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FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2025



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

As Term 3 comes to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Balcatta Primary School community for your ongoing support during what has been a busy, exciting, and rewarding term.

On Saturday 20 September, 61 of our Year 4–6 students proudly represented our school at the WA Massed Choir Festival. What a fantastic opportunity this was for students to showcase their musical talents on a professional stage. Throughout the event, our students embodied the RISE values, and we couldn't be prouder of the way they represented our school. A special congratulations to Jayden M, who confidently performed a solo in front of a large audience — an incredible achievement! Thank you to all the parents and families who supported the event and assisted with transport.

Since the last newsletter we also had a large number of students represent Balcatta Primary School at two Interschool Athletics Events - jumps, throws and long distance running on Tuesday 16 September and then the Athletics Carnival on Thursday 18 September. These two events were hosted by Osborne Primary School and our students once again demonstrated outstanding behaviour, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm. With perfect weather and a terrific atmosphere, the day was a huge success, and all participants are to be commended for their positive attitude.

In addition to these events, Term 3 has also included Book Week celebrations, our Faction Carnival, incursions and so much engaging learning across all classrooms. These experiences reflect the vibrant, inclusive and supportive culture we are proud to have at Balcatta Primary School.

Staff and students will conclude the term on Friday 26 September and return on Monday 13 October for what promises to be another exciting term of learning and connection.

Wishing all families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break. I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 4 on Monday 13 October.

Lauren Hook
Principal



***** CHECK CLOTHING LABELS *****

Please take a moment to check that your child's school clothing – especially jumpers and hats – is clearly labelled and has not been brought home by mistake. With many similar items in Lost & Found, names help us return belongings quickly and avoid mix-ups!!



THANKYOU FOR YOUR HELP!

PHYS ED/SPORT

FACTION ATHLETICS

Our annual faction carnival was an enjoyable day with all students trying their very best and showing excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to **WALTERS** out carnival winners for 2025, extremely closely followed by HUTT.



A HUGE thank you to our parent volunteers for their help setting up the gazebos and assisting with packing away at the then of the day. Thanks also to our staff who helped to train our teams and for their enthusiasm in the bays during the carnival. The team spirits in all bays and especially in the HUTT bay was evident from the scorer's tent.

Thanks also to supportive parents who spectated & cheered our students on at our carnival to make it an enjoyable and memorable day!

THE CHAMPIONS FOR EACH GROUP WERE:

2025	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
JUNIORS		
Girls	Zara Formato	Chloe
Boys	Ishaan and Vivaan	Joshua
INTERMEDIATES		
Girls	Brooklyn	Zoe
Boys	Christian	Jenil
SENIORS		
Girls	Blessing	Clara
Boys	Krishiv	Vivan

FINAL SCORES WERE:

ODIN 341	HUTT 397	WALTERS 400
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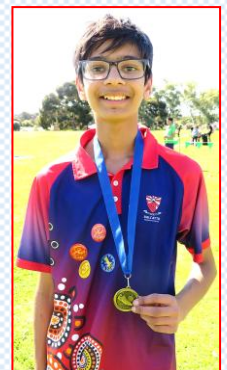
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INTERSCHOOL FACTION ATHLETICS

Schools	Score
East Hamersley	620
Balcatta	499
Lake Monger	461
Takari	331
Osborne	231

Our annual Interschool Carnivals at Osbourne Primary School were two great days of competing against East Hamersley, Osborne, Takari & Lake Monger Primary Schools. Balcatta PS students were amazing to watch in running and team games. We almost caught up to East Hamersley who had a massive lead ahead of the Friday athletics program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INTERSCHOOL CHAMPIONS!

Zara	Junior Champion Girl
Christian	Intermediate Champion Boy
Krishiv	Senior Runner up Champion Boy
Vivaan	Senior Champion Boy

We are so proud of our Interschool team for their dedication and sportsmanship when representing Balcatta PS.

Next year **our** school will host the interschool event.

Ms Saunders

(Phys – Ed Teacher)

NATURE STORIES COMPETITION - CITY OF STIRLING



Year 6 students at Balcatta Primary School have been given the opportunity to enter into a writing competition held by the City of Stirling.

The competition invites classes to explore how nature and humans coexist in their own homes and neighbourhoods. The winning classes will receive an unforgettable nature experience for their school!

The students who submit a writing piece need parental approval. A note will be coming home for your signature, and it **MUST** be returned tomorrow.

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal

- **SCHOOL CAMP – TERM 4 – WEEK 6**
- **SWIMMING – TERM 4 – WEEK 7 & 8**



In Week 8 the students from Room 2 and 3 participated in a waste audit that was run by Waste Sorted Schools. A waste audit is when all the waste that a school produces in a day is collected and sorted into specific categories for it to be analysed to assess how sustainable the school's waste practises are.

All the waste from the junior and senior verandahs was collected and sorted, and we found some pretty interesting things (a soccer ball, uneaten fruits, whole sandwiches to name a few)!

The students began thinking of a variety of ways to get rid of waste sustainably, and all came up with ideas that may be implemented in school-wide practises moving forward.



Conrad Lubich
Yr4/5 Room 3 Teacher



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Shoeboxes will be prepared and sent off during the holidays. Thank you so much for all donations so far.



Whole school **flash mob** will happen first Thursday back of Term 4. Those that would like to practice dances we will do, you can look up in the holidays on YouTube **Just Dance I'm Alive and Ghostbusters**. It will be Mental Health Week so be prepared to wear green that Thursday.

It's been a privilege to go through Aussie Optimism Program with the Year 5/6s this term, where we have been going through decision making, communication skills, assertiveness, negotiation, coping skills and support networks.

I've also had a ball going through the human body, healthy diets, and looking after our minds and bodies in general with Ms Johnston's Year 3s.

Shoshana Lam
Chaplain

FROM THE LIBRARY

For those of you who have not yet experienced this festival of all things reading, it is a temporary pop-up book shop in our school Library.

Join us for an exciting event showcasing a wide range of genres at the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair

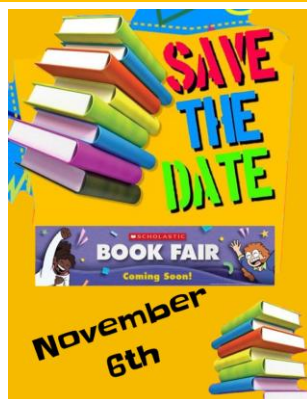
Explore a selection of books that appeal to both boys and girls across various age groups. Our fair will include fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction, and mystery, all chosen with the goal of inspiring young readers.

In addition to the usual new release books, we will have posters, pencils, diaries, stationary, mini note pads and more! We will also have a table of the very popular **\$8 Wacky Packs** - these are recent release books packaged with a stationery item.

The Book Fair raises valuable money for our school library as profits from the sale of books go directly into purchasing new books for our library.

So, save the date! Get some early Christmas shopping sorted and come and support Balcatta Primary School Library!

More details soon to follow.



Mrs Pruiti Ciarello
Library Officer

WEEK 10	
Thursday 25	Newsletter 15
Friday 26	Final day of term FREE DRESS - GOLD COIN DONATION • shoes must be worn
TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY OCTOBER 13	
OCTOBER	TERM 4
WEEK 2	
Tuesday 21	Kindy enrolment - Library (1.30pm - 2.30pm)
Thursday 23	Newsletter 16
Friday 24	Disco
WEEK 3	
Wednesday 29	Kindy A Photos
Thursday 30	Kindy B and Whole School Photos
ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!!	

