

BALCATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Hello everyone,

A warm welcome to Term 3. We began with NAIDOC Celebrations and an amazing assembly showcasing the cultural heritage and dancing skills of our school's First Nations Students and sharing the theme of 'For Our Elders' across all our classes. Many thanks to Nicole Murphy, Lieshia Green and the Culbong family for your support and contributions in making this week so memorable.

Please be reminded that parent/teacher/student interviews will be held next Thursday 3 August from 1–6 pm. The school will close at 12pm and parents are requested to make the necessary arrangements to collect their children at this time. The Cross Walk Attendants will be present at 12pm and also at the end of the day as usual. Please contact your class teacher if you are unable to collect your child at this early time. Please take advantage of the oval being open for additional parking during the interview times.

PEAC testing for Year 4 students will be conducted on Monday of Week 3. NAPLAN Test results for Year 3 and Year 5 students will be coming home tomorrow, along with an information sheet.

Have a safe weekend.

Peter Gates Principal

<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u> It is vital that we have all up-to-date contact information should we need to make contact in an emergency. Please see the School Office or phone 9253 4900 if necessary.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week was filled with tradition and celebration at Balcatta PS. We began our day with our NAIDOC assembly where the Culbong family performed some traditional dances and spoke to us about their family connection to country.

Our students were acknowledged for outstanding work in their colouring and we had the privilege of listening to students share their writing about what their Elders mean to them. It was a very heartfelt moment.

The day was spent immersed in traditional indigenous learning where our students participated in rotational activities including – art, story-telling, yarning circles, music, dance, sport and cooking.

It was a very enjoyable and memorable day.

Nicole Murphy and Anthea Bouhlas Deputy Principals Leisha Green
Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer























The day making Damper and art and crafts





















Our next assembly will be held on Friday 11 August, commencing at 9.00 am with our Year 6 class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

PHYS/ED SPORT - FACTION SPORT TRAINING

Athletic training for the faction carnival for years 1-6 will be held on Fridays between 2.00 – 3.10pm this term. Students are reminded to wear their faction colour t-shirts on this day.

Kylee Saunders Phys Ed Teacher



LOST PROPERTY

All uniform items should be clearly labelled with your child's full name. We have an ever-growing number of items in lost property and are unable to return them as they have *not* been labelled.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

It's always great to see many children at Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings. We are privileged to have volunteers and donations from Woolworths, Roselea and Foodbank W.A. The children also continue to have lots of fun in the Activity Centre.

Shoshana Lam Chaplain

AERIAL SURVEY

Balcatta PS is scheduled to have an aerial survey completed of the buildings on Monday 31st of July. This is part of building assessments undertaken by the Department of Education across all schools. Drones will be used to capture footage of roof condition and coverings. The drone will ensure the privacy of neighbouring properties, so please don't be alarmed if you see these flying over the school.

Nicole Murphy Deputy Principal



Joke: What did the pig say on a hot day?

Answer: I'm bacon.

Students News & Views

Hello fellow students.

This term is going to be very busy because we have our sports carnival coming up and every Friday we will be practicing in our factions.

Special thanks to the Faction Captains for helping set up the equipment.

This week has been very cold, so make sure to bring a jacket so you can stay warm!

Another thing coming up this week is the Yr 6 Art Excursion, thank you Mrs Fego for organising this fun excursion for us and we will enjoy it a lot. Parent and Teacher interviews are coming up and students will be ending school early on 3 Aug at 12:00pm, so make sure to remember to book an interview if you want to organise one.

Anyways that is all! We hope you have a wonderful start to Term 3!

Quote:

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."



P & C NEWS

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UNIFORM SHOP



Eclipse Universal is now the supplier and retailer of Balcatta PS uniforms. All school uniforms are available online at:

https://schooluniformstore.com.au/ Search: Balcatta Primary School Next: Enter Code Provided **BPS6021**

All parents are welcome to visit our office to try on and purchase uniforms between 9.30-4.30 Monday to Friday at Unit2/10 Stanford Way, Malaga. Phone: 0892494344 or Email: reception@eclipseuniversal.com.au

TERM 3 - TIMETABLE 2023					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	17 July	18 July	19 July	20 July	21 July
Week 1	Pupil Free Day				Assembly (NAIDOC)
Week 2	24 July	25 July	26 July	27 July	28 July
				Year 6 Art Excursion • Newsletter 11	
Week 3	31 July	1 August	2 August	3 August	4 August
	Year 4 PEAC Testing Aerial Survey			Early Close 12.00 Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-6PM	Year 5 Incursion P&C Meeting 2 PM
Week 4	7 August	8 August	9 August	10 August	11 August
				Newsletter 12	Year 6 Assembly
Week 5	14 August	15 August	16 August	17 August	18 August
	Science Week	Year 5 Science Incursion	Year 3 Incursion		Board Meeting 9 AM
	21 August	22 August	23 August	24 August	25 August
Week 6	Book Week		BOOK FAIR	Book Week Incursion BOOK FAIR • Newsletter 13	Year 2 Assembly
Week 7	28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September
	Parliament House visit (Student Leaders)		Faction Jumps and Throws		Faction Carnival
	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September
Week 8				Newsletter 14	Year 5 Assembly
Week 9	11 September	12 September	13 September	14 September	15 September
		Interschool Jumps/ throws			Interschool Athletics
	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	22 September
Week 10	Year 5 Incursion	Suitcase stories LOTE Incursion Year 3-6 only	Faction BBQ	Newsletter 15	FREE DRESS DAY
Term 4 begins Monday 9 October 2023					

