

BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Throughout the metropolitan area over the past 12 months there have been various attempts to abduct children travelling to and from school. It is a timely reminder to us all to talk through and re-enforce the following safety messages with students. **Whenever possible, walk with a friend or in a group. Never take short-cuts through isolated areas. Always be aware of one's surroundings. If possible, walk facing the on-coming traffic. Never get too close to cars that stop nearby. Always report any *stranger danger* concerns.**

Staff reinforce the above messages throughout the year and parents are encouraged to talk to their children about the importance of these messages. By using common-sense we can all work together to keep our children safe.

Our annual swimming lessons will be starting next Monday May 22 and continuing for a fortnight finishing on Friday June 2. Many thanks to everyone who have completed the necessary forms etc. and paid the swimming cost of \$50. Just a reminder that the lessons will be held indoors at the Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre, Inglewood. If you have any queries whatsoever, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Murphy (Deputy Principal and swimming co-ordinator).

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many students as possible walking to school tomorrow (Walk Safely to School Day). Students will receive a sticker from our student leaders upon arrival and a special tattoo from their teacher.

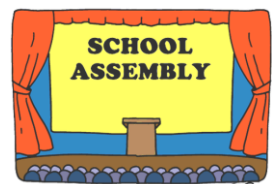
Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Peter Gates
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Friday June 16, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 1 class (Rm 11) performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends, and community members are very welcome to attend.



Last Friday our year 1/2 (rm 9) class performed a colourful & delightful assembly item based on the theme of Autumn.



MERIT AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS!!



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It's Walk Safely to School Day Tomorrow (Friday 19th May).

Students are encouraged to walk to school.

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.



So Balcatta students, let's get active. It should be a fun event!!

LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(From the Student Councillors)

Joke: What do you call a noodle that is fake?

Answer: An 'im-pasta'

Students News & Views

Hi Balcatta students. How have you been doing? We hope you have been doing well. We have some great news! Due to money raised from the Mother's Day stall we are hoping to have our handball courts etc. upgraded.

On another note, next week we have our swimming lessons. For those who still have not paid, can you please do so A.S.A.P.

Tomorrow we will also be having our Blueback incursion and Walk Safely to School Day, so we encourage as many as possible to walk to school.

Quote of The Week

"None of us are smarter than all of us"



National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on **May 26** each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families & communities.



PAYMENTS Thank you to all who have paid so promptly for Edu-Dance, swimming and incursions. Much appreciated.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

(NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

By facilitating NSS we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy,
- promote the value and fun of books,
- promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- promote story time activities in libraries and communities around the country,
- and provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

The 'Speedy Sloth' is the official story chosen for National Simultaneous Storytime 2023.



"It was finally time for the event of the year, Spike couldn't believe it – The Great Race was here! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run!"
From creators Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie, comes this inspiring story to celebrate all winners ... especially those who don't come first.

As we won't be listening to it all together this year, students at Balcatta Primary School will hear the reading sometime on Wednesday May 24 as teachers will schedule it around swimming lessons on the day.

Mrs Keen
Library

LOST & FOUND

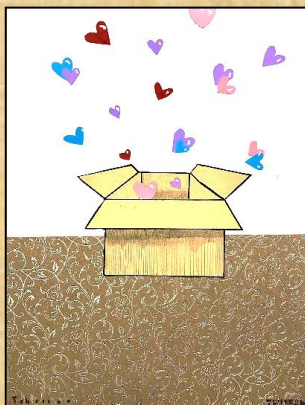
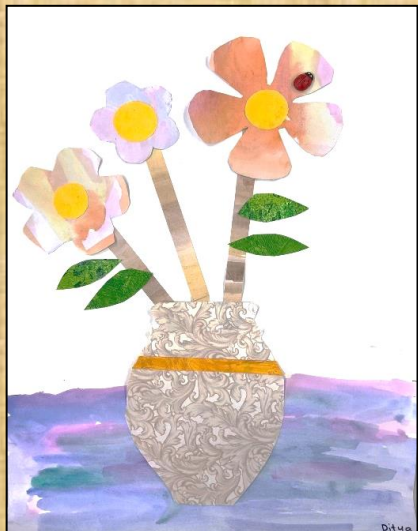
We have a number of drink bottles that have remained unclaimed in the office.

If you have lost one, please collect as soon as possible.

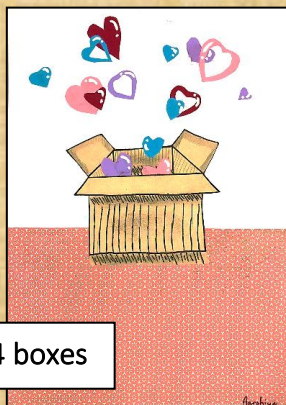




Year 2 collage



Year 4 boxes



Year 3



MOTHERS DAY ART



Year 1



PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

Our next meeting will be held tomorrow, **(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.



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We have now entered a contract with Eclipse Universal Uniform suppliers in Malaga. It will still be about 6 weeks until we can have access to their shop with the new stock. The only jackets currently in stock are size 2, 12 and 14. Size 12 polos are also currently unavailable. Bag deliveries will continue for the time being with uniforms sold online and our shop opened by appointment. Payments may be paid directly into the following CBA account: **Balcatta PS Uniforms 066140 10483583**



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

This was certainly a great success. Thank you to our P&C helpers & student leaders for organising and selling gifts last week. It was wonderful to see all the student leaders directing and helping out all the students select gifts for their Mums. We are happy no-one missed out this time. Our profit was \$635.73. Many thanks to **Kmart** for donating a \$30 voucher and to parents who helped create wonderful items for the stall.



THE P & C BOX is located outside the uniform shop.

If families wish to donate their containers to school, please drop them in our bin any time before or after school.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Congratulations school community!! our bin was emptied recently, and we earned **\$46.90**. A total of 471 containers were handed in, with only 2 being unacceptable. Keep up the great work!!

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Aluminium, steel, (HDPE/PE), glass, liquid paperboard
- From 150millilitres to litres
- Purchased in WA
- Our bin is located in the alcove next to the uniform shop.



Keep up to date with what's happening in school on our Facebook page, like us and follow us. www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Friday	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk Safely to School Day Blueback incursion P & C Mtg. Library (2-3pm)
Monday	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu-Dance Swimming lessons begin
Wednesday	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Simultaneous Story Time
Friday	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Sorry Day
Monday	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu-Dance

JUNE

Thursday	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 8
Friday	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming lessons conclude
Monday	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA Day – Public Holiday
Tuesday	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edu-Dance
Friday	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter carnival (Yrs.4-6)- pm

