



BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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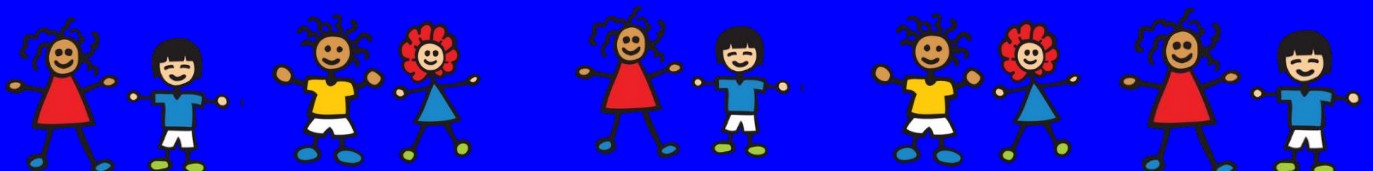
NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 2023



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.

Thank you to all our school community for a wonderfully smooth start to the year. It's nice to see so many smiling faces (mums and dads too) and enthusiastic students looking forward to the school year ahead.

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.

This year the annual NAPLAN testing (i.e. yrs. 3 & 5 for primary schools) will be conducted in term 1 (for the first time) commencing on Wednesday 15 March. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

Please note also that swimming lessons this year will take place in term 2 from 22 May to 2 June inclusive.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Peter Gates
Principal



SCHOOL BOARD

As we welcome all of our students, staff and parents to school, we want you to know that our School Board is committed to working with our community to achieve the best outcomes for our students. It plays a vital role in contributing to good school governance, so that school resources are used effectively and efficiently, and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of our students. We look at student achievements ensuring effectiveness and drive Forever Upward, as a school.

If you have a genuine interest in being part of the decision making for shaping our school, I invite you to contact me directly via my email: cnewport@iinet.net.au to discuss becoming a valued member of our Board.

It's going to be a great school year!

Christel Newport
School Board Chairperson.

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.

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.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

At Balcatta Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that our students have access to the latest technology and digital resources to support their learning. To this end, we are pleased to announce a new initiative aimed at promoting ethical use of information and communication technology (ICT) in our school. As part of this initiative, we are requiring all parents to complete a Microsoft online permission slip. This slip will outline our expectations for the appropriate use of technology in our school and will serve as a clear and concise guide for parents, students and teachers alike.

By completing the online permission slip, parents will be demonstrating their support for our priorities of integrating 21st century digital technology into our school processes. This will also help us to ensure that our students are using technology in a responsible and safe manner.

The Microsoft online permission slip will be emailed to all parents. If you have not updated your email address, please do so with the office and is quick and easy to complete. We encourage all parents to take a few minutes to complete this form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your support and for being a part of the Balcatta Primary School community.

Best regards,

Robert Croft

Deputy Principal (ICT Co-Ordinator)

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

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 2023

Kindergarten (A & B)	Ms Jones / Ms Malajczuk	K
Pre-Primary (PP)	Ms Stewart	P/P
Year 1	Ms Heywood	Rm 11
Year 1/2	Mrs Ceric (Mon,Tues) Mrs Wagner (Wed - Fri)	Rm 9
Year 2	Miss Newberry	Rm 10
Year 3	Mrs Bouhlas	Rm 8
Year 3	Ms Johnston	Rm 4
Year 4	Miss McFee	Rm 5
Year 5	Miss Raso	Rm 3
Year 6	Mrs Stelov	Rm 2

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

These will be organised to take place during the next two weeks of this Term. Your child's classroom teacher will notify you when this meeting will be held. The meetings give the teacher/s an opportunity to outline their programs etc for the year and to discuss various classroom matters and for parents to become more informed about their child's education. I encourage all parents to attend. If for some reason you cannot make it, an alternative time can be organised through the teacher/s.

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.

Please **ensure** that your child's name is printed on the tag on the inside of the hat.

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.

NO SMOKING ZONE



Please remember that Balcatta Primary School is a strictly Smoke Free School (in all forms). Smoking is prohibited in all areas of the school which includes the car park, ovals and grounds. We appreciate your cooperation.

ALLERGY AWARE

Balcatta Primary School is an Allergy Aware school. As some of our students have serious allergies to nuts, please do not send items that contain nuts or nut products to school. Be aware that many foods contain traces of nuts (e.g. Nutella type spreads, muesli bars, biscuits, peanut butter etc.).

Avoid nuts and peanuts in birthday cakes and fundraising food that may be brought to school.

Please alert the school to any allergies that your child/children may have on enrolment so we can implement the appropriate plan to support them.

Your assistance in keeping all of our students safe is appreciated.



SCHOOL CAR PARKING

Parents who pick up or set down children by car are asked to note the following:

- ♦ If using the “**SOUTH**” car park (behind the Pre-primary Centre), enter via Alford Street and then **left** turn exit into Main Street.
- ♦ The verge area along Albert Street near the school oval can also be utilised.
- ♦ Park in Sylvia Street and cross Main Street using the pedestrian crossing attended by our crosswalk wardens.



NOTE: The **staff/visitors** car parks at the front of the school are for use by the staff and visitors **only** and are **NOT** to be used as a “drop off” or “pick up” area for students, particularly the car park outside the library.

Thank you for your anticipated support, which can only enhance the **safety** of our students.

SCHOOL CROSSING



Our school crossing is monitored by our two wardens (Laurel and George) 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.

BATTERY RETRIEVAL PROJECT



Please help the environment by bringing in your old batteries & placing in our **RED** battery collection bin located in the office foyer. This is a simple and convenient way to manage the accumulation of these used items.



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.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Dog droppings in the school grounds are a problem for staff and students. It would be appreciated if all users of the park and oval area took into consideration the needs of Balcatta Primary School's students and for this message to be echoed throughout the local community.

For the health and safety of our students we request that dogs not be brought onto school property at all during school hours and that out of hours they are on a lead.



P & C NEWS

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PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

Our first meeting for 2023 will be held on Friday 24 February in the library starting at 9.00am. Please come along to just listen or have a say in planning for 2023.

You are welcome to bring smaller children with you as there are many toys to occupy them. Please come along and show support.

Keep up to date with what's happening in school on our Facebook page & Parents Community Chat.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are accepting online orders and items will be delivered to the students class. Email your order with your childs name, room number and picture of their bag to:



balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com.

SMS Shoshie (430 216 620) or email for appointments to try uniforms on at school.

Payments can be directly paid in to following CBA account:

Balcatta PS Uniforms 066140 10483583

EFTPOS is available with small charge of up to 2.2%.

Follow us on **www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC** for updates.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is held in the undercover area each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome to come along between 8.15 – 8.45am for fruit, smoothies & toasties. Volunteers would be appreciated.



Shoshie Lam (Co-Ordinator)

THANKYOU to Will from Woollies, Roselea for donating, fruit, butter and cheese for our Breakfast Club as required. Much appreciated as always!!

PLAYGROUP OPPORTUNITY

There is a playgroup room at the school with many toys that could serve as an excellent venue for parents of babies and pre-schoolers. All we require is a minimum of 3 families and we can register with Playgroup WA. Two sessions can be organised on a day that suits a group. Please email School Chaplain: **shoshana.lam@youthcare.org.au** if interested.



FREEZE FRIDAYS



Freeze Fridays have recommenced, every Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half (Kindy & PP) or \$1 for a whole icy pole.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The bin is located outside our uniform shop and should be unlocked so that you can pour all your containers in at once. If locked please leave near the bin. Our school receives 8c per container.



TERM DATES 2023 (for students)

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 6 April
Term 2	Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
Term 3	Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October – Thursday 14 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS – 2023

Labour Day	Monday 6 March
Good Friday	Friday 7 April
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25 April
Western Australia Day.....	Monday 5 June
King's Birthday	Monday 25 September
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December

