

BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

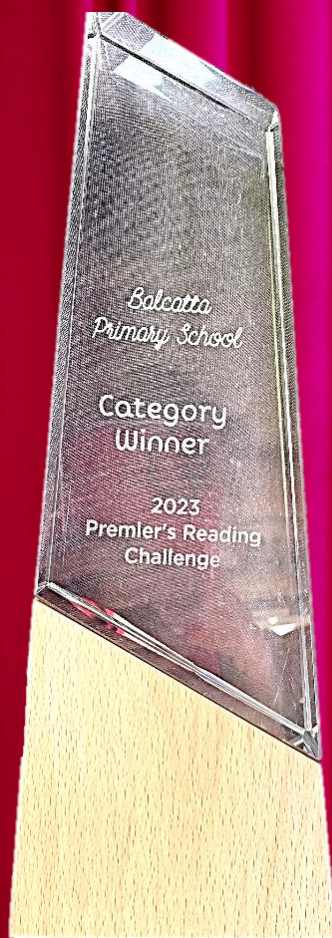
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NEWSLETTER

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BALCATTa PS WINS PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2023



Last Thursday Mrs Bouhlas was invited to Parliament House to attend The Premier's Reading Challenge Awards presented by our Premier, Roger Cook and Minister of Education, Dr Tony Buti.

Our school won a trophy for reading the most books for our school category.

It was an honour to receive this award on behalf of our wonderful students. Collectively we read over 5000 books. The trophy is on display in the front office and student certificates will be presented at the end of November.

Awesome effort, Balcatta PS!

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Congratulations to our year 3 classes (rooms 4 & 8) and their teachers Ms Johnson and Ms Shaw for their colourful item at our assembly last Friday – Well done!

It was wonderful news for our school to receive an award in our school category as part of The Premiers Reading Challenge Awards for 2023. Many thanks to all our students who participated – great effort. Also many thanks to Anthea Bouhlas (Deputy Principal) for co-ordinating this event on behalf of the school.

With the end of the school year fast approaching we still have lots to do before the students break up on Thursday 14 December. This includes our Year 6 graduation ceremony which will be held on Friday 8 December, commencing at 9.00 am, and our annual class awards which will be held on Tuesday 12 December, also starting at 9.00 am.

Also, next Friday (24 November) ten of our year 5 students will be competing in the annual Academic Challenge to be held at Balcatta Senior High School. We wish them well as they compete against other local primary schools.

Finally please note that our whole school photo which was postponed recently will now take place next Thursday 23 November at 9.00am.

Have a great weekend,

Peter Gates
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday, November 24 commencing at 9.00 am with our P/P students 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.

MERIT AWARDS – (congratulations to all students)



Christian Formato, Jacqueline Jacob, Fatemeh Kavianipour, Bejina Cokgezici, Zayn Livnjak, Vivan Patel, Yashika Sharma, Krisha Jayswal, Pema Yangdron, Tyreece Ware-Ryder, Isabella Kezic, Lilly Wemyss, Xavier Smith



Assembly – Fri 3 November



At our last assembly the talented students from the two Year 3 classes entertained us with their presentation of a Noongar story called 'Nyingarn Koorda Djinganginy (Echidna Looks for a Friend)'. They also performed a song with actions about the six Noongar seasons, called Bibbulumun Bonar. The students really enjoyed and learned a lot from the experience. A big thankyou to Ms Lieshia Green for her help.

Ms Shaw & Ms Johnston
Year 3 Teachers



PEAC Nominees

Congratulations to Year 4 students, Arham Hashmi and Aagna Swaroop who have been nominated to participate in the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program for Year 5 and Year 6. These talented students scored above the 97 percentile. We wish them all the very best for their bright future and look forward to supporting them in reaching their potential.



LEADERSHIP LOOKOUT

(from the Councillors)

Joke: Why don't eggs tell jokes?

Answer: They'd crack each other up.

Students News & Views

Hello everyone,

We hope you had an awesome week. PAT testing is finished, and the year six students are at camp. The calendar looks very busy as usual & here are the events until the next newsletter.

- Wednesday 22 Kindy A Orientation 9.45am
- Thursday 23 Kindy B Orientation 9.45am
- Friday 24 Assembly Pre-Primary
& Academic Challenge (BSHS) for year 5's
- Tuesday 28 Volunteers Morning Tea 10.30am

Have a nice week everyone!

Quote: "Education is the key to opportunity"



MURAL update

Here are our staff members doing some final touch ups on the mural.

IT IS ALMOST FINISHED!!!!

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal



P & C NEWS

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BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C **MEGA!** FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

Keep an eye out for our yearly **Mega Fundraiser Raffle**. We've got some amazing prizes from our locals, who continue to support us. Fancy a brand-new bike, want to cuddle some of the cutest baby farm animals, immerse

yourself in some VR (Virtual Reality) sessions, explore Little Land, gaze at the night sky at the Perth Observatory, try out some rock climbing, have a go at roller skating, a round of Putt Putt or simply go on a shopping spree - and lots more?

Further details will be posted on our Facebook page and in the next newsletter. Remember the more tickets you buy, the more chances you have of winning some fantastic prizes.



FUNDRAISING

THE COLOUR SPLATACULAR SCHOOL FUN RUN

Thanks to everyone that has supported us with our Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun! Fundraising has now **CLOSED** and it is time to order your prizes.

We have raised **\$5007.10**. Super contributions everybody!!

Prize ordering will close on the **17th of November**, so make sure your orders are in before then. Prizes will be delivered to school later.

Every student who has raised \$10 or more can choose a prize 🎁! Pick a prize from your highest category or mix and match smaller prizes. Prizes can be ordered online: <https://myprofilepage.com.au>



A big round of applause for Andre Demarti who raised the most money for our Colour Splatacular School Run 4 Fun. Thank you for raising a whopping \$800 that will go towards making our school more fun & brighter.

Andre has now gone into the draw to win a JB Hi-fi \$10,000 shopping spree from @AustralianFundraising

The prize will be drawn at the end of the year. Good luck!

Many thanks to Gina Gill who is our new secretary for our P&C. President and Vice President will remain Shoshana Lam and Christel Newport, and thank you to Caroline Kwan, Foram Thakar and Narelle Heydon for continuing as executive members. We still need a **treasurer**, please consider if you are able to attend one meeting per term, usually a Friday, and around 2 hours per term for excel reports, you will not have to start until next year and you will be guided as you need.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on Wed 13th December for our Colour Splatacular event. Contact us through Facebook or balcattaps_pandc@hotmail.com. Any helpers available from 7.30am for set up, 9.00am-2.30pm to help with powder squirting, slime shooting, and water spraying, or after 2.30pm for pack up.

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

For further information, please contact:

Shoshie Lam balcattaps_fundraising@hotmail.com



PARKING

Parents, please be respectful of local neighbouring property during pick up and drop off times, especially along Alford Street. This includes keeping driveways and verges free of parked cars. If the side entrance to the school is congested, please consider parking along Albert Street behind the school oval.



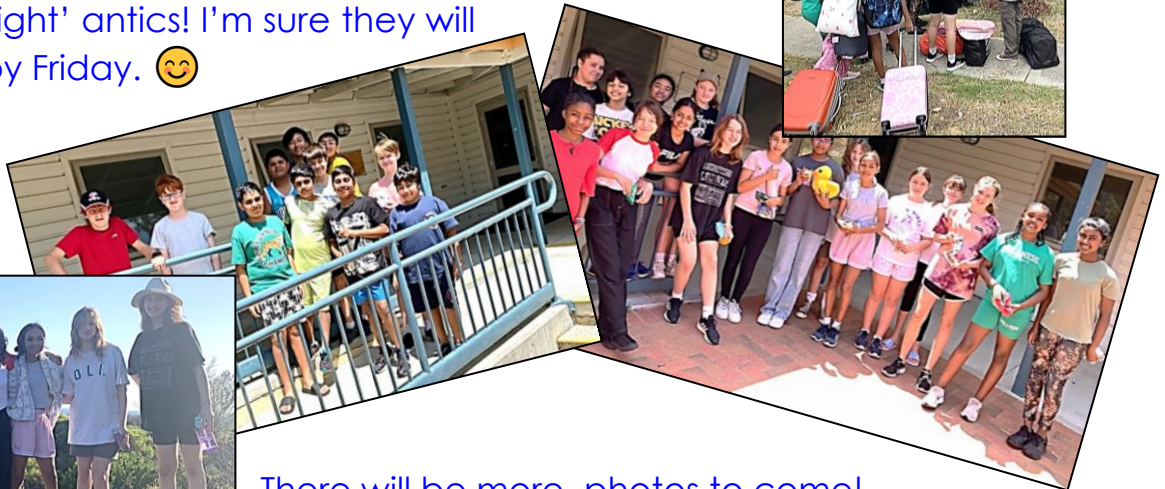
MINIBEASTS INCURSION K & P/P



SCHOOL CAMP

Our Year 6 students were very excited to begin their 3-day excursion at the Ern Halliday Recreation Camp yesterday. Wednesday began with some ice breaker and team building games, then some flying fox fun and ending in an 'escape the night' antics! I'm sure they will be very tired by Friday. 😊

Mrs Murphy
Deputy
Principal



There will be more photos to come!

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

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
Monday 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sci-Tech Excursion – all Yr. 3's
Tuesday 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Morning Tea (10.30am) • Orientation Day Yr 6's – (BSHS)
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)