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CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK®

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READ
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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

I would like to remind everyone (once again) about 'Stranger Danger' in our community and for us all, to talk through and reinforce 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.** Our staff continues to reinforce the above messages to the students in the class room 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.

Throughout the year, there will be class displays and starry work in the office foyer. Whenever you are visiting the school, please "drop in" to see the great work. Presently, we have a variety of children's work on display.

Just a reminder that our staff car parks (Main Street) are **not** to be used for "dropping off" or "picking up" students. Please use the parents' drive-through at the southern end of the school (behind the Pre-Primary Centre) or you may park in Sylvia Street and cross Main Street using the pedestrian crossing attended by our crosswalk wardens. Thank you for your support and patience, which can only enhance the **safety** of our students.

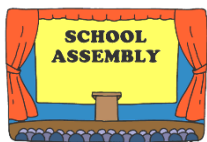


Enjoy your weekend

Kind regards,

Peter Gates
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow 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.

RUN CLUB – Wed & Fri mornings from 8.20 – 8.40am on the school oval. All welcome.

Kylee Saunders
Phys Ed Teacher



VOLUNTEER HELP REQUIRED FOR FACTION CARNIVAL

We are in need of (strong) parent volunteers to help set up our sports carvial tents on Friday 1 September at 7.30am We have 3 large gazebos. Please email Kylee Saunders kylee.Saunders@education.wa.edu.au if you are able to assist.



Kylee Saunders
Phys Ed Teacher

LIBRARY - Book Week



Book Week will be celebrated in week 6 at Balcatta P S and we eagerly await the announcements from the Childrens Book Council of Australia for the winning titles in each of the following categories – Young Reader, Early Childhood, Picture Book, New Illustrator and Eve Pownall Category (information). Look out for these books with the gold stickers on the front cover.

The Year 3-6 students will be captivated by visiting author Shane McCarthy. Shane is the author of graphic novels and his works have been internationally published by Marvel, DC Comics and others. Graphic Novels are VERY popular at Balcatta PS at present. Many thanks to the school administration in paying for this event for the students.

The much-anticipated student & staff 'Dress Up Day' will be on Thursday August 24. The students may dress up as their favourite book character. Please remember to keep it simple as it is not a competition.

The library will be hosting a Larrikin Book Fair in the library to coincide with book Week. It will be open for purchases after school on Wednesday 23 August and before & after school on Thursday 24 August. A notice on CONNEC will be coming out this week with all the details about the fair.



I love seeing so many students at Balcatta PS reading. I hope by reading that they embrace this years Book Week theme and read to grow and by reading take inspiration themselves and inspire others also to reach for their goals.

Mrs Keen
School Library Officer



ART EXCURSION

On Thursday July 27, the Year 6 students went on an art excursion.

The students started on a street art walking tour through the city with 'Oh Hey WA' then headed to the Art Gallery to view several galleries including Indigenous First Nations Art and the Pulse 2023 exhibition. The students were able to experience several local and international artists work, including murals, underground art and sculptures and learnt about the artists, techniques used and stories behind the artworks.

I am incredibly proud of the student's behaviour on the excursion representing Balcatta Primary and hope the artworks have inspired their young, creative minds.

Mrs Daniela Fego,
Specialist Art Teacher.



SCIENCE WEEK

📧 Newsletter Announcement: Science Week 2023 Lunchtime Workshops 🚀

Dear Students and Parents,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting line-up of lunchtime workshops in celebration of Science Week 2023 in Week 5! 🖋️

📅 This year, we are offering two engaging activities that will surely spark curiosity and innovation among our students.

Activity 1: "Innovation Card Search" (Year 1-2) 📇

Activity 2: "Make a Better Paper Plane" (Years 3-6) ✂️

📅 Date and Venue: These lunchtime workshops will be held during Science Week 2023, from 16th – 18th August in the science room. I will let each class know what day their workshop will be in Week 4.

📝 Registration: Students can register to attend their workshop by signing up on the sheets on the science room door. This will help cater for numbers and preparation of materials.

Let's come together to nurture a love for science and innovation among our students during this year's Science Week!

Mrs Hall
Science Teacher

LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Student Councillors)



Riddle: I am the beginning of everything and the end of everywhere. I am the beginning of eternity and the end of time and space. What am I?

Answer: The letter "e".

Students News & Views

Hello students,

We hope you are all very excited for next week because it's going to be Science Week! The theme this is Innovation, Powering Future Industries. The theme incorporates the advancement in technology in all industries, especially using Artificial Intelligence (AI). It will be fun with lots of science activities.

The following week will be Book Week. The theme for that is READ, GROW, INSPIRE. During Book week there will be an amazing incursion that we will all be participating in.

We are looking forward to seeing your awesome Book Week costumes as well.

We hope you have a brilliant week!



SCHOOL BOARD

Having quality members is a critical part of establishing and maintaining a successful school board.

Ensuring diversity on our Board contributes to effective school governance, and leads to better-informed decision-making, new ideas, opinions, solutions and stronger connections with our school community.

In determining the balance between categories of members, we consider the school's student population and the social, cultural, lingual, economic or geographic factors that may be relevant. Board members are encouraged to reflect on the diversity of our school community and the board.

If you have a genuine interest in being part of the decision making for shaping our school, I invite you to contact me directly via my email: cnewport@iinet.net.au to discuss becoming a valued member of our Board.

Christel Newport
School Board Chairperson

CHAPLAINS CORNER



Parent helpers needed for Breakfast Club!! - all the more, as we will not have our two wonderful helpers Kathy and Arpana this term. Anyone interested in lending a hand when they drop their children to school from 2.30am – 9.00am, would be greatly appreciated.

The Activity Centre will be open on Thursdays for juniors at recess and for seniors at lunch. I am running a singing & dancing session for Year 6's at lunch this term every Tuesday in the music room.

We are hoping to present a performance for Mental Health Week in Term 4.

YouthCARE are running an art competition for public schools Years 1-6. The theme is 'Friendship' and can be any in form – drawing, painting, sculpture etc. Vouchers from \$50-\$200 can be won. Posters with details of the competition are on display boards on the school veranda's, in the Activity Centre & the Art Room



Shoshana Lam
Chaplain

INTERVIEWS

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students attend our parent/teacher/student interviews. We trust this experience provided a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress.

We thank you for supporting early closure on this day and welcome any feedback to ensure an even more successful day next year.

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal

TRIPLE P

Parents from Kindy to Year 3 have been given the great opportunity to attend a Triple P parenting session presented by our School Psychologist Luciana Carelli.

Registrations can either be done via using the link on flyer below, or at the school office. Our school chaplain will be present to help occupy younger children if there is no option but to bring them along.

Small changes,
big differences.



FREE Triple P Seminar The Power Of Positive Parenting

All parents want to have a great relationship and strong bond with their child. Sometimes this can be challenging.

This seminar introduces parents to the five core principles of positive parenting:

1. Ensuring a safe, engaging environment
2. Creating a positive learning environment
3. Using assertive discipline
4. Having realistic expectations
5. Taking care of yourself as a parent

All parents of children in Balcatta PS Kindy to Year 3 are encouraged to attend.

Triple P doesn't tell you *how* to be a parent. It suggests a range of simple strategies and you choose the ones that might fit your family.

DATE Thursday 31 August t

TIME 8.50-10.50 am

VENUE Balcatta PS

COST Free

BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION

To book, please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR →



UNIFORM SHOP

Eclipse Universal is now the supplier and retailer of Balcatta PS uniforms. All stock should be available at the store with cotton hard brim hats due to arrive this week. We will confirm this via a Facebook post.

Second hand uniforms can be passed on or sold on our 'Balcatta Parents Community chat' Facebook page.

School uniforms are available online at:

<https://schooluniformstore.com.au/> Search: Balcatta Primary School

Next: Enter Code Provided **BPS6021**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER	
AUGUST	
Friday 11 August	• Assembly Yr. 6
Monday 14 August	• Science Week
Wednesday 16 August	• Yr. 3 Incursion
Monday 21 August	• Book Week
Wednesday 23 August	• PLC Book Fair
Thursday 24 August	• Newsletter 13 • Book Week Incursion • Book Week Dress Up Day
Friday 25 August	• Assembly Yr.2
Wednesday 30 August	• Faction jumps & throws
SEPTEMBER	
Friday 1 September	• Faction Athletics Carnival (9.00-3pm)
Thursday 7 September	• Newsletter 14
Friday 8 September	• Assembly Yr. 5
Tuesday 12 September	• I/School jumps, throws
Thursday 14 September	• RUOK Day
Friday 15 September	• I/School Carnival (Takari)
Tuesday 19 September	• 'Suitcase Stories' LOTE Inc. Yrs. 3-6
Thursday 21 September	• Newsletter 15
Friday 22 September	• LAST DAY OF TERM – Free Dress Day
Term 4 begins Monday 9 October 2023 (for students)	