



NEWSLETTER



Monday 18 September



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the last term of the year. It's going to be a busy one, particularly for our Year 6 students who will be graduating at the end of the year. We wish them all the best for their final term with us.

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to the Disco to be held next Friday evening (October 27) in the under covered assembly area. K-2 students from 5.00 - 6.30pm & years 3-6 students from 7.00 – 8.30pm. Please note that tickets etc. can now be purchased on line.

Extra parking will also be available on the school oval for parents wishing to stay. Anyone with any queries is asked to contact the school office.

Finally, please note that Friday 10 November is a **Pupil Free Day** when staff will be reviewing and planning for next year.

Enjoy your weekend.

Peter Gates
Principal



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Photo Hendricks



Photos will be taken next Thursday, 26 October. **Kindy A** will have their photo taken on **Wednesday 25 October**. Parents may choose to purchase from a variety of packages. The ordering envelope, together with the correct payment enclosed, will need to be handed **to the photographer on the day** the photos are taken. Envelopes will be sent home today. All information is printed on the envelope.

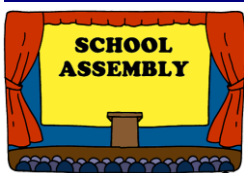
Family photos will be taken in the library on Thursday morning (26 October) at 8.30am. A separate envelope will be available.

New students will be given a 'New Student envelope on the day which will have a new shoot key already on it. The student will be instructed to take the envelope home so parents/carers can view the package options & place an order online. Alternatively, they can pay by cash and bring the envelope back to school for their late order date.

Photo Hendricks will also be taking the whole school photo next **Thursday, 26 October at 9.00 am**. This includes students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and school uniform **MUST** be worn. Families may order a copy of the whole school photo (on-line) www.photohendricks.com.au.

*** Year 6 students will also be having their Graduation photos taken at this time.**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday November 3 commencing at 9.00 am with our Year three students (rooms 4 & 8) performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

ART

In Term 3 all year 5 and 6 students participated in the Balcatta Senior High School Art Competition with other surrounding schools. This year the theme was 'Self Portraits'. All students learnt how to create a digital self-portrait using the Imaengine App on the school iPads then used various mixed mediums to create wonderful, collaged artworks to reflect their personalities.

Congratulations to those who won awards.



**Mrs Fego
(Specialist Art Teacher)**

PARLIAMENT HOUSE VISIT



On Tuesday October 10, our Year 6 Student Leaders visited Parliament House for a special lunch with David Michael MLA (Member for Balcatta). While enjoying a delicious lunch, they had the opportunity to ask questions, learn about our political system & gain a deep understanding of civic responsibility. Overall, it was an enjoyable, educational and memorable experience.

Massed Choir Festival

On Tuesday 19 September, our school choir performed magnificently at the Perth Concert Hall in the WA Primary Schools Mass Choir Festival.



THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club began again this Tuesday and will continue each Tuesday 8.15 – 8.50am for Term 4.

A special thank you goes out to our Volunteers (Shoshanna Lam, Ann McRae, Kathy Crow & Paul Dean) who support our community and dedicate their time to preparing and providing a hearty breakfast for our students. This is a time for the children to interact & connect with each other, as well as have a healthy start to the day.

Please come down and join in, family members are all welcome.

Appreciation also goes to Food Bank and Woolworths for supplying the food each week.





Mental Health Week 2023



On Thursday 12th October, students wore green to school to celebrate Mental Health Week. The theme was Mind, Body and Environment with the idea to encourage people to participate in local events, conversations and activities to raise awareness of positive mental health and wellbeing.

Mrs Shoshana Lam, our School Chaplain, spoke to the children about healthy minds and lead a fun group dancing activity with the support of some Year 6 students.

Dance is one of the most powerful forms of human expression and communication. Through movements of the human body, dance conveys a whole range of human emotions. It tells stories & strengthens, disciplines, and refreshes the whole person.

Studies show that dance helps reduce stress and increases levels of the feel-good hormone serotonin.



CHAPLAINS CORNER



Items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal can still be brought into classrooms. You can bring any items you wish or follow the list suggestions pinned in front of your classrooms, so we have a variety of things for each shoebox. Please bring items **by 31 October**.

We will look at doing a possible sausage sizzle to raise money for shoebox delivery costs, as each box costs \$12.50 to send.

It was wonderful to see all the joy last Thursday during all our flashmobs for Mental Health Week dances and great to have seen so much **green** around.

On Tuesday, song and dance will continue for Year 6's at lunch time.

The Activity Centre will be open for Juniors at lunchtime and for Seniors at recess.



RUN CLUB – 'FITNESS FRIDAYS'



This term Run Club will be on Friday mornings from 8.20 – 8.45am.

Students are welcome to come along and join me for **'Fitness Fridays'** on the oval.

Over the next four weeks our Year 3 to 6 students will have a coach from Quick Stix join us in our sport lessons to introduce our students to Lacrosse.

Kylie Saunders (PE Teacher)



NEW ART MURAL



Work on our new vibrant art mural in the Main Street Carpark has commenced. Year 5 and 6 students have been working alongside our fabulous Art Teacher, Mrs Fego, and a talented local artist, Linzi Carter, to create a modern piece of art. It will be very exciting to watch the mural progress over the next few weeks. Balcatta Primary school sincerely thank the contributions made by the Parents and Citizens Association, as well as Bunnings and Dulux to help make this mural happen. The brightly coloured design will enhance the school tremendously and be a legacy from the 2023 cohort for many generations to enjoy in the future.

P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC



P & C AGM

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3 November in the library from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Please join us to just listen, lend a hand or voice ideas on how to improve our school. You are welcome to bring smaller children with you as there are many toys to occupy them. Please come along and show support.



UNIFORMS



Eclipse Universal in Malaga is now the supplier and retailer of Balcatta Primary School uniforms and is now fully stocked (ph: 89249 4344). There are still some polos and hats remaining at school.
Email: balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com

FUNDRAISING

THE COLOUR SPLATACULAR SCHOOL FUN RUN

To register for our fundraiser, go to www.myprofilepage.com.au
Fundraising closes on 10 November 2023.

Prizes can be ordered from 11 – 17 November 2023, 11.59pm.

Please prepare a white shirt for this event so colours will turn out **really bright**.

For further information, please contact:

Shoshie Lam balcattaps_fundraising@hotmail.com

DISCO – FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

Please pay on line and see full details on the following page.



Student DISCO 2023



let's GLOW CRAZY

Friday next week

27th October - In the Undercover Area



5 - 6.30pm Kindy to Year 2
7 - 8.30pm Year 3 to Year 6

**EFT available for
Food, Snacks & Drinks**

Purchase tickets:

<https://balcatta-primary-pandc.square.site/>

**Come dressed in
white and/or bright
so we can glow
in the black light**

LOB-A-CHOC GAME

Cash only for Glow



For any enquiries contact us on Facebook, or by email: balcattaps_fundraising@hotmail.com

TERM 4 - 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliament House visit 			
Week 2	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 16 	
Week 3	23 October	24 October	25 October	26 October	27 October
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xmas Boxes due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindy A Photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos Class Whole School Graduation Family Kindy B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DISCO (5 - 8.30pm) School Board Meeting
Week 4	30 October	31 October	1 November	2 November	3 November
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 17 K/PP Incursion Minibeasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 3 Assembly P & C Mtg 2pm
Week 5	6 November	7 November	8 November	9 November	10 November
					Pupil Free Day
Week 6	13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November	17 November
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 18 	
Yr 6 SCHOOL CAMP					
Week 7	20 November	21 November	22 November	23 November	24 November
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindy (A) Orientation (9.45am) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindy (B) Orientation (9.45am) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BSHS Yr 5's Academic Chall. PP Assembly
Week 8	27 November	28 November	29 November	30 November	1 December
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers M/Tea(10.30am) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P/P Orientation 2.15- 2.45pm
Week 9	4 December	5 December	6 December	7 December	8 December
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Ceremony (9am)
Week 10	13 December	12 December	13 December	14 December	15 December
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Awards (9am) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour Run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 20 Free Dress Final day for students Reports home 	

Term 1 begins Wednesday 31 January 2024 (for students)