



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



Some of our Kindy students enjoying the
start of their Primary Education



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hi Everyone

Election of our student councillors has now been completed.

Congratulations to Heidi Newport and Rahin Patel for being elected as our student councillors for this year. I am sure they will be very fine ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to their leadership throughout the year.

Election of our faction captains and vice captains will be held tomorrow afternoon. We wish all the students applying for a position all the best in their presentation. We look forward to presenting all our student leaders with their badges at our next school assembly.

Works on upgrading and refurbishing rooms 12 and 13 have now been completed and our Pre-Primary 2 class will be moving into their new classroom next Monday (26 February). Students and teachers are very excited and looking forward to enjoying their new classroom.

Just a reminder regarding safety; all children who cross Main Street in order to get to or from school must do so under the directions of the crosswalk attendants (Mario & Laurel). **The riding of bikes, skateboards or scooters on school grounds is not allowed.**

Enjoy your weekend

Peter Gates
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 8 March, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 6 class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy

As mentioned in our last newsletter the annual NAPLAN testing will be held in Term 1 this year. Students will be tested in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The language conventions tasks assess students' skills in spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

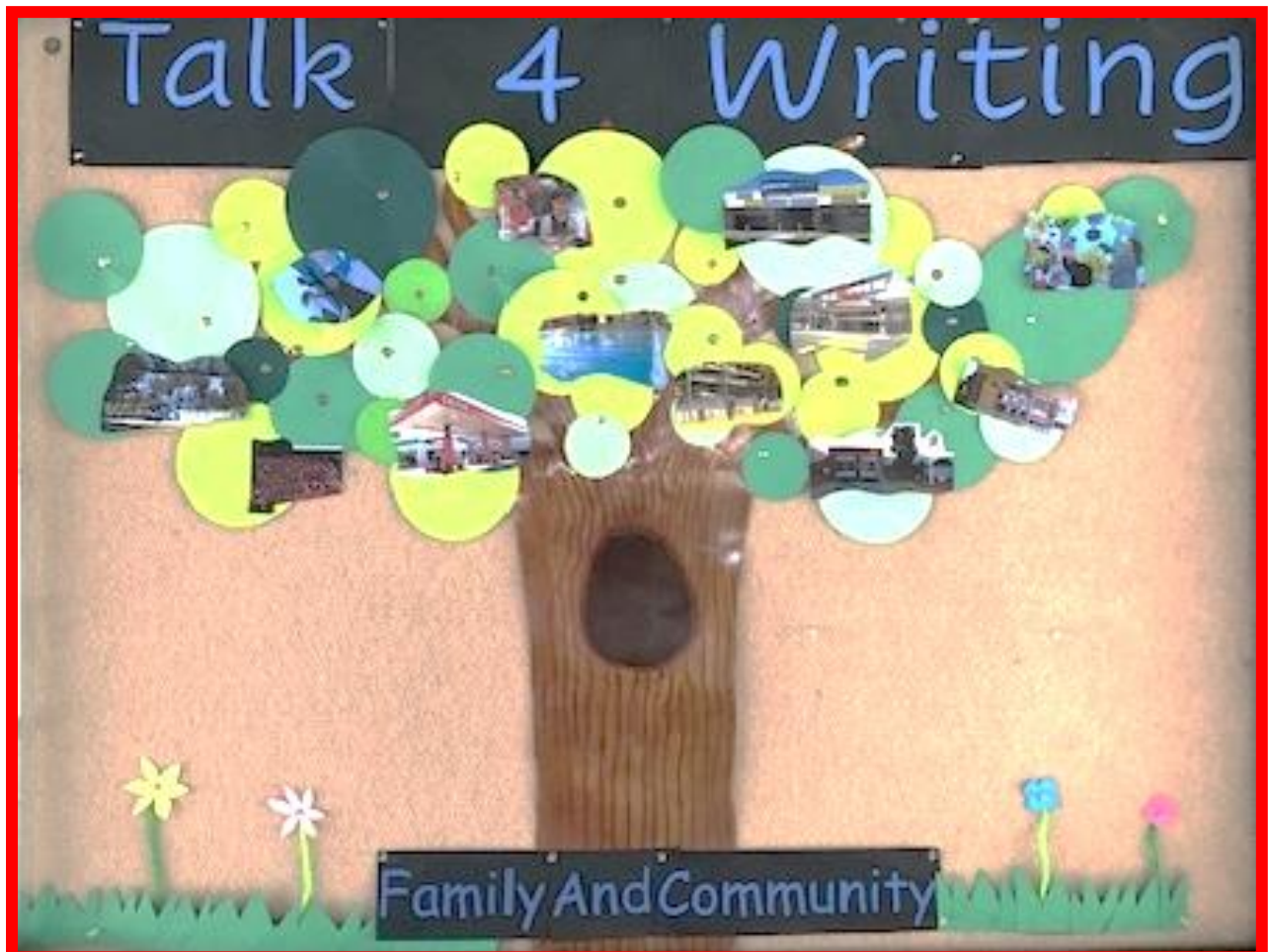
All Years 3 & 5 students will be assessed. The assessment tasks will take place from 13 March to 25 March inclusive. A parent information pamphlet about NAPLAN has been sent home with today's newsletter.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



A reminder that **Monday, 4 March** is a public holiday (Labour Day).

HARMONY DAY (21 March) is towards the end of Term 1 and Balcatta PS will be celebrating this at an assembly on Friday the 22nd of March. In preparation for this celebration we ask you to talk with your children about your cultural background and what it means to you and them. Additionally, you could discuss your country's flag as we will be looking at flags during school. More details about this event will follow.



This term our Talk 4 Writing theme is 'Family and Community'. Lots of ideas can be seen in our display cabinet on the verandah outside the office.

SWIMMING

Swimming over the past couple of weeks has been going well.

Despite the shortened swimming programme, the students have enjoyed their swimming experience, improved their skills and had some short relief from the hot weather. Certificates for all students will be provided on Friday this week.



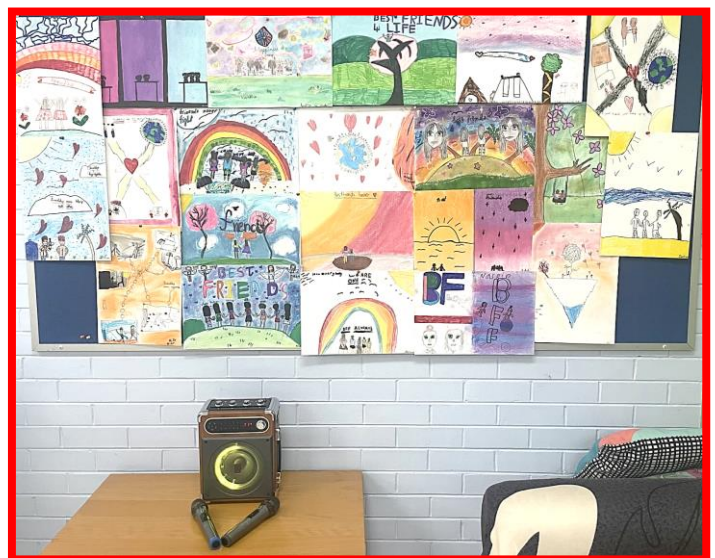
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings Balcatta PS community.

Thank you to all the Year 4's last year and Mrs Fego for the beautiful artwork

that you produced for the YouthCare art competition. I have used all your wonderful pieces to brighten up the activity centre. Special congratulations to Tshering Jamyang - her wonderful artwork was chosen to be displayed at a YouthCare exhibition.



The activity centre is open lunch times on Tuesdays for years 4-6 and Thursdays for years 1-3.

There will be a karaoke machine for anyone keen to have a go.

I'm available to support the social and emotional needs of students in school hours, teachers after school and parents on Thursdays before pick up from 2pm.

BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is held in the undercover area each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome to come along between **8.15 – 8.45am** for fruit, smoothies & toasties.

All our goods are donated by Foodbank and Woolworths Roselea, for which we are very grateful.

Our beloved Kathy is unable to volunteer this term, however, we still have legends Ann and Paul helping out every week.

If anyone would like to volunteer with food prep, serving & cleaning up, please come to the canteen anytime from 7.30 – 9.00am on Tuesdays.



Shoshie Lam
Chaplain

**PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING**

Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on Friday 1 March in the library starting at 9.10am. Please come along to just listen or have a say in planning for 2024 and show your support.

You are welcome to bring smaller children with you.

Keep up to date with what's happening in school on our Facebook page & Parents Community Chat.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop stocks faction shirts **only** at school.

Email: balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com for bag delivery.

All other uniform items may be purchased from Eclipse Universal in Malaga.

Ph: 9249 4344

Online ordering: (click and collect or home delivery)

<https://schooluniformstore.com.au/balcatta-primary> enter code: **BP6021**

**FREEZE FRIDAYS**

Freeze Fridays are every Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half or \$1 for a whole icy pole.

**MEGA RAFFLE**

We are Excited to run our Epic Term 1 raffle, with over \$3,000 in the prize pool. These awesome prizes donated from our generous local community are enough to make anyone Ecstatic.

Tickets go on sale 11 March – 26 March 2024. The raffle will be drawn on 26 March 2024.

Look out for our online raffle link and QR code, in the next newsletter and on our Facebook Page.

The more tickets you buy, the faster we can achieve our fundraising goals.

**We Are an
Allergy
Aware
School.**



Please note, that the only food to be provided by parents for birthdays etc. are commercially produced cupcakes i.e. from Woolworths or Coles that are fully sealed.



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

2024

Epic

Term one

\$1

PER RAFFLE TICKET

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Prize #	Contributor	Prize
1	David Michael	\$300 Bike voucher
2	Adventure World	Family of Four Day Ticket
3	Whiteman Park	Hamper & Family passes
4	Sistahood Style Emporium	Hamper
5	Woolworths Balcatta	Toy hamper
6	Optimus Gaming	3 x 1hr sessions
7	Optimus Gaming	3 x 1hr sessions
8	Cockburn Ice Arena	5 free passes
9	Pink Moon	dining voucher + 4 x Cockburn Ice Arena discount vouchers
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11	X-Golf Balcatta	4 x Hey Caddy Mini Putt vouchers
12	Cedric Street Pharmacy	Visa gift card
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14	City of Stirling	Easter Eggs
15	Arata Japanese Dining	Dining Voucher + 4 x Cockburn Ice Arena discount vouchers
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18	Flipout Joondalup	3 x 2hr voucher & Socks
19	Swan Valley Cuddly Animal Farm	Family pass
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21	Swan Valley Cuddly Animal Farm	Family pass
22	Superbowl Warwick	2 x Game Passes
23	Perth Observatory	1 adult & 1 child - Night Sky tour
24	Landsdale Farm	4 free passes
25	Perth Mint	1 Family pass for the Dazzling gold exhibition and heritage tour
26	Seven Mile Bar & Bistro	bar & Bistro voucher
27	The Bell Tower	1 Family, Bell Tower Experience
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David Michael
MEMBER FOR BALCATTa



OPTIMUS GAMING
VIRTUAL REALITY ARCADE



Cedric Street Pharmacy



Woolworths
Balcatta



OVER \$3,000 IN PRIZES

Support Local Businesses, who support us



TERM 1 – TIMETABLE 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	29 January	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February
	Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day			
Week 2	5 February	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February
				• Newsletter 1	
Week 3	12 February	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February
	 Swimming lessons begin	Parent/Teacher meetings – weeks 3 – 5 – 2.30pm			
Week 4	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February
				• Newsletter 2	Swimming lessons conclude 
Week 5	26 February	27 February	28 February	29 February	1 March
					• P & C Mtg 9.10am- Library
Week 6	4 March	5 March	6 March	7 March	8 March
	Labour Day			• Newsletter 3	• Assembly (Yr 6)
Week 7	11 March	12 March	13 March	14 March	15 March
			NAPLAN		
Week 8	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March
	NAPLAN		• Young Leaders Day	• Newsletter 4	• Assembly Harmony Day
Week 9	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March
				• Assembly (Yr 2 – Rm 9)	Good Friday

Term 2 begins Tuesday 16 April 2024 (for students)

