

BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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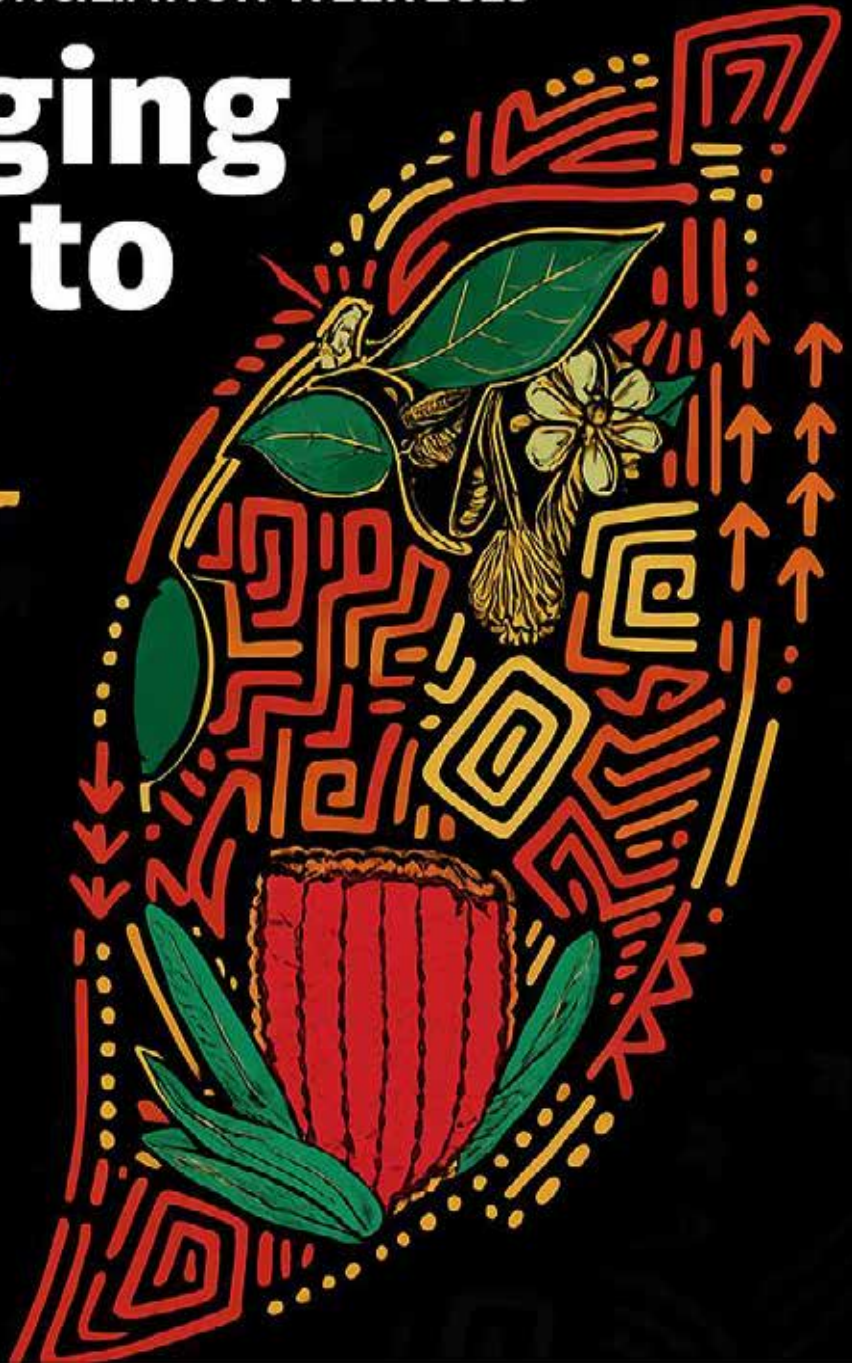
5 June 2025

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*

27 MAY –
3 JUNE

NRW2025



Last week, we acknowledged National Reconciliation Week, standing together to reflect, learn and grow.
Let's continue bridging now to next with respect,
understanding and unity.

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

Being the principal of a wonderful school like Balcatta Primary comes with many responsibilities—and sometimes, it's easy to focus only on what needs fixing or improving. But amongst the busy days are *glimmers*—those small, special moments that bring joy, peace, and a sense of connection.

This week, I've been looking for the glimmers—and I'd love to share just a few with you:

- Watching the smiles and laughter during our Edu-Dance lessons - and seeing students persevere to learn new moves.
- Observing the pride of our Year 6 leaders as they raise the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags each morning.
- Sneaking a peek at the Merit Awards arriving in the office - ready to celebrate student achievements at assembly.
- Seeing children proudly place their faction points in the office box, showing their commitment and enthusiasm.
- Watching students demonstrate our "Include" value - inviting others into games, sharing equipment, and showing kindness.
- Supervising at Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings and seeing students trying new foods, chatting with friends, and using their lovely manners with volunteers.
- Hearing cheerful "good mornings" from students as they arrive at school, greeting staff and friends with a smile.
- Noticing how proud our students are to wear their school uniforms—representing Balcatta with confidence every day.

There are so many glimmers in our school community - too many to list! These moments remind us of the joy and connection that make Balcatta Primary such a special place.

I encourage you to take a moment with your child this week to look for their glimmers - those little things that made them smile, feel proud, or help someone else.

School Gates



Our gates will be locked at approximately 9am each morning and reopened at approximately 2.30pm. If you need to access the school between those times, we suggest that you park in **Sylvia**

Street across the road and then use the crossing over Main Street and enter the school through the reception gates. You can then enter reception and be greeted by our friendly staff.

We appreciate your support in this matter - which is working to ensure the safety of all students.

Lauren Hook
Principal



MERIT AWARDS



Congratulations -



Congratulations -



CLOTHES LABELLING – Please ensure children's clothing is labelled with their names, so they can easily be identified and returned, if lost.

L.O.T.E.

The Scoop On Ordering Gelato



In Italian



In Week 4 our LOTE classes had the opportunity to sample authentic Italian gelati and play a game of Bocce. Italian gelato has its own specific etiquette, tradition and vocabulary. Gelato is not the same as ice cream. They are two different products, with specific production methods and contents.



The students were encouraged to select their desired flavoured gelato (il gusti) using basic Italian phrases - *"Buongiorno, vorrei un gelato a fragola, per favore."*

In English that is "Good morning, I would like strawberry gelato, please."

Signora Franchina
Italian Teacher

Did You Know?

Italy has over 37,000 gelaterias



This was followed by a friendly game of Bocce!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow 6 June, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 1/2 (room 10) class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



Issue 4

Scholastic Book Club offers students and staff the opportunity to purchase books and resources at often greatly discounted prices. All orders placed also help the library receive FREE resources.

Brochures are published twice a term, and the return dates for each issue are detailed below.

Orders for Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club are due on:

Sunday 15th June 2025.

******PLEASE NOTE AS OF ISSUE 5, WE WILL BE MOVING TO CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLY ******

HOW parents order from Book Club online

1. Log in, or create a new account at [LOOP](#)
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via **credit card**
8. Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned from the school!



NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Balcatta Primary is a **Nut Aware** school. Some students have **severe allergies**, so please **do not send nuts or nut products** (e.g. *Nutella, muesli bars, peanut butter*). Please avoid nuts in **birthday treats** or **fundraising food**. If your child has allergies, please inform the office.

P/E - SPORT

Next Friday, **June 13**, our year 4 to 6 students will be participating in our annual Winter Carnival to be held at Takari Primary School.



We will be competing against Takari, East Hamersley, Osborne and Lake Monger Primary Schools in a friendly competition which encourages participation and sportsmanship. The sports being played are netball, soccer, football and volleyball. Students depart **at 12pm** with games commencing **at 12.45pm** and will return to school at approximately **2.45pm**. Parents please return permission slips by Monday 9th June. We hope our senior students enjoy the carnival.

On Thursday in week 8, our year 4 to 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in our school **Cross Country** event. Year 4 and 5 students will run 1 km and our year 6 students will run 1.6 km. Please ensure that your child wears sport shoes with laces that tie up securely for this event. The top 5 students from each year group will be selected to compete at our Interschool Cross Country event at Delawney Reserve near Takari Primary School on June 27.

Kylee Saunders
Phys Ed Teacher

SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP



CAR PARK COURTESY REMINDER

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers to please exercise patience and courtesy in the school car park, especially during the busy pick-up time. If all bays are full, we kindly ask that you wait patiently until a space becomes available. Avoid double-parking or blocking others, and please be mindful of children and families walking through the area.

Let's Work Together To Keep Our School Community Safe, Calm and Respectful For Everyone.
Thank You For Your Cooperation!

Year1 (Rm 11) Assembly Item



On Friday 23 May, the talented students of Year 1, Room 11 took to the stage to present their delightful assembly item themed "A Blue-Sky Kinda Day."

Through songs, movement, and bright smiles, they celebrated positivity, kindness, and the joy of blue-sky days. Well done to all the students and staff for such a heartwarming performance!

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SUPPORT RESEARCH ON CHILD WELLBEING!



Do you know a child in year 6 and their caregiver?

Scan the QR code to register interest in helping researchers investigate language, reading, and mental health in the transition to high school.

COMPLETE A SURVEY AND LANGUAGE AND READING TASKS, ONLINE OR IN-PERSON FOR 1.5 HOURS.
ALL KIDS GET A GIFT VOUCHER!



This research has been approved by the human research ethics committees of: Curtin University (HRE2020-0168), The University of Melbourne (28428), University of Tasmania (H0029858) and Australian Catholic University (2024-3524R).

Shoshie Lam
(Chaplain)

P & C NEWS

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UNIFORMS



All uniforms 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: **BPS6021**

FACTION SHIRTS only are stocked at school.
To purchase please contact P & C via email.
balcattaps_pandc@hotmail.com for bag delivery.
Price: Faction Polos: cotton \$20.00



DATES TO REMEMBER	
JUNE	
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
weekend

