

BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

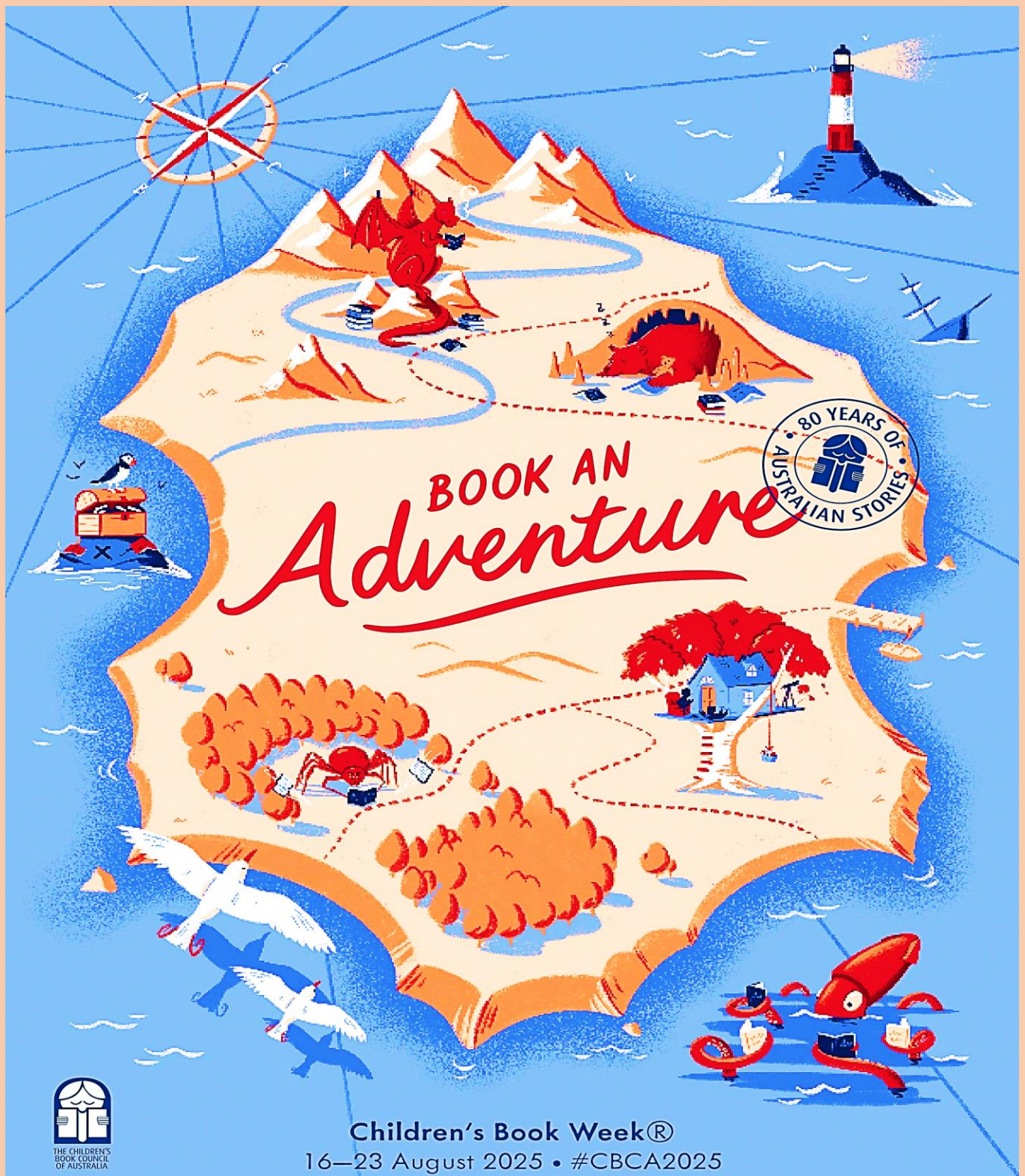
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CBCA Childrens Book Week 2025



Children's Book Week®

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PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello everyone

With the year rapidly whizzing by, we have started planning for the 2026 school year. It is really helpful for us to know if your child won't be returning next year. If your family is moving or your child will be changing schools, please let the front office know as soon as you can. This information helps us to prepare for class planning and staffing for the year ahead.

Throughout the year there are displays of student work in the office and on pin up boards around the school. Please 'drop in' to see the great work. Presently we have a variety of NAIDOC themed art works around the school. These work samples are updated regularly so keep an eye out.

THREE WAY INTERVIEWS

Three Way Interviews are coming up soon and bookings will close on Monday 18 August at 1pm. Please note: No late bookings will be accepted after this time. On Wednesday 20 August, school will close early at 12.00pm. All students are expected to be collected at that time. If you can't collect your child at that time, we ask that you please contact the front office before 1pm on Monday 18 August so we can plan for supervision. Parking will be available on the school oval from 12pm, but we do ask everyone to take care and be considerate. The time allocated for Three Way Interviews are short (8 minutes each) so please be on time and be respectful that others will be booked in for the next session. Thank you in advance for helping to make our Three Way Interviews a success.

INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

Our staff are always looking out for excursion and incursion opportunities to provide our students with additional learning opportunities and experiences. This week our Year 5 students attended Balcatta Senior High School today as part of Science Week activities. This excursion was fully subsidised by Balcatta Senior High School. It was a fantastic excursion, full of hands-on learning and fun science discoveries. A big thank you to Balcatta SHS for hosting this event. In coming weeks, our PP students will be visited by the Birds of Prey, Year 1 - 3 students will have an Oz Animal Experience and all students in Year 4 - 6 will be invited to take part in WA Massed Choir event. Information about these incursions and excursions will be coming home with your child closer to the date.

BOOK WEEK - BOOK AN ADVENTURE

Book Week is just around the corner. From Monday 18 to Friday 22 August, students will be involved in lots of fun reading activities in class and in the library. To finish the week, we are inviting students and staff to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 22 August. We will be holding a Book Week Character Parade at 9am on the basketball courts and families are welcome to come along and watch.

Just a reminder: as we have Athletics Training in the afternoon, children should bring their uniform and normal shoes to change into after the parade.

Before School Reminder

A reminder that students who arrive at school before 8.35am without an adult are required to sit quietly on the benches outside of the computer lab. Our classrooms do not open until 8.35am with classes beginning at 8.50am. We appreciate your support in helping keep our mornings at Balcatta Primary School safe and calm for everyone.

P&C Meeting - All Welcome

Our next P&C meeting is on Friday at 9am in the library. Everyone is welcome - come along and meet the P&C and chat about what's happening at the school and how you can become involved. We'd love to see you there.

Kind regards,

Lauren Hook
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 29 August with our Room 4 Year 3 class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends & community members are very welcome to attend.

AUSSIE of the MONTH



Congratulations



Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Certificate of Recognition

He consistently demonstrates a quiet confidence and mature integrity that far exceeds his young age. He approaches each school day with a strong sense of purpose, showing unwavering commitment to his academic learning and participating actively in all classroom activities.

What sets Devansh apart is not only his excellence in learning but also his growing sense of humour and ability to bring people together. He has become a unifying presence in our classroom - uplifting others and rising to any occasion with kindness and reliability.

Whether it's handing out books, helping a classmate in need, or sweeping up a mess with a dustpan and brush, Devansh is always there. These small but powerful acts of initiative and care speak volumes about his character. His readiness to serve others and his natural leadership through action make him a truly deserving recipient of this recognition.

Congratulations, Devansh. Your quiet strength, responsibility, and positive spirit shine brightly in all you do.



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Australian of the Year
Awards
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MERIT AWARDS



WELL DONE



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LANGUAGES WEEK

2025

Languages Week was a fantastic opportunity to explore our school diversity through music, games and language experiences.

Some of these activities included:

- Translating our BPS VALUES from English to Italian.
- Playing a game of TOMBOLA.
- GLOBAL DJ: Exploring music with lyrics in a language other than English.
- Learning to dance the TARANTELLA.
- Competing in a game of BOCCE.

The week was a lot of fun and full of engaging activities for everyone!

Signora Franchina
Italian Teacher



Year 3 (rm 8) Learning to dance the Tarantella



Year 6 (rm 1) Global DJ
Presenting a Russian song



Year 5/6 (rm 2)- taking part in being Global DJ's



Year 4/5 (rm 3)



Year 3 (rm 8) competing in a game of Bocce



Year 5/6 (rm 2) creating their own BS Values posters in Italian



SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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Our students are preparing for our school athletics carnivals. Our long jumps, long throws and the 200m, 400m and 800 m events will be held on **Tuesday September 2, 2025**. Our whole school Athletics Carnival will be held on **Friday 5 September 5, 2025**. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer on your children for the athletics carnival.



On the morning of the faction carnival, we will require and would be very appreciative of **parent volunteers** to help set up our marquee faction shelters. Please leave your name and email address with our office staff if you are available on the Friday morning at 7.45am to help school.



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THE SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 IS BELOW:

Time	Year	Teacher on Pits	on Jump	Teacher on Throws
9.00 – 9.45am	Junior	Mrs Saunders		Mr Hatton
9.45 - 10.30am	Intermediate	Mrs Saunders		Mr Hatton
Recess				
11- 12pm	Senior	Mrs Saunders		Mr Hatton
Lunch				
2 - 3pm Long Distance Running Events (Mrs Saunders results & Mr Hatton starter)				
Junior Girls	200m run			
Junior Boys	200m run			
Intermediate Girls	400m run			
Intermediate Boys	400m run			
Senior Girls	800m run			
Senior Boys	800m run			

- At the conclusion of the day, placegetters will be announced and ribbons presented at an assembly on Tuesday, September 2 at 2.45pm.

Years 1 to 6 have training on Friday afternoons.

Please remind them to bring their broad rim hat and wear their faction shirt on Fridays.

Kylee Saunders
Phys Ed Teacher

PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

We are looking forward to our next meeting tomorrow Friday 15 August in the library commencing at 9.am.

Keep up to date with what is happening in school on our Facebook page & Parents Community Chat. Hope to see you there!

UNIFORM SHOP

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 Our old-style faction shirts can be ordered for bag delivery \$20.00 *only* are stocked at school.

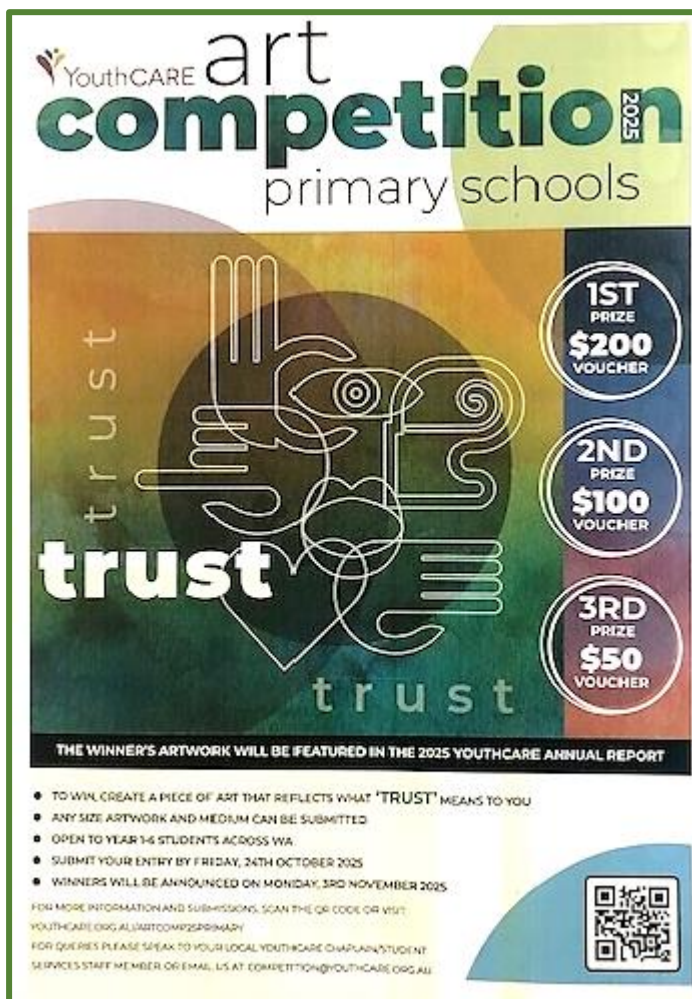


To purchase please contact P & C via email.

balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com for bag delivery.

Price: Faction Polos: cotton \$20.00

New Polos: synthetic \$28.00

CHAPLAINS CORNER

YouthCARE art competition 2025 primary schools

trust

1ST PRIZE \$200 VOUCHER

2ND PRIZE \$100 VOUCHER

3RD PRIZE \$50 VOUCHER

THE WINNER'S ARTWORK WILL BE FEATURED IN THE 2025 YOUTHCARE ANNUAL REPORT

- TO WIN, CREATE A PIECE OF ART THAT REFLECTS WHAT 'TRUST' MEANS TO YOU
- ANY SIZE ARTWORK AND MEDIUM CAN BE SUBMITTED
- OPEN TO YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS ACROSS WA
- SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 2025
- WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSIONS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [YOUTHCARE.ORG.AU/ART2025PRIMARY](https://youthcare.org.au/art2025primary)

FOR QUERIES PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL YOUTHCARE CHAPLAIN/STUDENT SERVICES STAFF MEMBER OR EMAIL US AT: [COMPETITION@YOUTHCARE.ORG.AU](mailto:competition@youthcare.org.au)

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Just a reminder that we have started collecting items for this worthwhile cause.

Let's get involved and help the underprivileged and vulnerable children.

Shoshana Lam
Chaplain

DATES TO REMEMBER	
AUGUST	
Friday 15	P & C Meeting - 9am Library
WEEK 5	
Wednesday 20	Early Closing - Teacher Interviews
Friday 22	Book Week Character Parade
WEEK 6	
Tuesday 26	Incursion - 'Birds of Prey' (P/P)
Wednesday 27	WA Massed Choir Rehearsal 1
Thursday 28	Newsletter 13
Friday 29	Assembly - Year 3 (room 4)
SEPTEMBER	
WEEK 7	
Monday 1	Incursion - Water Corp (Yrs 5,6)
Tuesday 2	School jumps & throws
Friday 5	School Athletics Carnival
WEEK 8	
Thursday 11	Newsletter 14
WEEK 9	
Tuesday 16	Inter School Jumps & Throws
Thursday 18	Inter School Athletics Carnival
Friday 19	WA Choir Rehearsal 2
Saturday 20	WA Massed Choir
Friday 19	Assembly - (PP2)
WEEK 10	
Thursday 25	Newsletter 15
Friday 26	Final day of term

