

BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Congratulations to our year 6 class and their teacher Mrs Stelov for their wonderful item 'Zones of Regulation' presented at our last assembly – very entertaining.

With lovely spring weather fast approaching our students are getting very excited about the Faction Athletics Carnival to be held next week on Friday 1 September on our school oval. We wish all three factions, Odin, Hutt and Walters, a very enjoyable day. The Carnival will commence at approximately 9.10am with long distance runs.

We are looking forward to a terrific day, with all students doing their best for their factions.

Over the past fortnight we have celebrated Science Week and Book Week. Many thanks to Mrs Hall our Science Teacher and Mrs Keen our Librarian with wonderful support from staff and students in organising and conducting the many wonderful events held such as Science lunch time activities, Science excursion, Book Week dress up day (students-favourite author) and (staff Franks Red Hat) with thanks to Mrs Bate for organising the red beanies, Book Fair and visiting author (Shane McCarthy)etc.

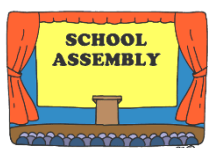
With Father's Day coming up the P and C have organised a special stall next Thursday morning. (see P & C news in this issue).

Enjoy your weekend and Happy Father's Day to all our dads on Sunday September 3.

Peter Gates
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow, August 25, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 2 class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend.

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.

CLOTHES LABELLING – Please ensure children's clothing is labelled with their names, so they can easily be identified and returned if **lost**.

MERIT AWARDS



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS



FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



The Faction Athletics Carnival will be held **next Friday 1 September** on the school oval. Parents, grandparents etc. are welcome to attend. On Wednesday morning 30 August students will also participate in long jumps and throwing events on the school oval.

Any parent help in the morning on our carnival day (next Friday) from 8am for setting up etc. up will be most appreciated.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAM – 1 September

9.00 am	March to oval
9.10 am	Long distance races
9.30 am	Tabloids
10.30am	RECESS
11.00am	Pre-Primary races
11.20am	Running races years 1-6
12.00	Star Relay
12.20	LUNCH
1.00pm	Team games and relays
2.40pm	Presentations

PRE-PRIMARY students will participate in the tabloid rotation and in a running race on Friday.

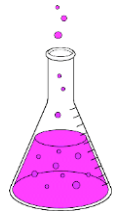
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Year 5 Science Excursion

During National Science week the Year 5 cohort was invited to attend Balcatta Senior High School and experiment with practical, everyday science. From delicious chemistry in the kitchen to explosive physics with mini rockets. We were mystified by dry ice and its weird and wonderful properties.

The Year 9 students who facilitated the experiments were able to share their knowledge with us. Our Year 5 students had a fantastic time and returned to school excited about science in their future.



SCIENCE WEEK AT BALCATTa PRIMARY



Science Week Winners

Year 2 – Ryan, Mitzy

Year 3 – Vivan, Jaden, Lily W

Year 4 – Mike, Aagna, Tshering

Year 5 – Aarav, Kavya, Fatima

Year 6 – Dhairya, Yeun

Well done to everyone who came down during lunchtime and participated in the Science Week activities. It was a fabulous few days!

Mrs Hall

(Science Teacher)



LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Councillors)



Joke: My phone went to jail now he's a cell phone 😊

Students News & Views

Hi everybody,

We hope you have been having a wonderful book week so far. The theme for this year is Read, Grow, Inspire.

Next week on Wednesday it is faction jumps & throws, so if you are participating make sure you to practice hard.

On Friday 1 September, it will be our exciting faction carnival.

We wish the factions lots of luck and look forward to seeing who will win!

Quote: "Don't spend your life concentrating on what you don't have. Be grateful for what you DO have instead."



VACSWIM SWIMMING LESSONS

 Department of Education
Shaping the future

VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water.
Enrol now for the summer 2023 school holidays.
education.wa.edu.au/vacswim



Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the Summer school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at pool locations across WA. Not only is VacSwim a great school holiday activity, but it also teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Places are limited, so get in early. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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.



UNIFORM SHOP**balcattaps_pandc@hotmail.com**

Faction Shirts and a few polos and hats can still be purchased from school uniform shop, please email balcattaps_pandc@hotmail.com for bag delivery.

Eclipse Universal in Malaga is now the supplier and retailer of Balcatta PS uniforms and is now fully stocked. (ph: 89249 4344)

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**

FACTION CARNIVAL (1/9/23) LUNCH ORDERS

Parents wishing to order Subway and/or Sushi for lunch on **carnival day** for their child/ren and/or themselves can do so by going to the following website:

balcatta-primary-school-parents-and-citizens-ass-inc.square.site



Please note that orders need to be placed by 9am on Monday 28 August. Any queries or concerns please contact Shoshie Lam (P & C President) on 0430 216 620

FATHERS DAY STALL – Thursday August 31.

We will be holding a Father's Day Stall in the undercover assembly area next Thursday morning (August 31) for students to purchase something special for their Dads.

Gifts will be priced from \$1 - \$10.00, so please remember to send students to school with cash. All proceeds will be going to the P&C.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Friday 25 August	• Assembly Yr 2 (Rm 10)
Wednesday 30 August	• Faction jumps & throws (am)
Thursday 31 August	• Father's Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 September	• Faction Athletics Carnival (9.00-3pm)
Wednesday 6 September	• Parliament House Visit – Student Leaders
Thursday 7 September	• Newsletter 14 • Art Incursion (Yrs.5/6)
Friday 8 September	• Assembly Yr. 5 • Kindy Enrolments (1.30 - 2.30pm)
Tuesday 12 September	• I/School jumps, throws & long distance Takari P.S.
Thursday 14 September	• R U OK Day
Friday 15 September	• I/School Carnival (Takari P.S.)
Monday 18 September	• Mass Choir rehearsal- Perth Concert Hall (am) • Art Exhibition – BSHS – 3.30 - 4.30pm
Tuesday 19 September	• 'Suitcase Stories' LOTE Incursion Yrs. 3-6 • Mass Choir Concert – Perth Concert Hall
Thursday 21 September	• Newsletter 15
Friday 22 September	• LAST DAY OF TERM – Free Dress Day

Term 4 begins Monday 9 October 2023 (for students)

