



# BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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# Young Leaders Day 2023

Perth Convention Centre

Monday 20 March



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## PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Our student leaders attended the Young Leaders Day at the Perth Convention Centre on Monday March 20 and had a wonderful time mixing with students from around the state and listening to a variety of inspirational speakers who addressed the children, with the objective of inspiring them to make a positive contribution to their school and also of motivating them to become great leaders in their area of influence.

Many thanks to Mrs Wagner and Mr Hatton for their assistance on the day.

Just a reminder that our staff car parks (Main Street) are **not** to be used for "dropping off" or "picking up" students. Please use the parents' drive-through at the southern end of the school (behind the Pre-Primary Centre) or you may park in Sylvia Street and cross Main Street using the pedestrian crossing attended by our crosswalk wardens.

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

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

**Peter Gates**  
**Principal**

## HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow, **Friday 24 March** we will be celebrating Harmony Day. We ask that all students wear something **orange** to school on this day to signify unity and harmony. Alternatively, students are welcome to wear traditional dress. We encourage all parents to come along and demonstrate our unity as a community.



## 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 now be made on-line. Please see the office for details.

## ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



Please note that we will be holding our ANZAC Day ceremony on Thursday 6 April, 2023 at 2.30pm in the undercover assembly area. All are welcome to attend this very heartfelt occasion.



## Merit Awards



Congratulations to these students



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# LIBRARY



Late last year I was given the amazing task of selecting books for the Balcatta Primary School library through Dymocks Children's Charities. This opportunity had come about as the fantastic P&C at Balcatta Primary School had donated funds to Dymocks Library Boost Project. These funds were donated to a disadvantaged school for the purchase of books and literacy programs and in return Dymocks rewarded Balcatta PS with a choice of books to the same value. What a 'win-win' situation for both schools.

All the books selected for Balcatta PS arrived early Term 1, 2023 and are now catalogued and in circulation for the students to borrow. The books can be recognised by the Dymocks Children's Charities blue sticker on the cover page of each book.

Many thanks to the P&C of 2022 for fundraising and supporting this great charity.

**Mrs Keen**  
**School Library Officer**





## VISITOR & COMMUNICATION POLICIES

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you and your families are enjoying the school year.

I would like to discuss some important updates regarding our school's visitor and parent communication policies. These updates are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community members.

First and foremost, we kindly ask that all visitors to our school site sign in and out at the front office. This approach is outlined in our school parent handbook and allows us to maintain accurate records and helps us to ensure the security of our school community. By knowing who is on the school site at all times, we can better protect our students and staff.

Secondly, if you are taking or dropping off your child during the school day, please sign in or out at the front office and receive a slip to give to your child's teacher. This process helps us keep track of student attendance and ensures that we know which students are on campus at any given time. Your cooperation in following this procedure is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, we understand that there may be times when you wish to speak with your child's teacher during the school day. To facilitate this, we ask that you either make an appointment through the front office or use the Seesaw app to schedule a meeting. This approach allows our teachers to focus on their primary responsibility, which is providing a high-quality education to our students, while still making themselves available for parent communication.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the front office.

Warm regards,

**Robert Croft**  
**Deputy Principal**

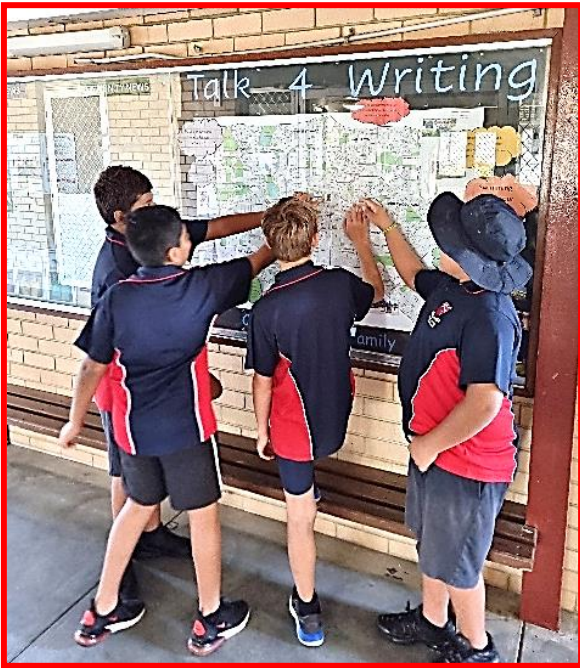


Please note, that the only food to be provided by parents for birthdays etc. are commercially produced cupcakes i.e. from Woolworths or Coles that are fully sealed.





## FAMILY & CONNECTION



As we embark on a new semester, we are thrilled to witness our students exploring our Talk4Writing theme for this term: "Family and Connection" and how it shapes our lives in countless ways.

From our youngest learners to our eldest scholars, our students are delving into the intricacies of family and connection and discovering how it builds relationships across the curriculum. Our curriculum is designed to help students develop strong connections and healthy relationships that they can rely on throughout their lives.

We are delighted to see the creativity and thoughtfulness of our students as they explore this theme. From family trees to personal narratives, our students are learning to express themselves and their connections to others with warmth and depth. They are discovering that family and connection are not just about blood relations, but also about chosen families, communities and support systems.

As we observe our students, we cannot help but ask ourselves a few questions:

What does family mean to us? How do we build and maintain healthy relationships? What challenges do we face in staying connected with others?

We believe that by exploring these questions and more, our students will develop the skills and understanding needed to foster meaningful connections and strong relationships. Not only does this build their social-emotional skills, but it also helps them become better communicators and problem-solvers.

We are excited to see how our students will continue to grow and thrive as they explore family and connection throughout this semester. Stay tuned for more updates on their progress!!

**Robert Croft**  
**Deputy Principal**

### BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is held in the undercover area each Tuesday morning 8.15 – 8.45am.

Next week (week 9) we will be serving pancakes and muffins. It will be our last breakfast club for the term – (no breakfast club in week 10).

**Shoshie Lam (Co-Ordinator)**





**FREEZE FRIDAYS**

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

**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](mailto: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 BSB 066140 A/C 10483583**

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

Follow us on **[www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC](https://www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC)** for updates.

**KINDY & P/P WELCOME AFTERNOON**

The P&C have organised for **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** a get together immediately after school to 4.30pm for all Kindy and Pre-Primary families to have a play and afternoon tea.

Details will be on Seesaw.

**Easter Raffle**

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=3pwxcd>

Tickets can be purchased online or cash sales from the student councillors before school from Tuesday 28 March.

This QR code can be used as a link to the form to



purchase raffle tickets.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Chocolate Hamper**

**Tickets: \$2** 2 prizes \$50+, 3 prizes of \$30 worth of easter chocolates.

**Drawn: Tuesday 4 April**

**Sponsors: City of Stirling / Woolworths Balcatta**





## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

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| Friday 24 | • Assembly (Harmony Day)  |
| Friday 31 | • School Board Mtg. (9am) |

### APRIL

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| Tuesday 4        | • Easter Raffle drawn  |
| Thursday 6 April | • ANZAC Day Ceremony (2.30pm)<br>• Newsletter (5)<br>• Final day of Term 1 |
| Friday 7 April   | • Good Friday (public holiday)   |

**Term 2 begins Wednesday 26 April 2023** (for students)



*Have a nice  
Weekend!*