



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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HARMONY DAY



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Our Harmony Day celebration held on Friday March 24 was a wonderful occasion where all students wore something orange (Harmony Day colour) to signify unity & harmony. It was great to see the students recognising their cultural backgrounds and being proud to 'shout' that out. All students also enjoyed an 'orange' icy pole. A very big thank you to everyone (staff, students and parents) for their help and support in ensuring a very successful Harmony Day celebration. Special thanks to Nicole Murphy for coordinating the whole event – ably assisted by Anthea Bouhlas and Josie Moschilla, our student leaders and staff – much appreciated.

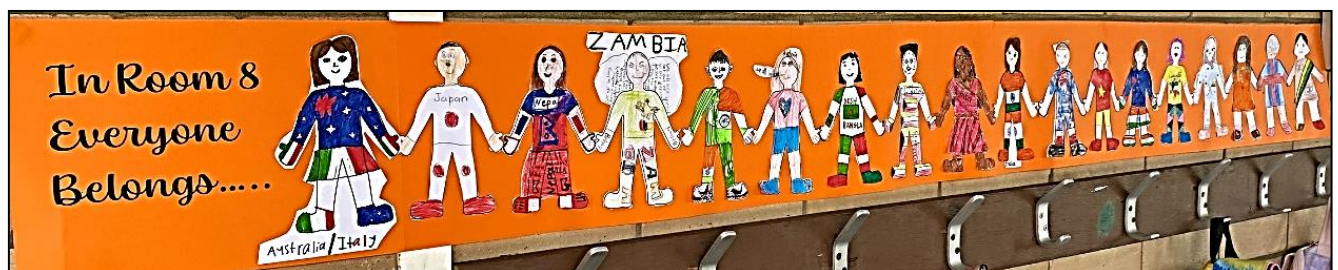
It is of interest to note that our school has students with cultural backgrounds from approximately 44 countries from around the world.

Next term our students will, once again, be involved in Edu Dance (commencing Monday May1) and our annual swimming lessons (P-6) at the Terry Tyzack Leisure Centre, commencing Monday May 22 and concluding Friday June 2 (2 weeks). More information to follow next term.

As this is our last newsletter for the term, my very best wishes go to all our students and staff for a very safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to returning bright and fresh next term (Wednesday April 26).

A very happy Easter to you all

Peter Gates
Principal



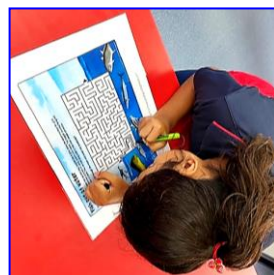
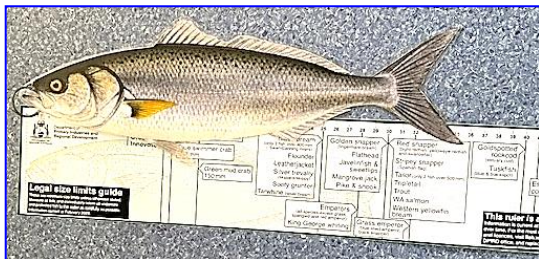
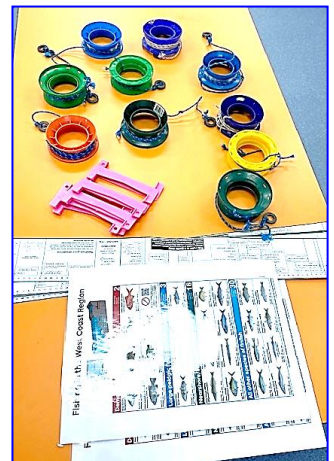
YEAR 3's GO FISHING IN THE SCIENCE ROOM



On Monday 3rd April, our Year 3 students participated in a hands-on workshop facilitated by Mrs Bate and The Department of Fisheries. The students learnt all about sustainable fishing and how to maintain a healthy fishery. They learnt why we need to measure our catch and how scientists determine what size is acceptable to keep our fish species reproducing. The students enthusiastically explored sea artefacts, measured fish and even had a go at determining the age of fish by looking at fish ear bones. Many questions were asked and answered.

Thank you Mrs Bate for bringing Fisheries to Balcatta PS and educating our students on sustainability.

Mrs Anthea Bouhlas
Yr 3 Teacher



KINDY & P/P WELCOME AFTERNOON

Thanks to our P & C for organising a successful get together for all Kindy & Pre-Primary families after school last Thursday. Thank you to all families that brought food to share and mingle. Thanks also to Mr Croft for supplying the music.



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Term 1 has been great! We have had our Breakfast Club grow to about 40 children on Tuesday mornings with many thanks to our volunteers Kathy, Arpana and Paul. Breakfast Club will run every Tuesday from **Week 2 - Week 9** of school terms. Pancakes are planned for Week 2 and Week 9. I try to put notices on Facebook, so follow our Balcatta Primary School P & C page.



Here are some pictures of our seniors enjoying our new bean bags in the Activity Centre. It's open for seniors on Tuesdays and for juniors on Thursdays at lunchtime. Children have been enjoying snacks, musical chairs, games and craft.

Looking forward to Term 2.

Shoshana Lam
(Chaplain)



P & C NEWS

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EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to our loyal sponsors **Woolworths Roselea** and **The City of Stirling** for generously sponsoring our Easter Raffle. Thank you to our P&C for putting it altogether and many thanks to our student leaders for selling tickets and announcing winners. Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to our school community, for generously supporting our raffle. 



Major Prize Chocolate Ha... [Prize Info](#) (RRP: \$55)

Ticket **154** Winner **Diana Dela Cueva**

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Ticket **201** Winner **Gina Gill**

Chocolate Hamper [Prize Info](#) (RRP: \$30)

Ticket **243** Winner **Greg Rimmer**

Chocolate Hamper [Prize Info](#) (RRP: \$30)

Ticket **319** Winner **Eric Heydon**

Chocolate Hamper [Prize Info](#) (RRP: \$30)

Ticket **190** Winner **Foram Thakar**

74

TRANSACTIONS

\$734.00

AMOUNT RAISED

367

TICKETS SOLD

50

SUBSCRIBERS

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will still be sold online with our shop opened by appointment. We are still organising our transition to another uniform provider. Apologies that our new jackets will not be in stock for sizes 4, 6 and 8 until further notice.



BATTERY RETRIEVAL PROJECT

Please help **OUR environment** by bringing in your old batteries & placing them in our **RED** battery collection bin located in the office foyer.

WHAT BATTERIES ARE COLLECTED?

Dry cell batteries include AA, AAA (single use or rechargeable), C, D, button batteries, 9V, 6 & cordless power tools.



HEALTHY CHOCOLATE & COCONUT BALLS

SCHOOL
HOLIDAY SNACK
IDEAS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups medjool dates, seeds removed
- 1 cup almonds
- 1 cup hazelnuts
- 1/3 cup cacao
- 1 cup desiccated coconut



INSTRUCTIONS

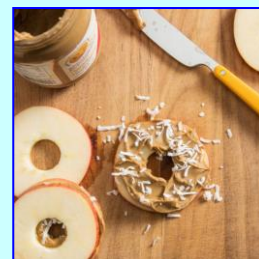
1. Add dates & nuts into a food processor, Process on high speed for 20 seconds.
2. Scrape down sides of bowl and add in cacao & coconut, process on full speed for 40-60 seconds or until mixture combines together (this may take a little while, Keep blending until it happens).
3. Roll into bite sized balls.
4. Store in the fridge for up to 1 week.

NOTES: These balls can be frozen and won't take too long to defrost.

EASY APPLE BITES

INGREDIENTS

- 2-4 tbsp nut or seed butter
- 1 apple (any kind you like), cored and sliced into rounds
- 2 tsp sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, and/or shredded coconut



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Spread the nut butter on half the apple slices. Sprinkle with the seeds and/or coconut.
2. Top with the remaining apple halves and eat right away.

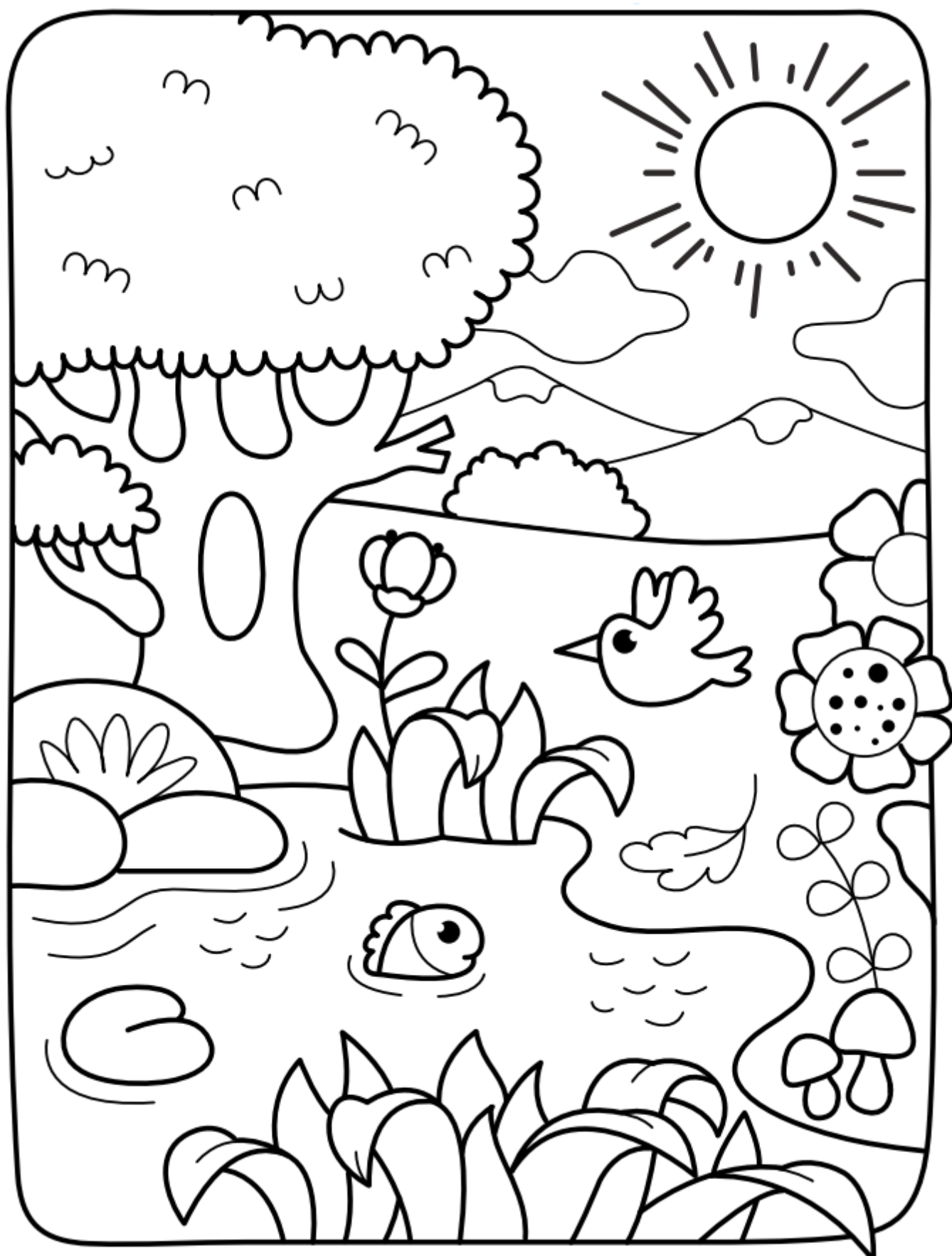
NOTES: 3 more ways to turn apple slices into a special snack:

- Layer with cheddar cheese.
- Dip into yogurt and then granola.
- Sprinkle with ground cinnamon.

Term 2 begins
Wednesday 26 April 2023 (for students)

| APRIL | | |
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| Monday | 24 | • Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday | 25 | • Public Holiday (ANZAC Day) |
| Wednesday | 26 | • School recommences |

HOLIDAY COLOURING ACTIVITY





and

**ENJOY THE
HOLIDAYS**