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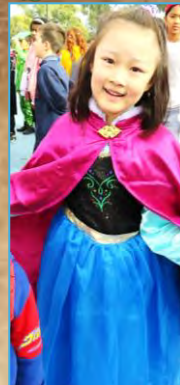
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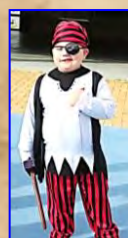
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BOOK WEEK



STUDENTS & STAFF LIT UP THE BOOK WEEK PARADE WITH COLOURFUL COSTUMES



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Yet another busy few weeks here at Balcatta Primary School, our PP students had a visit from the 'Birds of Prey' this week and our students in Years 4 to 6 had a fantastic time attending their first rehearsal for the WA Massed Choir Festival yesterday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of a large-scale performance and showcase their hard work and musical talents. Their next rehearsal will take place on Friday 19 September, with the main concert on Saturday 20 September. Tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster – don't miss out on what promises to be a spectacular evening! Tickets are available from Ticket Master.

We are also proud to announce that Jaden M has been selected as one of the soloist for the final concert – a fantastic recognition of his leadership and confidence. Congratulations, Jayden!

Due to the second choir rehearsal, we have had to reschedule the Pre-Primary assembly which was scheduled for Friday 19 September. It will now take place on Friday 26 September to ensure all students can attend and participate. We appreciate your understanding and ask that you mark this change of date on your calendars and diaries.

Our recent Three-Way Interviews on Wednesday 20 August were a great success. It was wonderful to see so many families taking the opportunity to discuss learning goals and celebrate the progress of their children. Thank you for your continued support.

We have a number of exciting events coming up before the end of term:

- Jumps, Throws & Long-Distance Events – Tuesday 2 September
- Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 3 September and Thursday 4 September
- Faction Athletics Carnival – Friday 5 September

We hope to see as many families there as possible to support our students and enjoy the fun.

A few important reminders:

- Our school gates are locked between 9:00am and 2:30pm daily to help keep our students safe. If you need to access the school during these hours, parking is available on Sylvia Street.
- When leaving the school, please ensure all gates are securely closed, including those around the early childhood area.
- We have begun transitioning to a new system called Compass. Many families will have started receiving absence follow-up messages and may have downloaded the Compass app. While we transition, Connect will remain our main communication platform, so please continue to check it regularly to stay updated on all school matters.

Finally, if your child will not be returning to Balcatta Primary School in 2026, please notify the front office. This information is vital as we begin planning for the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support in our school community!

Lauren Hook
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow, August 29, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 3 (room 4) class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend.

CHOIR

Yesterday, our choir students took part in their first rehearsal at Churchlands Senior High School, preparing for their upcoming performance in the WA Massed Choir Festival on Saturday, 20 September. We commend their enthusiasm and commitment!



FROM THE LIBRARY



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 6

Orders will close on **Thursday 4th September**

******PLEASE NOTE:**

ONLINE 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**

Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school. Happy reading!

Mrs Pruiti-Ciarello (Library Officer) (Wed/Thurs)

CONGRATULATIONS

Balcatta Primary School is very proud to announce that Logan Menzel has successfully been nominated for the Early Years Extension Program which involves an off-site 5-week specialist program later in the year. We expect the program to be an enjoyable and rich learning experience for him. Congratulations!!

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Next **Tuesday, 2nd September 2025** is the Balcatta Long Jumps, Long Throws and Long-Distance running events. Three boys and three girls from Junior, Intermediate and Senior have been selected for each event. Your child will let you know by this Friday if they have been selected for an event. Parents are welcome to come along and spectate if your child is participating.

The schedule is below

Time	Year	Teacher on Jump Pits	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			
1.30pm – 2.15pm Long Distance Running Events			
Junior Girls	200m run		
Junior Boys	200m run		
Intermediate Girls	400m run		
Intermediate Boys	400m run		
Senior Girls	800m run		
Senior Boys	800m run		

We are all getting excited for our school athletics carnival which will be held on Friday 5th September 2025. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer on our students.

Any parents that are available to help set up our student marquees on the morning of the carnival, please let our office staff know you're availability and arrive at 7.30 am to the oval.

We look forward to seeing our parents enjoying our carnival day.

Kylee Saunders
Physical Education Teacher

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**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

FACTION CARNIVAL

The P&C will be selling 'Faction Carnival' merchandise on the Admin verandah area on **Friday, August 29**. Items will also be available on Friday, September 5 (carnival day) before school, from 8:20–8:45am.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunch orders are available via the Spriggy App – Orders close Monday September 1 at 9.00am

FATHERS DAY STALL 🎁

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, September 3, for Pre-Primary and Kindy A students in the ECE area from 8:15am. It's a lovely chance for children to choose a special gift for Dad (or someone special).

The **remaining classes** will be able to visit the stall on Thursday, September 4.

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, 30TH NOVEMBER 2025.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUBMISSIONS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT: [YOUTHCARE.ORG.AU/2025ARTCOMPETITION](https://youthcare.org.au/2025artcompetition)

FOR QUIRKS PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL YOUTHCARE CHAIRPERSON/TECHNICAL SERVICES STATE MEMBER OR EMAIL US AT 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

MAGPIES BREEDING SEASON

It's coming into breeding season for the Australian magpie and when they are feeding chicks, they can be quite frightening as they fiercely protect their nests.



Tips to help you stay safe and avoid being attacked:

- The best way to avoid being attacked by a magpie is to avoid entering nesting areas while the young are in the nest.
- Wear sunglasses, a wide brimmed hat (especially children) or carry an umbrella.
- If you are swooped by a magpie, stay calm, walk away but do not run and avoid looking towards the swooping birds
- If a magpie attacks, avoid the area & take an alternative route for several weeks (chicks remain in nests for several weeks).



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



Spring in the Noongar calendar for the South West of Western Australia is divided into two seasons: Djilba (August–September), known as "first spring," and Kambarang (October–November), known as "second spring".

Djilba is a transitional period with cold, clear days mixed with warmer, rainy, and windy days, while Kambarang brings longer dry periods and warmer weather as flowers like the Moojar (Australian Christmas Tree) bloom.

MOBILE PHONES



Students **MUST** have a written note from parents if it is essential to bring mobile phones to school. The phones must be turned off and handed in to the office on arrival at school.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
AUGUST	
WEEK 6	
Friday 29	Assembly - Year 3 (room 4) P & C Faction Merch sale - Admin Verandah
SEPTEMBER	
WEEK 7	
Monday 1	Incursion - Water Corp (Yrs 5,6)
Tuesday 2	School jumps & throws
Wednesday 3	Father's Day Stall - P/P & KA
Thursday 4	Father's Day Stall - all other classes
Friday 5	Faction Athletics Carnival P & C Faction Merch sale - Undercover area 8.20am - 8.45am
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Tuesday 16	Inter School Jumps & Throws
Thursday 18	Inter School Athletics Carnival
Friday 19	WA Choir Rehearsal 2
Saturday 20	WA Massed Choir Performance
WEEK 10	
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Friday 26	Assembly - (PP2) Final day of term

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

The assembly scheduled for Friday 5 September has now been moved to the following Friday 26 September with PP2 presenting the item.

FATHERS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER



HELLO
SPRING!

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