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NEWSLETTER

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EDU-DANCE



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello everyone,

Our Edu-Dance concert held last Monday afternoon was a wonderful occasion with our students' (P-6) performing beautifully. The excitement and energy of the students' routines was fantastic. Many thanks to Chantel Stewart who did a great job co-ordinating this event and to everyone else (i.e. parents, students and staff) for their support.

After the Edu-Dance concert we held the Open Afternoon with classrooms open for parents to visit and peruse their child's work etc. and see the wonderful work on display. We finished the day with a complimentary Sausage Sizzle etc. Many thanks for everyone's support.

Semester one reports are going home today and it has been very pleasing to see the progress that many of our students have made this year. The partnership between the school and home is very important in every student's education and I would like to thank all of our parents for their support and encouragement of their child's work. I would also encourage parents to meet with their child's teacher/s early next term to discuss their child's report and progress generally so far this year. More information regarding these meetings will follow on the first day back next term (Tuesday 18 July).

Finally, with term one ending, my very best wishes go to all our students and staff for a very safe and happy holiday. We look forward to returning bright and fresh next term (Tuesday July 18).

Keep safe and well.



Peter Gates
Principal

2024 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED ON-LINE.

In Western Australia, children can begin their education in kindergarten, however, compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-Primary.

KINDERGARTEN **4 years old by 30 June 2024** - born 1/7/2019 to 30/6/2020

PRE-PRIMARY **5 years old by 30 June 2024** - born 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019

When enrolling you will be asked to provide:

- * Child's original birth certificate,
- * Immunisation history statement via (Australian Childhood Immunisation Reg.)
Ph: 1800 653 809
- * Proof of Residence (e.g., land rates notice, lease agreement, **recent** gas or power account). A Statutory Declaration may be required.
- * Family Court or other court orders
- * Visa Details (if applicable)

All information & forms can be found on our website: www.balcattprimary.wa.edu.au, & e-mailed to our Mgr.Corp. Services, Julie Walker at Julie.Walker5@education.wa.edu.au

Application forms and information is available from the school office and on
www.balcattprimary.wa.edu.au

Closing date is Friday 21 July 2023.

Merit Awards



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Well done to these students who have read the most books for their year levels.



Year 1 Assembly Item



At the last assembly, the students in year 1 (room 11) presented a wonderfully positive item based on the book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today", which teaches the lessons of kindness and empathy, how to make positive choices & express feelings in a healthy way.



Interschool Cross Country



Last Friday 23 June 2023, 29 students from years 4 to 6 competed in our Interschool Cross Country at Delawney Reserve. We competed against East Hamersley PS, Takara PS, Lake Monger PS and Osborne PS. It was a cold and wet afternoon and our dedicated team put 100% effort into their race. The Year 4 and 5 students ran 1km and our year 6 students ran 1.6km. All students should be proud of the way they competed and their results. Our year 5 students, Fenil Patel finished in 3rd place and Aarav Vohra finished in 4th place.

Overall, we had 16 of our students finishing in the top 12 in their division, all earning points for our school!! Takari PS won the Interschool carnival this year and we placed 4th overall.

Well done to our Interschool Cross Country team! You represented our school with good behaviour, determination and excellent sportsmanship.



Kylee.Saunders
(Phys.Ed.Teacher)



LIBRARY

As Term 2 closes I hope the reading momentum continues amongst the students over the break.



Students have been able to borrow books this week for use over the school holiday period to enable them to continue reading and then lodge their completed book titles on their Premiers Reading Challenge Reading Records.

If the students cannot do this from home, they need to keep a paper record of their books read and lodge them on their return to school next term.

I'm hopeful that all the books borrowed don't stay away on holiday but are returned **Week 1 Term 3**.



Next term in the library we have Book Week to look forward to along with a book fair. More information next term.



If there are any parents out there that may like to help cover books from time to time in the library, can you please let me know.

This is an ongoing task, and I would truly appreciate some help at times.

Many thanks

Happy holidays and happy reading

Mrs Keen
Library

LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Student Councillors)



Joke: Why did the math book look sad?

Answer: Because it had so many problems!!

Students News & Views

CONGRATULATIONS HUTT. You earned the most faction points this term and have won a sausage sizzle along with a juice box.

Tomorrow is a 'free dress' day, so remember to dress your best or in something comfortable.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday 'fellow' students.

School is done
{ now I can sleep }

NAIDOC

National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week begins on Sunday July 2 through to Sunday July 9. The NAIDOC 2023 theme is **For Our Elders!**



Across every generation, our Elders have played and continue to play an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones. They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

Balcatta PS will acknowledge NAIDOC Week in the first week of Term 3, with a free dress day on Friday July 21, inviting students to wear the national Aboriginal (**RED, YELLOW** and **BLACK**) or Torres Strait Islander (**GREEN, BLUE, WHITE** and **BLACK**) colours.

As NAIDOC Week falls during the holidays, there will be some free events that you could attend with your families. Please see the below links;

[NAIDOC Week 2023: For Our Elders — Education Resources - ABC Education](#)
[Mirrabooka NAIDOC Cultural Celebration 2023 | NAIDOC](#)
[Local NAIDOC Week events | NAIDOC](#)

NICOLE. MURPHY
Deputy Principal

LIESHA GREEN
Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer

CHAPLAINS CORNER

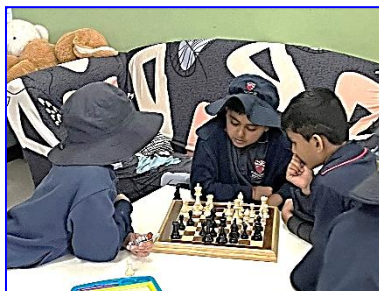
It's been great to see so many children at Breakfast Club. **Many thanks** to Kathy, Ann, Paul and Arpana for regularly helping on Tuesday mornings.

We will be back next term in week 2 with pancakes!!

We are fortunate to receive fruit, cheese and butter every week from Woolworths Roselea and bread, canned goods and long-life milk from Foodbank WA.

Students have been making loom bands, playing musical bobs and enjoying bottle flip comps and chess in the activity centre this term.

Shoshana Lam
(Chaplain)



Thank you to all teachers who put on a delicious sausage sizzle and hosted a great open afternoon following the Edu-Dance concert.

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Eclipse Malaga (our new uniform suppliers) are on track to opening at the beginning of Term 3.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for latest information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

Friday

30

- Free Dress Day
- End of term

Term 3 begins Tuesday 18 July 2023 (for students)

Have a happy and safe break

