



# BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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# FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2023



## PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Congratulations to our Year Two class and their teacher Miss Newberry for their wonderful 'Jack & The Beanstalk' themed item at our school assembly on Friday 25 August. It was very entertaining – well done!

We certainly had a great day for our Faction Athletics Carnival (considering the weather forecast) held last Friday 1 September. It was great to see everyone working together to make our carnival an enjoyable and successful experience. The *spirit* of the students was excellent, and they are to be congratulated for the great determination they displayed for their factions. Well done to **Odin** for winning the carnival. A big thank you to everyone who 'helped out' - with special thanks to Ms Saunders, who did an outstanding job in organising the carnival. Many thanks also to our parents who helped assemble and dismantle the tents and the P & C for their help during morning recess and lunch time in the canteen. See the photos in this week's newsletter.

We now look forward to the Interschool Carnival to be held at Takari Primary School next Friday 15 September. Good luck to all our students who will be competing.

Our very best wishes to our school choir, who will be performing in the Massed Choir Festival on Tuesday evening (September 19) at The Perth Concert Hall. The children are looking forward to performing in such a wonderful venue.

Enjoy your weekend,

**Peter Gates**  
Principal



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 5 class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome.

## MAGPIES BREEDING SEASON

It's coming into breeding season for the Australian magpie and when they are feeding chicks, they can be quite frightening as they fiercely protect their nests.

### Tips to help you stay safe and avoid being attacked:

- The best way to avoid being attacked by a magpie is to avoid entering nesting areas while the young are in the nest.
- Wear sunglasses, a wide brimmed hat (especially children) or carry an umbrella.
- If you are swooped by a magpie, stay calm, walk away but do not run and avoid looking towards the swooping birds
- If a magpie attacks, avoid the area & take an alternative route for several weeks (chicks remain in nests for several weeks).





## Merit Awards



CONGRATULATIONS



## PHYS ED/SPORT

### FACTION ATHLETICS



Our annual faction carnival was a great day, with all students trying their very best showing excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to **ODIN** for winning the shield for three consecutive years.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for their help setting up the carnival and staff who helped to train our teams and organise the day.

A BIG thank you to our P & C for their work in the canteen and to our amazing, supportive parents who spectated & cheered at our carnival to make it enjoyable and memorable for the children.

### THE CHAMPIONS FOR EACH GROUP WERE:

2023	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
<b>JUNIORS</b>		
Girls	Zoe Gallagher	Mushtaq Mohammed
Boys	Christian Formato	Luka Dujovic/Cyrus Culbong
<b>INTERMEDIATES</b>		
Girls	Clara Lam	Mia Formato
Boys	Richard Oryem	Kristian Spasovski
<b>SENIORS</b>		
Girls	Soraya Scoringe	Chariss McGregor
Boys	Fenil Patel	Logan Batey

### FINAL SCORES WERE:

<b>ODIN</b> <b>505</b>	<b>HUTT</b> <b>494</b>	<b>WALTERS</b> <b>450</b>
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### INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL



Next week on **Tuesday 12 September**, the throws, jumps and distance races will be held at Takari Primary School between 9.30am and 12.00pm. The athletics will be held on **Friday 15 September** at Takari Primary School.

#### The Program of Events for Friday is as follows:

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| 9.15 to 10.15        | • Running Races – Years 1 to 6            |
| 10.15 to 12.15       | • Bean Bag and Flag Relays – Years 1 to 6 |
|                      | • Junior Bounce Ball Relay                |
|                      | • Running Relay – Years 1 & 2             |
| <b>12.15 to 1.00</b> | • <b>LUNCH</b>                            |
| 1.00 to 2.30         | • Bounce Ball – Intermediate and Senior   |
|                      | • Pass Ball – Intermediate and Senior     |
|                      | • Leaderball – Intermediate and Senior    |
|                      | • Running Relays – Years 3 to 6           |

Years 1 & 2 students will be finished their events by 12.15 pm and will then return by bus to school.

**Kylee Saunders**  
**(Phys.Ed Teacher)**





# FACTION PHOTOS







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# LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Councillors)

**Joke:** What is a witch's favourite subject?

**Answer:** Spelling!!

## Students News & Views

Hello everybody,

What an awesome day at the faction carnival last Friday!

Congratulations to Odin for winning first place and well done to the other factions for doing so well.

What a close one between Odin and Hutt, better luck next time Walters!

Next Tuesday (12 September) will be the interschool jumps and throws and the following Friday (15 September) is the Interschool carnival at Takari Primary School. We wish our superstar Balcatta students the best of luck and we hope we can win again!

Get ready for a wonderful assembly by the Year 5's tomorrow.

On September 18 there will be a rehearsal at the Perth Concert Hall for our choir and the following day (September 19) is the Massed Choir Concert. We know the choir will do an amazing job!

That's all for now.



## LOST & FOUND

We have a steadily growing family of drink bottles that have remained unclaimed in the office.

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

**Please label ALL items brought to school.**



## CHAPLAINS CORNER



Watch out for a list of items you can donate for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Each class will have an age group and specific items to donate and bring into class. I will ask teachers to put on Seesaw. This is something you can do in the school holidays. The deadline will be Tuesday 24 October.

Anyone who is available after school this Tuesday, your help will be greatly appreciated to pack shoeboxes.

**FREEZE FRIDAYS**

- every Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half (Kindy & PP) or \$1 for a whole icy pole.

**FATHERS DAY STALL**

We appreciate all who supported our stall and hope all the Dads enjoyed their gifts.

**UNIFORMS**

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



Join this group to post second hand uniform sales/swaps or give-aways.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 8 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly Yr. 5</li> <li>Kindy Enrolments (1.30pm - 2.30pm)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I/School jumps, throws &amp; long distance Takari P.S.</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>R U OK Day</li> </ul>
Friday 15 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I/School Carnival (Takari P.S.)</li> </ul>
Monday 18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass Choir rehearsal- Perth Concert Hall (am)</li> <li>Art Exhibition – BSHS (3.30pm - 4.30pm)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Suitcase Stories' LOTE Incursion Yrs. 3-6</li> <li>Mass Choir Concert – Perth Concert Hall</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter <b>15</b></li> </ul>
Friday 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAST DAY OF TERM – Free Dress Day</li> </ul>

**Term 4 begins Monday 9 October 2023** (for students)

