the grounds. Uniform navy blue wide-brimmed hats are available from the uniform shop.

SWIMMING CLASSES



Classes will be conducted at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre during Term 1 (weeks 8 & 9) for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students.

SCHOOL CROSSING



Our school crossing is monitored by our two wardens (Barry and Laurel) from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.40 pm to 3.40 pm each school day.

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WHEN THE CROSSING IS OPERATING, EVERYONE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE WARDEN BLOWS THE WHISTLE TWICE BEFORE CROSSING. BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS ETC. MUST ALSO BE 'WALKED' ACROSS.

Thank you for your co-operation in this most important matter.

MOBILE PHONES

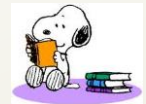


Students **must** have a written note from parents if it is essential to bring mobile phones to school. The phones must be turned off and handed in to the office on arrival at school.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

Our school policy requires all parents and other visitors to the school, during school hours, to first “**sign in**” at the school office before visiting the classroom. This is a safety issue and allows us to keep track of and screen persons entering the school. Parents and visitors are also requested to “**sign out**” at the school office when leaving the school.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Welcome to another year of great reading opportunities for the students at Balcatta Primary School.

The school library will be open on Wednesday and Thursday each week for all classes to visit for borrowing.

A reminder that all students require a waterproof library bag to protect the books travelling to and from school. Waterproof bags are available from the library for \$5.50.

Mrs Keen
School Library Officer.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Welcome back for 2021! It has been great to see everyone & to welcome some new families into our school community. We look forward to another great year at Balcatta Primary School. This year my hours will again be: Tuesdays 8:00am - 3:30pm & Thursdays 8:30am - 4:00pm.



On Tuesday mornings (8:15 - 8:50am) I can be found in the canteen running **Breakfast Club** with some great helpers (we would always love to have more), & at the **School Community Playgroup** (find us on the Playgroups WA website) helping & having fun with all our families that attend on Thursday mornings.

We will notify you when these programmes recommence and the COVID-safe measures required.

At other times I can be found in the Student Activity Centre or in classes around the school. Please contact me through the school office if you need to see or speak to me.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Until the next newsletter,

Larissa McCarthy
Chaplain ☺

PLAYGROUP

Where: Playgroup room
When: Each Thursday during the school terms
Time: 9am – 10.20am
Age: 0 – 4yrs (if not attending Kindy Thursday mornings)



Breakfast Club is served from the canteen in the Undercover area each Tuesday morning between 8.15 – 8.45am. Students must allow enough time to eat and drink then leave before the siren sounds so they are **not late** for class. We have some wonderful volunteer parent helpers & are very thankful that Foodbank WA supports us by donating most of the food that is eaten. Everyone is welcome. **Don't forget to bring your BEST MANNERS with you and say thank you to our wonderful helpers! See you soon!**



P & C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP



The uniform shop is open each **Friday morning** from **8.30am – 9.00am**, during the school term.

Second hand uniforms can be brought to the uniform shop or placed in the P & C box located outside of the school office. EFTPOS available with small charge of up to 2.2%.

SCHOOL BANKING



School banking is held every Friday morning during uniform shop operating times of 8.30 – 9.00. Students are able to deposit their pocket money into their own bank account, whilst watching their money grow, they also get rewarded for their efforts. All students that join school banking, automatically earn the school \$10 each.

LIDS 4 KIDS

Please continue bringing plastic lids as well as bread tags in and depositing into a collection box on top of the P&C box located outside the office. Plastic bottle caps, essentially a non-recyclable waste product, has the ability to be turned into plastic hands, arms and mobility aids. So we are collecting clean plastic bottle lids with recycle codes 2 & 4 only, which are found on milk bottles, soft drinks & water bottles. We are also collecting bread tags, so, please help us, help others by bringing them in!!

FOLLOW US ON www.facebook.com/BalcattaPandC for updates.

E'CO BIN

Our **E'co Bin** (World of Eco "Tri-aid not Aid" fundraising) is located at the front of the school (on Main Street), at the end of the Alford Street carpark. Please pop any unwanted clothing, linen, shoes and bags etc. inside.

E'co bin supports our P&C, so the more you give them, the more they support our school.



If using your mobile app, simply tap the search button and go to

Balcatta Primary School P&C.

To all the new parents and students, we look forward to meeting you all at some stage. We know it's going to be a great and exciting year.

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TERM DATES 2021 (for students)

Term 1	Monday 1 February – Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday 20 April – Friday 2 July
Term 3	Tuesday 20 July – Friday 24 September
Term 4	Tuesday 12 October – Thursday 16 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – 2021

Labour Day -	Monday 1 March
Good Friday -	Friday 2 April
Easter Monday -	Monday 5 April
ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)	Monday 26 April
Western Australia Day	Monday 7 June
Queen's Birthday	Monday 27 September
Christmas Day	Saturday 25 December
Boxing Day	Sunday 26 December

