



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Our Kindy students enjoying the start of their Primary Education

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hi Everyone

Election of our student leaders (i.e. councillors, faction captains and vice captains) has now been completed. Congratulations to: Tanika Binu, Tiffany Newport and Dhairya Patel for being elected as our student councillors for this year. I am sure they will be very fine ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to their leadership throughout the year. Congratulations also to the elected faction captains and vice captains (please see names below) and wish them well in leading their faction throughout the year. All our student leaders will be receiving their badges at our next assembly.

Just a reminder regarding safety; all children who cross Main Street in order to get to or from school must do so under the directions of the crosswalk attendants (George & Laurel). **The riding of bikes, skateboards or scooters on school grounds is not allowed.**

Enjoy your weekend

Peter Gates
Principal

STUDENT LEADERS 2023

Student Councillors – Tanika Binu, Tiffany Newport and Dhairya Patel

FACTIONS	HUTT	WALTERS	ODIN
Captain	Vihaan Thakar	Soraya Scoringe	Rodney Parfitt Jnr
Vice-Captain	Kayla M'Intyre	Gotan Lam	Rudra Kamble

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 10 March, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 4 class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy

As mentioned in our last newsletter the annual NAPLAN testing will be held in Term 1 this year. Students will be tested in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. 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 15 March to 27 March inclusive. A parent information pamphlet about NAPLAN has been sent home with today's newsletter.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



A reminder that **Monday, 6 March** is a public holiday (Labour Day).

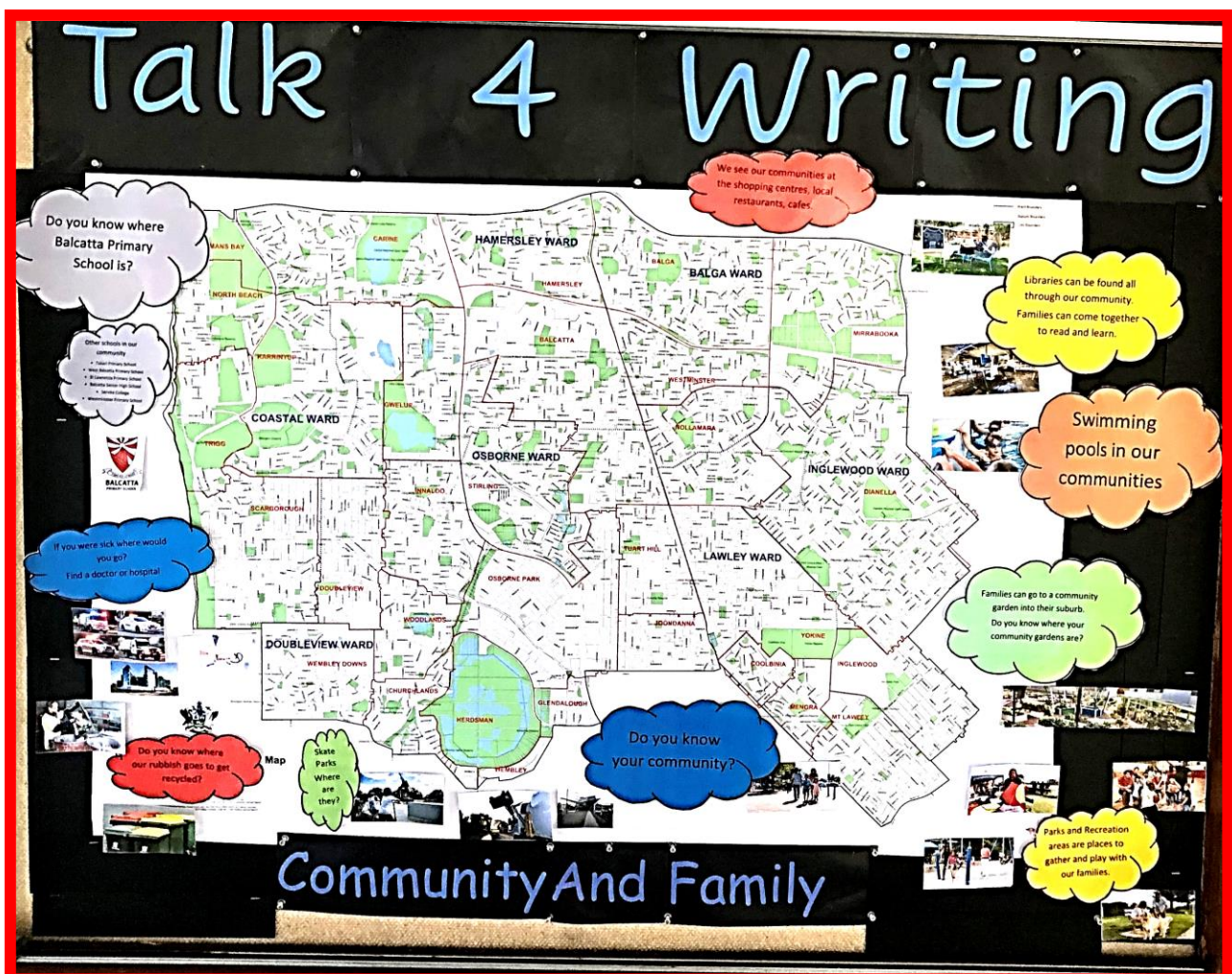
UP-DATE E-MAIL DETAILS

We have been experiencing some problems with families e-mail addresses being returned. Could parents/carers please ensure that any changes are made known to the office as soon as possible.



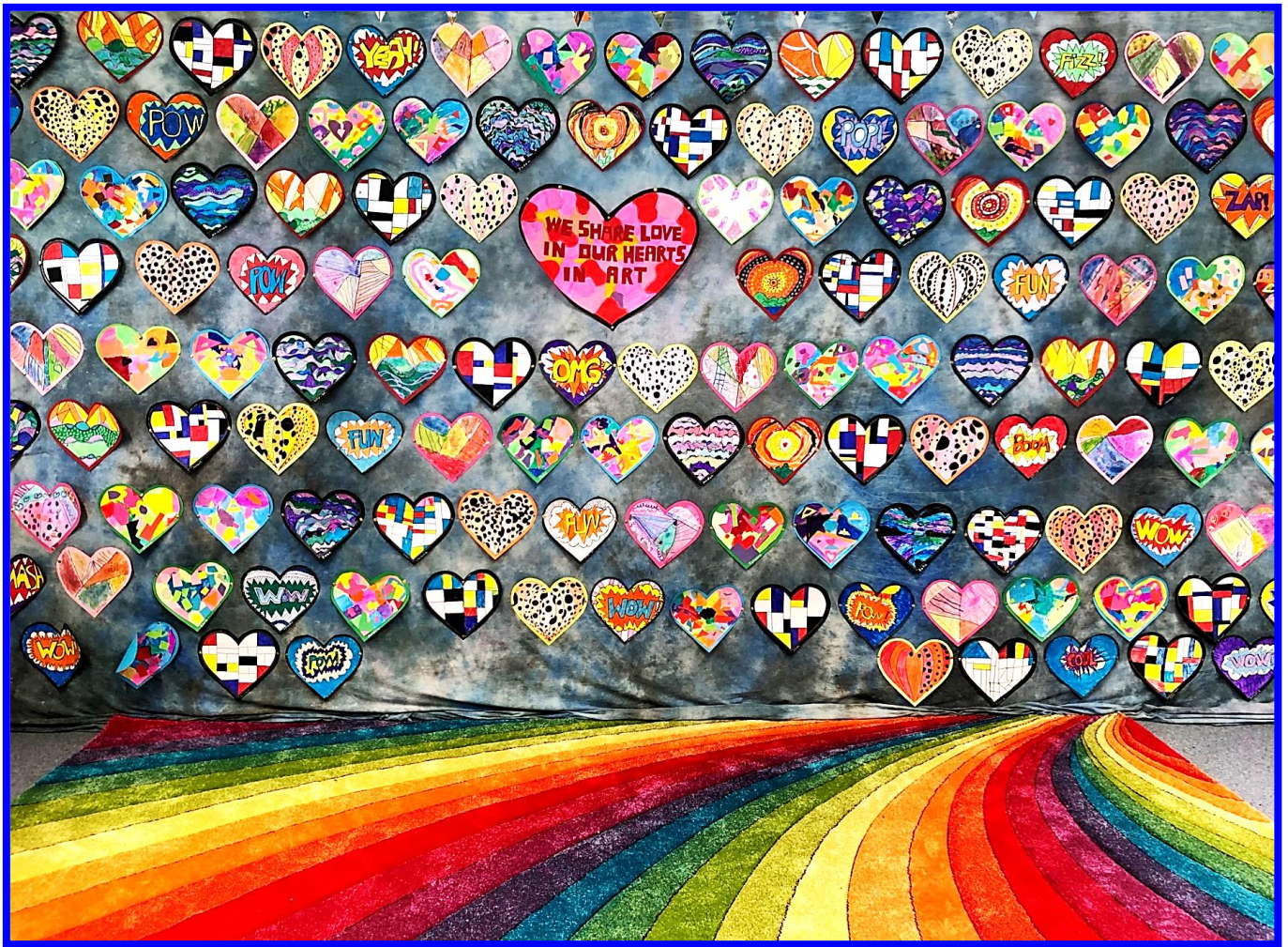
HARMONY DAY (24 March) is coming up in a few weeks' time. In preparation for this celebration we ask you to discuss with

your children your cultural background and what it means to you and them. More details about this event will follow.

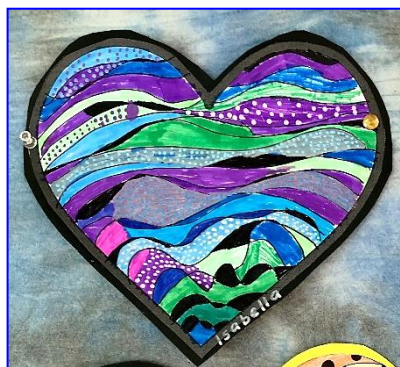


Our latest Talk 4 Writing theme is 'Community and Family'.

Lots of ideas can be seen in our display cabinet on the verandah outside the office .



Look at our glorious new rug we recently acquired in our art room.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



It's great to be back at school to start a new year. I'm very grateful to be given the opportunity to support staff, students and families within the school.

The Activity Centre will be open at lunch time for students on Tuesdays and Thursdays (my work days) where children can enjoy various activities including board games, craft etc.

I look forward to catching up with everybody throughout the term.

Shoshana Lam
(Chaplain)

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)

P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC



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. E-mail your order with your child's 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.

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

At Balcatta PS we are always looking for ways to teach the students sustainable living habits. Whatever we put in our **Container for Change Bin** (located near the uniform shop) earns our school 8c per container. 2c for emptying and transport.

NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Wine bottlers
- Spirits bottles
- Milk bottles
- Cordials



ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Aluminium, steel, (HDPE/PE), glass, liquid paperboard
- From 150millilitres to litres
- Purchased in WA



TOP RECYCLING TIPS

- Please place recyclables loose in your recycling bin to avoid sending them to landfill
- Do not use plastic bin liners in the yellow top bin
- Remove lids from all jars, bottles & containers
- Rinse all jars, bottles & containers to reduce contamination levels
- Flatten cardboard & squash cans and plastic

Crunch&Sip®

Tips to increase vegie intake for Crunch&Sip® breaks

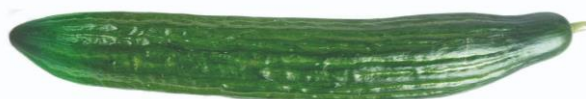
- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Try sweeter vegetables like red capsicum or cherry tomatoes
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Keep vegetables fresh at school by storing in thermos containers
- Use a variety of vegetable colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home
- Children will follow your lead (eventually!) – make sure you show them how much you enjoy eating vegetables



Crunch&Sip®

Did you know...

The longest cucumber ever grown measured 107 cm – that's the same height as the average 5 year old! Cucumbers make a refreshing snack for Crunch&Sip®. Mini cucumbers are the perfect size for kids or slice a larger cucumber into sticks.



TERM 1 - TIMETABLE 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February	3 February
	Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day			• Admin Assembly (P-6)
Week 2	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February	10 February
				• Newsletter 1	
Week 3	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February	17 February
		Parent/Teacher meetings – weeks 3 – 6 – 2.30pm			
Week 4	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February	24 February
				• Newsletter 2	• P & C Mtg 9am Library
Week 5	27 February	28 February	1 March	2 March	3 March
Week 6	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March
	Labour Day			• Newsletter 3	• Assembly (Yr. 4)
Week 7	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March
			(NAPLAN) – Yrs. 3 & 5		
Week 8	20 March	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March
	• Young Leaders Day (NAPLAN)				• Harmony Day Assembly
Week 9	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March
					• School Board Mtg 9am
Week 10	3 April	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April
				• Newsletter 5	Good Friday

Term 2 begins Wednesday 26 April 2023

