



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY



15 September



CONGRATULATIONS



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Hello Everyone

What a wonderful day of athletics our students enjoyed at the Interschool Athletics Carnival held last Friday at Takari Primary School! It was terrific to see the determination of our students striving to do their very best for their school. We are very proud of their efforts, especially as Balcatta won the Meritorious Shield (Most Improved) – fantastic effort!

Thanks to everyone concerned (staff, students, parents, P & C etc.) for their wonderful support and especially a big thank you to Ms Saunders, who did an outstanding job organising the carnival.

On Tuesday evening at the Perth Concert Hall our school choir performed beautifully in the WA Primary Schools Mass Choir Festival singing a variety of songs with five other schools – it was simply magic. I'm sure all of our parents etc. who attended were very proud of our students performance. Special thanks to Ms Pinakis and staff for all their work in preparing the students for the festival. Also, thanks to our parents for their great support in ensuring their children were ready for the occasion.

Have a very happy and safe holiday everyone.

Peter Gates

Principal

FREE DRESS DAY



Tomorrow is the last day of term and for **a gold coin donation**, all children are welcome to come 'free dressed'.

Year 5 Assembly - September 8



"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome onboard Flight 53, a non-stop trip across the Americas presented by Balcatta Primary Schools' fabulous Year 5's."

Room 3 took our school on a flight across the Americas, sharing their knowledge of famous landmarks and countries which they learnt about during Term 3. From the powerful Niagara Falls in Canada to the enigmatic Moai on Easter Island. It was clear that the Year 5 students have been soaring high in their HASS learning and did a fantastic job as our tour guides.

"Thank you for choosing Flight 53. Enjoy your afternoon!"

Mr Rasmussen
(Yr.5 Teacher)



MERIT AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS



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INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL RESULTS

1. Takari - 586
2. Balcatta – 529 (Most Improved)
3. East Hamersley - 415
4. Lake Monger – 337
5. Osborne – 264

Last week Balcatta competed against East Hamersley, Osborne, Takari & Lake Monger Primary Schools in the annual Interschool Athletics Carnival.

Our school competed well and earned the most improved school receiving the "Meritorious Shield" to display in our office. Our baton relays were exceptional, winning all but one!

Congratulations to Richard Oryem who received a medal for Intermediate Champion Boy.

I would like to commend all students for the fantastic effort they put into their races and team games and the sportsmanship they displayed throughout the day.

Kylee Saunders
(P E Teacher)

RUOK DAY



SUITCASE STORIES INCURSION



On Tuesday September 19, Students in Years 3-6 were immersed in an incursion that celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia. In the show we met eight different women from eight different eras, each with a tale to tell about coming to Australia. The humour and the every-changing cast enabled us to discover the legacy of those who have gone before, to savour the

flavours of those who have just arrived, and to relish the fact that we're all very lucky to be here!

The students are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour, engagement and admirable questions and comments.

Grazie mille

Signora Franchina
(Italian Teacher)



YEAR 3 INCURSION - WANYARA

On Monday September 18 the Year 3 students had the privilege of participating in an Indigenous games incursion, hosted by Anmatyerre woman Brooke and Worimi man Will. The first game the students learnt was called Jumpinpin and was based on the way a mob who live off the coast of Stradbroke Island go spearfishing. They herd the fish into one spot and use teamwork to catch all the fish, then all share the catch. The second game was called Piloga and was based on the way two mobs settle disputes.

The students each had two tags which represented two 'lives.' Once both tags had been taken, the students had lost both their 'lives' and were out. The students had a lot of fun & were excited to learn some new team games.

Ms Heather Shaw & Ms Johnston

(Year 3 Teachers)



DJURPIN KAA KAA INCURSION (HAPPY KOOKABURRA)

On Friday September 8, Ms Green (our AIEO) led a wonderful incursion for our Year 3 students that focused on Noongar language and the six Noongar seasons. She also read an Indigenous story to the students and they were able to use some native Australian animal puppets.



The students enjoyed learning more about their natural surrounds and were very engaged.

Ms Shaw & Ms Johnston
(Yr 3 Teachers)



LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(From the Councillors)

Joke: Kids during holidays be like:

"I've got nothing to do!", "I'm bored.", "I'm hungry",
"Can I watch YouTube?", "Can I play Roblox?", "They're
Annoying me!", "I don't want to go out.", "Can we go out?"

Students News & Views

Hello students, time has flown by. Its already the end of term 3!

Next term will be a very exciting one packed with lots of fun activities such as the year 6 camp, the disco, excursions & incursions and even more!!

Congratulations to our choir for their amazing Massed Choir Concert on Tuesday evening - it was a spectacular performance. Special thanks to Mrs Pinakis, our awesome music teacher and everyone else who helped.

Tomorrow there will be a free dress day with a gold coin donation, so don't forget!

On another note, 'good job' to all the years 5's and 6s who participated in the Balcatta Senior High School Art Competition and congratulations to the students who won prizes. They were all wonderful pieces of art.

Quote: "It's nice to be important,
but more important to be nice."
"Be there for others but
never leave yourself behind."

We hope everyone has a wonderful school holiday. See you next term!



LIBRARY - HAPPY HOLIDAY READING



Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Don't forget to visit the local library over the school holidays to borrow books and encourage reading. Membership is free with proof of identity. Please use the link below to learn more.

<https://slwa.wa.gov.au/public-library/osborne-park-public-library>



Well done to those students who continued to read and register their books for the Premiers Reading Challenge 2023. The challenge has now closed. We look forward to receiving the certificates for the students in Term 4 to acknowledge their dedication and commitment to reading.

Many thanks to all the students and staff who have returned their library books for the end of Term 3. This makes my job so much easier, and it is always great to start the new term with no overdue books.

I will be away on Long Service Leave for the first 4 weeks of Term 4 and the library will be manned by Mrs Errington again. See you all in Week 5, Term 4.
Happy Holidays

Mrs Keen (School Library Officer)

CHAPLAINS CORNER

UPCOMING FOR TERM 4

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Info can be found on pin-up boards outside class rooms or on Seesaw. Each class will have different items they can contribute to their shoe boxes. A drawing or letter about yourself and school would be wonderful to include in the shoebox - something you could do during school holidays.



YouthCARE colouring competition (information in display cabinet).



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

We will be celebrating this in Week 1, Term 4. The theme will be **green**, so collect anything green and come dressed up as green as you can on October 12. I will be running two separate 'flash mobs' for juniors and seniors during school time. Some Year 6 students and I will lead students through some 'shufflin' moves to the LMFAO Party Rock Anthem.

DANCE AND SONG for Year 6s will still be held on Tuesdays at lunch. The Activity Centre will be open on Thursdays, (Seniors at recess, and Juniors at lunch).

BREAKFAST CLUB will return in Week 2 with pancakes and waffles on Tuesdays and run to week 9.



P & C NEWS

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SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco will be in Week 3, Term 4 (October 27).



The theme will be white & fluoro colours. We will try out a black light on the night!!

UNIFORMS

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAST DAY OF TERM• Free Dress Day (gold coin donation)
Term 4 begins Monday 9 October 2023 (for students)	

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

