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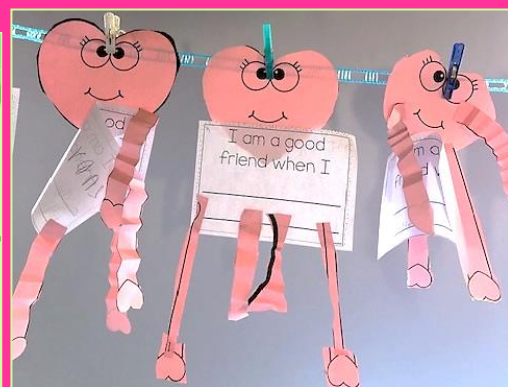
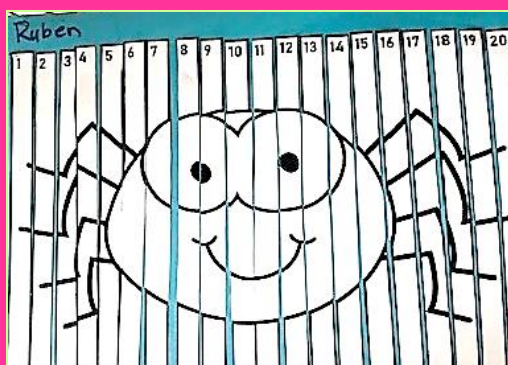
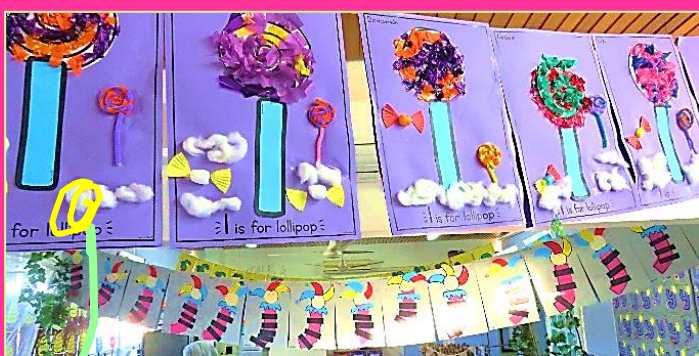
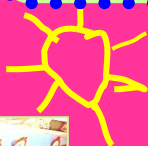
NEWSLETTER

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**Our Pre-Primary room is
"bursting" with colour
and creativity.**



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

It was good to see everyone having a wonderful time at the Disco last Friday evening. Thanks to everyone for your support especially our P & C – much appreciated (please see photos in this newsletter).

One of our school charities for this year is 'Operation Christmas Child'. This charity gathers Christmas presents for children around the world who may not be fortunate enough to receive a present at Christmas time. Mrs Lam, our school Chaplain, has done a great job organising this charity event which is being well supported by the school community at large. Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this worthwhile cause.

I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of travelling at 40 kilometres an hour when driving in school zones. With so many people being killed and injured on our roads this year it is important to slow down and travel at safe speeds when dropping off and picking up children from school.

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 ASSEMBLY



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

ORIENTATION DETAILS

KINDERGARTEN

KA Wednesday 22 November **Time:** 9.45a.m. **Where:** Kindy

KB Thursday 23 November **Time:** 9.45a.m. **Where:** Kindy

PRE-PRIMARY Friday 1 December **Time:** 2.15pm **Where:** Pre-Primary



YEAR 6 GRADUATION AWARDS - 2023



The Graduation Ceremony for our Year 6 graduating class of 2023 will be held on **Friday December 8** commencing at 9.00 am in the undercover assembly area. The Year 6 students are invited to attend a special morning tea with their parents along with staff and our special guests at the conclusion of the awards presentation.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS - 2023

Our Annual School Class Awards will be held in our undercover assembly area on **Tuesday December 12** commencing at **9.00 am**. We would like to invite parents/guardians of all award recipients to attend this very special morning for our students.

SCHOOL BOARD

Thank you to all who put forward their expression of interest and nominations for positions on the Board.

Congratulations and welcome to our recently elected Board Members **Nicole Murphy** and **Gina Gill**. They, together with our long-standing Board members, will contribute to effective school governance. This leads to better informed decision making, new ideas, opinions, solutions, and stronger connections with the school community.

Our current Board members are:

Peter Gates – Principal

Christel Newport – Parent Representative (Board Chairperson)

Shoshie Lam – Parent Representative (Board Secretary)

Carissa Kezic – Parent Representative

Gina Gill – Parent Representative

Nicole Murphy – Staff Representative

Lieshia Green – Staff Representative

We look forward to the exciting and busy last term for this year.

Christel Newport

School Board Chairperson.

PRIMARY EXTENSION AND CHALLENGE

YEAR 4 STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

State-wide testing of Year 4 students for inclusion in the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program results have been received by our school. Our students performed very well with 32% of our students scoring in the top 10th percentile rank for Yr4 students in WA. PEAC offers a supplementary program for identified students and provides them with the opportunity to extend, challenge and develop their thinking skills. Parents of those students who have been identified for this program have been notified.

Well done to all Yr4 students. We are proud of your achievements.

Mrs Bouhla

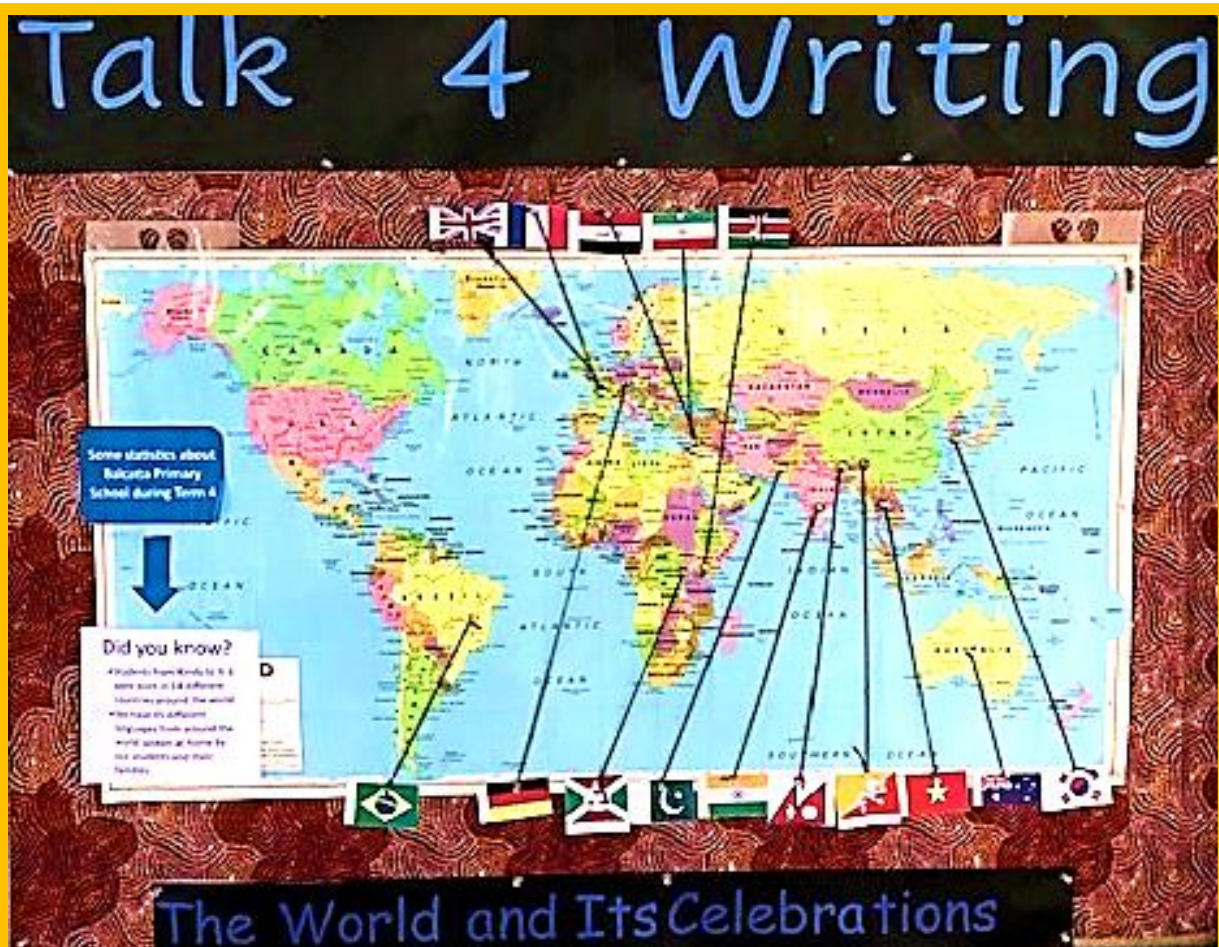
PEAC CO-ORDINATOR

ART MURAL - UPDATE

The students have been busily painting and the mural is coming along nicely. It should be finished by the end of next week – please have a look.



TALK FOR WRITING

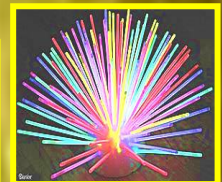


Our latest Talk 4 Writing theme can be seen in our display cabinet on the verandah outside the office. The theme for this term 'The World and Its Celebrations' highlights what a multi-cultural school we have with 14 different languages being spoken from K to Year 6.

Let's Glow DISCO



Last Friday night our school was glowing with our wonderful K-2 and Yrs 3-6 Disco's. The students enjoyed dancing to the groovy disco music with their friends and also some yummy snacks. Many thanks to our awesome P & C who worked tirelessly to support our students & the fantastic staff who volunteered their time to join in. All students enjoyed this social event and it looked like the parents did too!





LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Councillors)

Joke: Why does Maths make students sad?

Answer: Because it has too many problems.

Students News & Views

Hello students,

We hope you had an amazing time at the disco last Friday. We raised some money for the year 6 school camp.

It is very hot at the moment so make sure to keep hydrated and remember to stay SunSmart.

Every Friday, Icy Poles are for sale at the canteen. \$1.00 whole and 50c for half. They are great way to cool down now that summer is approaching.

Also, PAT testing has started so make sure to start revising your work and do your best.

Tomorrow, we have the fantastic Year 3 assembly so invite a family member or guardian to come along.

Have a great week!

When you couldn't wait for summer to go outside and do stuff . . .



.... and now it's too hot to go outside and do stuff

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Many thanks to all those families who have generously donated items to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal through Samaritans Purse. Our 25 boxes, amongst many others will be delivered overseas to hundreds of children from developing countries.

Shoshanna Lam
(Chaplain)

P & C AGM

Our next meeting will be held tomorrow, 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 the supplier and retailer of Balcatta Primary School uniforms (ph: 89249 4344).

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



Our Disco held last Friday, felt like the best one yet!!

Many thanks to our P & C, parent helpers and teacher volunteers.

The DJ has commended you all at Balcatta for being such a lovely school and what a great group of students & community we have.

Thank you to all the year 6 helpers, they were brilliant and did an excellent job helping the younger ones dance and 'get in the groove'.

Thank you to Coco's Soft Serve for serving us at the disco and generously donating 10% of their proceeds to our P & C.

We raised a total of \$894.39.

Does your child feel unwell?

If your child gets sick, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her home from school.

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Friday 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly (Yr. 3's – Rms 4 & 8) • P & C Meeting
Friday 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 6 School Camp (15-17 Nov)
Thursday 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 18
Wednesday 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA Orientation (9.45am)
Thursday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB Orientation (9.45am)
Friday 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly (P/P) • Academic Challenge (BSHS) – Yr. 5's
Tuesday 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Morning Tea (10.30am)
Thursday 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 19

DECEMBER

Friday 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Primary Orientation (2.15 - 2.45pm)
Friday 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Ceremony (9am)
Tuesday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Awards (9am)
Wednesday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour Run
Thursday 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 20 • Free Dress Day • Reports Home • Last day of the year for students

Term 1 begins Wednesday 31 January, 2024 (for students)

