



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MONDAY JUNE 2
2025



WA Day is held each year on the first Monday in June. It is a day to celebrate all Western Australian, recognising our Aboriginal history, early European settlers and the many people from all over the world who have made and continue to make Western Australia their home. It's a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the wonderful things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential.

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the term quickly progresses, it continues to be a very busy and productive time here at Balcatta Primary School. We kindly ask that you continue to monitor *Connect*—both your child's classroom page and the main school account—as this remains our primary platform for sharing important updates and information.

Edu-Dance Concert – Week 10

Planning is well underway for the much-anticipated Edu-Dance Concert, scheduled for **Monday of Week 10**. More details will be shared on *Connect* shortly, so please stay tuned.

Staff Professional Learning

At Balcatta Primary, we believe that learning is a lifelong journey—not just for students, but for staff as well. This week, our teaching team participated in a **network-wide professional learning event** alongside colleagues from Takari, Osborne, West Balcatta, East Hamersley, Glendale, Tuart Hill, and Hawker Park Primary Schools. Together, they completed a shared writing moderation task aimed at improving teaching practices across our network.

Participation in such professional learning opportunities enables our staff to:

- Ensure consistent and fair assessment practices
- Deepen understanding of assessment standards
- Build shared understandings of student learning and performance
- Engage in rich professional dialogue and share expertise
- Foster a strong sense of community among network schools

Most importantly, these initiatives directly support and enhance student learning outcomes.

A sincere thank you to **Ms Sue Johnston** for her hard work in organising and facilitating this valuable professional learning experience.

Winter Safety Reminder

As winter approaches and wet weather becomes more frequent, we urge everyone to take extra care around the school, especially in parking and drop-off zones. Please:

- Drive slowly and cautiously
- Be patient and courteous to fellow drivers
- Follow parking guidelines to ensure student safety

Our parking facilities are limited, so your cooperation goes a long way in keeping our school environment safe for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lauren Hook
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow 23 May, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 1 (room 11) class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

MERIT AWARDS



WELL DONE



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AUSSIE of the MONTH



Congratulations to Avnoor



Last Friday, 16th of May was National Walk Safely to School Day. At Balcatta PS, we encouraged our students and their families to walk to school safely and enjoy the benefits of active transport.

The day aimed to promote physical activity, reduce traffic congestion and teach children about road safety.

We had **139** students walk to school on the day and they were rewarded with a special sticker or tattoo from one of our helpful school leaders.

Mrs Anthea Bouhlas
Deputy Principal





Yesterday, was **NSS day** which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year the NSS official book chosen is **The Truck Cat** written by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell. *The Truck Cat* is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity and homes lost and found. It is a story all about belonging and connection. Along with his human, Yacoub and Tinka travel roads wide and narrow, near and distant. But no matter how much they travel, home feels very far away – for both of them. When Tinka and Yacoub are unexpectedly separated, they are determined to find their way back to each other – and in doing so, might find more than they expected.

Mrs Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal

BE A LITTER HERO!

See litter? Don't let it sit there — **bin it!** 

Help keep our school clean, green and awesome! 

Pick it up (safely!), pop it in the bin and wash those hands.

**SMALL ACTIONS = BIG DIFFERENCE.
LET'S ALL DO OUR BIT!**

LOST AND FOUND

We have a number of drink bottles that have remained unclaimed in the office. If you have lost one, please collect as soon as possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL ITEMS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL!!!

EDU-DANCE



Thank you to all the parents who have promptly paid for the **Edu-Dance programme**. However, there are still some outstanding payments, which we would appreciate being settled as soon as possible.

Payment of \$25 for this program can be made on-line or in cash via the lock box on the verandah in front of the Administration Office.

P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC

Thank you for your amazing support for our Mother's Day Stall we raised **\$760.23**. In our last meeting we have just approved \$500 for Ms P our librarian to spend on new books.

Save the date Friday 24th October for our school disco.

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Sushi will be available to order for week 8. Subway will be every other fortnight, weeks 6 & 10. Please ensure your orders are placed before the Tuesday prior as this is the cut off day on our ordering App.



Download Spriggy Schools and register under Balcatta PS and then connect a debit card.



FREEZE FRIDAYS - reminder

There will be **NO** Freeze Fridays in term 2. 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS - FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN 3-12 YRS

1 Session Program: Equip your child with the language and principles of protective behaviours to develop their personal safety, knowledge and skills. By sharing protective behaviours with your child, you will be helping to develop lifelong skills of assertiveness, self-confidence, problem solving, communication, resilience and reaching out for help when needed. Participants will need to have video and sound enabled on their device to participate in this program.

WHEN: Tuesday 27 May 2025

TIME: 10.00am - 12.00pm

LOCATION: Online (Teams link will be forwarded once registrations have been confirmed).

DETAILS:

PHONE: 08 9251 5777

EMAIL: parenting@communicare.org.au

WEBSITE: <https://www.trybooking.com/DAMDE>

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAM 2026

Applications for our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Centres for **2026** are now being taken at the school office.

KINDERGARTEN: Born between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022

PRE-PRIMARY: Born between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021

Application forms and information are available either on-line or at the school office.

www.balcattprimary.wa.edu.au

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 2 June is a public holiday to celebrate WA day.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY	
Friday 23	Assembly Year 1 (room 11)
WEEK 5 Monday 26	Edu-Dance ▪ National Sorry Day ▪ National Reconciliation Week
JUNE	
WEEK 6 Monday 2	WA Day (<i>Public Holiday</i>)
Tuesday 3	Edu-Dance
Thursday 5	Newsletter 8
Friday 6	Assembly Year 1/2 (room 10)
WEEK 7 Monday 9	Edu-Dance
Friday 13	Winter Carnival (yrs 4 - 6)
WEEK 8 Monday 16	Edu-Dance
Thursday 19	▪ X-Country (yrs 4 - 6) ▪ Newsletter 9
Friday 20	Assembly PP1
WEEK 9 Monday 23	Edu-Dance
Friday 27	I/School X Country
WEEK 10 Monday 30	Edu-Dance Concert
JULY	
Thursday 3	Newsletter 10
Friday	Final Day of Term
Term 3 – Tuesday July 22 (<i>for students</i>)	



enjoy your
Weekends!!

