



# BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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# ANZAC DAY



*Lest We Forget*



## PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

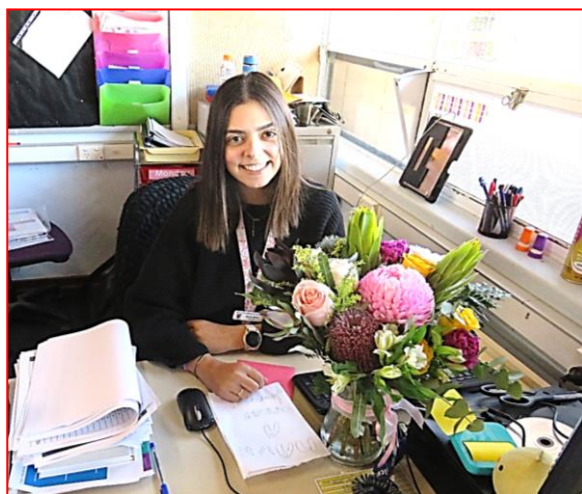
Many thanks to everyone who participated in our ANZAC ceremony held on Thursday 6 April. Special thank you to Mrs Murphy and the Year 6 student leaders for their hard work organising and conducting the service.

With the wet weather and winter fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of taking care on the road, particularly when approaching student crosswalks. I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of travelling at 40 kilometres an hour when driving in school zones with due attention when dropping off and picking up students from the *student drop off and pick up area*.

As you would be aware we farewelled Robert Croft and Alicia Raso last week as they moved into new positions within their careers.

Robert has been appointed Principal of Quinns Rocks Primary School and Alicia to a teaching position at Trinity College.

We thank them for their outstanding contributions in all facets of school life and we wish them well in their new ventures. We will miss them.



With Robert and Alicia 'moving on' we extend a warm welcome to Heather Shaw (Year 3 – Room 8), Gad Rasmussen (Year 5 – Room 3) and Caroline Bate (Pre Primary Support Teacher) to our school. Please note also, that Anthea Bouhla is now Acting Deputy Principal.

Best wishes to all Mums for a very special and enjoyable Mother's Day coming up on Sunday 14 May.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

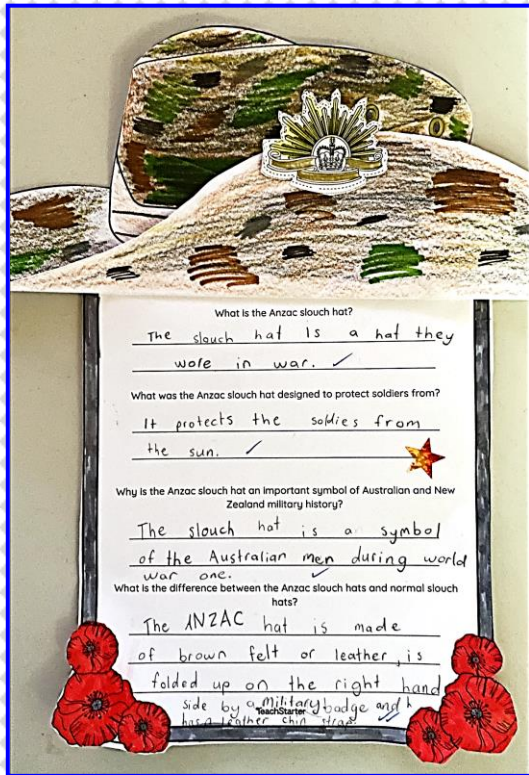
**Peter Gates**  
**Principal**



# ANZAC DAY

## Slouch Hat

The Australian slouch hat was first worn in 1885. Slouch hats were made from rabbit fur felt, because it was a cheap material which was easily available during the First World War. Slouch hats have been worn by Australian soldiers all around the world. They symbolise the Australian digger and the values they serve by – courage and honour.



## PHYS ED/SPORT

### RUN CLUB

This term we will be starting our Run Club to help students build their fitness in preparation for our Cross-Country running events for years 4 to 6, later this term. Run Club will commence this Friday and continue each Wednesday & Friday morning this term (unless raining).



All students, regardless of fitness, from years 4 – 6 are encouraged to arrive at school at 8.20am to run a few laps together. Training will conclude at 8.40am for students to go to class.

### It's Walk to School Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Students are encouraged to walk to school and will receive a special tattoo or sticker from their teacher. This day encourages parents to regularly walk to school with their children. It promotes healthy habits and develops road safety skills. Children up to the age of 10 should hold an adults hand when crossing the road. Walking to school helps reduce road traffic and air pollution created by vehicles.

Thank you for your support.



**Mrs.Kylee.Saunders.**  
**Phys.Ed. Teacher**



## LIBRARY



Dear Parents and Students,

You will notice that the Book Club brochure for Issue 3 has returned to the previous user-friendly format in the smaller size. The images are clear, colourful and eye catching to the reader. There are books for all interests and abilities with latest releases available and 40% of the products being priced at \$10 or under – so something for everyone.

Orders and cash payments for Issue 3 are due to school via the red posting box in the front office no later **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May**. OR you may pay and order online via Scholastic's LOOP . See page 31 of the brochure for instructions.

Happy Reading

**Mrs Keen**  
Library

## FREE RATs TEST KITS

Free RATs test kits are available for our school families at the front office.

Each student is eligible for 10, however, these must be collected by a parent/carer.



## LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(From the Student Councillors)

**Joke:** Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?

**Answer:** Because her students were so bright.

### Students News & Views

Hi super students - we hope you have been doing well.

This week on Monday our Edu Dance has started. We look forward to seeing your performances.

On another note, senior sport is 'up & running' for years 4,5 and 6.

The P & C will be 'running' a Mother's Day stall next Thursday morning (May 11) and are selling gifts, so bring along your pocket money.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday May 12, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 1/2 (room 9) class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend.

# Premiers Reading Challenge



We are delighted to be participating in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. With several students receiving certificates last year we hope many more will qualify this year.

Commencing Monday May 8, each week students who log their reading achievements will be eligible to win a prize. The weekly prize could be an experience, a fun day out or a mystery technology prize.

There are two weekly prize draws which are divided into the following age categories:

Kindergarten to Year 4

Year 5 to Year 10

The weekly prizes celebrate the students efforts in the challenge and provide encouragement to continue to improve their literacy skill as well as their enjoyment of reading.

Students who win the weekly draw will receive a prize.

**The 2023 prizes include:**

- **A zip-line experience from the Matagarup Bridge**
- **Wireless headphones**
- **Book packs**
- **A Perth Zoo pass**
- **Cinema vouchers**
- **A Kindle**
- **A Caversham Wildlife Park family pass**
- **A mystery device**

Sign up your children on the website to begin their magical journey.

Students - Premier's Reading Challenge  
([premierreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au](https://premierreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au))

**Mrs Bouhlas**  
**Dep.Principal**



## 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.

## P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC](http://www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC)



### PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

Our next meeting will be held in **week 4, Friday May 19** in the Library from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Please join us to just listen, lend a hand or voice ideas on how to improve our school. 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, like us and follow us. [www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC](http://www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC)

### UNIFORMS [balcattaps\\_pandc@hotmail.com](mailto:balcattaps_pandc@hotmail.com)



Uniforms will still be sold online with our shop opened by appointment. Payments may be paid directly into the following CBA account:  
**Balcatta PS Uniforms 066140 10483583**

Apologies - there will be at least 8 weeks till we receive more 4,6 and 8 sized jackets. Please hand into office any second-hand jackets you no longer require, and they can be redistributed for free to those in need.

In the meantime plain navy jackets or jumpers can be used.



### MOTHERS' DAY STALL – Thursday May 11.

We will be holding a Mother's Day Stall in the undercover assembly area next Thursday morning (May 11) for students to purchase something special for their mums.

Gifts will be priced from \$1 - \$5, so please remember to send students to school with cash. All proceeds will be going to the P&C.



## BATTERY RETRIEVAL PROJECT



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



## TERM 2 - CALENDAR 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	24 April	25 April	26 April	27 April	28 April
	Pupil Free Day	ANZAC Day			
Week 2	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May
	• Edu-Dance			• Newsletter 6	
Week 3	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May
	• Edu-Dance • Premieres Rg. Challenge				• Assembly (Yr. 1-2 class)
Week 4	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May	19 May
	• Edu-Dance			• Newsletter 7	• Walk Safely to School Day • Bluback Inc. • P & C Mtg 2-3pm- Library
Week 5	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May	26 May
	Swimming lessons begin  • Edu-Dance				
Week 6	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June	2 June
	• Edu-Dance			• Newsletter 8	Swimming lessons conclude 
Week 7	5 June	6 June	7 June	8 June	9 June
	WA Day	• Edu Dance			• Winter Carnival (pm) Yrs. 4-6
Week 8	12 June	13 June	14 June	15 June	16 June
	• Edu-Dance			• Newsletter 9	• Assembly (Yr. 1, Rm 11)
Week 9	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June	23 June
	• Edu-Dance				• I/School Cross Country (pm) Yrs. 4-6
Week 10	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June
	• Edu-Dance Performance (Parents invited)			• Newsletter 10 • Reports home	• Free dress day • End of term

**Term 3 begins Tuesday 18 July 2023 (for students)**



