



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Mental Health



Mental Health Week is a national celebration in October each year. This year, the theme for WA Mental Health Week is Empowering Communities and Thriving Workforces, which is all about power. Today students were invited to wear GREEN. This is a powerful symbol of nature, growth and renewal. The whole school did a social dance on the basketball court, led by our School Chaplain and some of our brave year 5 and 6 students. Dancing helps bring people together, embodying the indicators of positive mental health (socialising, doing exercise and having fun!).



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

It's wonderful to see everyone returning refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy and exciting term. We have many special events scheduled for this term, including the Year 6 Camp, Year 6 Graduation, Book Fair, Swimming Lessons, School Photo's, excursions and incursions and our Whole School Book Award Ceremony on Wednesday, December 17. Please note that students and staff will conclude Term 4 on Thursday, December 18.

It was lovely to meet some of our new Kindergarten families during our registration event earlier this week. We are excited to welcome another group of 40 Kindy students in 2026. Our school continues to grow and planning is well underway for 2026. We ask that families inform the office as soon as possible if your child will not be returning next year. This information greatly assists us with class planning and staffing for the year ahead.

It's been a busy week at Balcatta Primary School. This afternoon I will have the pleasure of attending the Balcatta Senior High School Art Competition. All of our Year 5 & 6 students created their entries in art class last term, and I was delighted to hear that several of our students will be recognised with prizes – what a fantastic achievement! We are incredibly proud of every child who participated in this activity.

This morning we acknowledged Mental Health Week with a whole school dance (see front cover). Earlier in the week we received notification that several of our Year 4 students, have been offered places in the Department's PEAC Program. This is a wonderful accomplishment, and we are very proud of you all.

On Friday evening the P&C will be hosting a school disco in the undercover area. There are two sessions for the disco. Session 1 is 5pm to 6.30pm for our K – 2 students and then Year 3 – 6 students will get their turn at 7pm to 8.30pm. This year the disco has a 'Movie Character' theme and more information can be found on the P&C Facebook page. Extra parking will be available on the school oval and parents are welcome to stay.

A reminder that Friday 14 November is a School Development Day with students not required to attend school.

I'm looking forward to a productive and enjoyable Term 4 full of learning, celebration, and community spirit.

A Friendly Reminder About Early Arrivals

We love seeing our students eager to start the day! Just a quick reminder that classroom doors open at **8:35am**, and the school day officially begins at **8:50am**.

Lately, we've noticed quite a few early birds arriving from around 8:00am. As supervision is limited before 8:35am, we ask that students who arrive early sit quietly outside the computer lab until classrooms open.

It's great for children to arrive with enough time to settle in and get ready for learning, but we do ask that they don't come too early.

If you need care before or after school, there are local programs available, and our school office is happy to provide more information.

Enjoy your weekend.

Lauren Hook
Principal



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Photo Hendricks



Photos will be taken next **Thursday, 30 October**.

***Kindy A** will have their photo taken on **Wednesday 29 October**.

School photo ordering and payment will be **completely online**.

How to Order:

1. Go to www.photohendricks.com.au
2. Click on '**Order Your School Photos**'
3. Enter your **Access Key: ZA5SB9E5**

or scan **QR code**



On Thursday morning (30 October) family photos will be taken in the Music Room at 8.30am.

The whole school photo (K – 6) will be taken at 9am and school uniform **MUST** be worn.

*** Year 6 students will also be having their Graduation photos taken at this time.**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday October 31 commencing at 9.00 am with our Room 3, (years 4/5) students performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

PEAC RESULTS

Year 4 2025 PEAC Test results have been received by our school. Placements into PEAC are highly competitive and families of identified students have been notified. For any questions or to request your child's results, please contact **Mrs Anthea Bouhlas (PEAC Coordinator)**.

\$186.00 Raised for Telethon 2025 !!



Thank you to everyone who supported last terms Free Dress Day- Gold Coin Donation on Friday 26 September.

Together we raised \$186.00, which has been donated to **Telethon 2025** to support children and families.

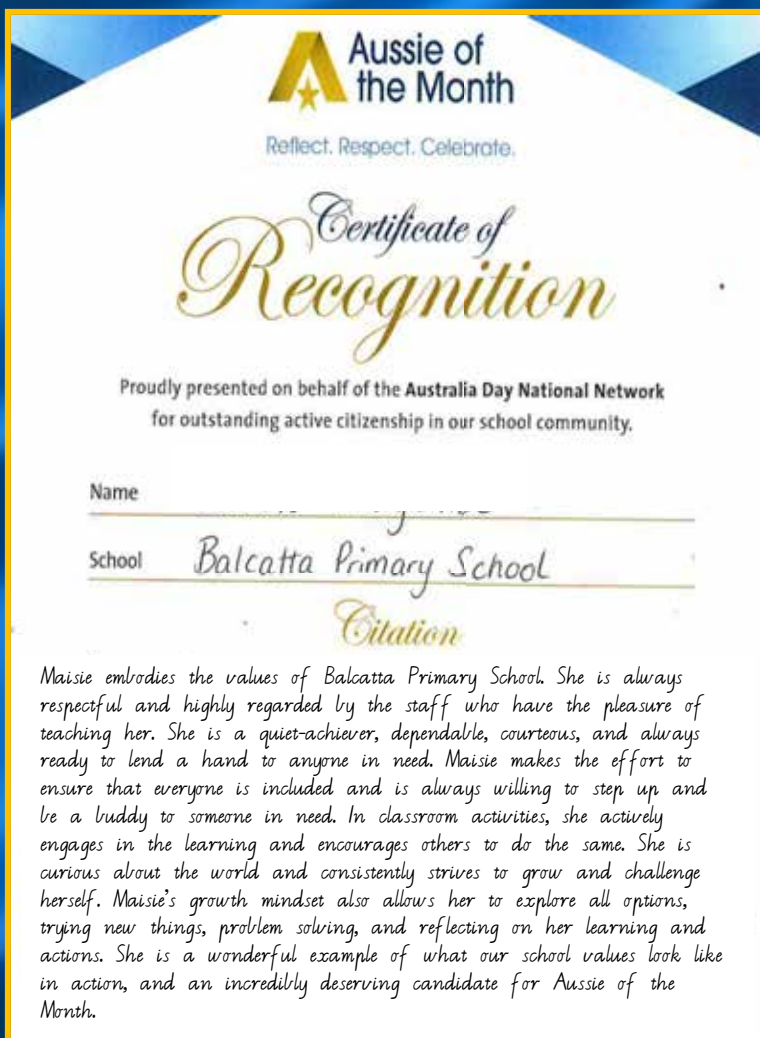
Merit Awards



CONGRATULATIONS



AUSSIE of the MONTH



ROYAL SHOW - Corroboree for Life



It was wonderful to hear that one of our Balcatta families, Scott, Chase and Cyrus Culbong participated in the Royal Show Celebrations during

the holidays. As part of the 'Corroboree For Life' Team they proudly danced a cultural performance for the Perth crowds.



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!



ROYAL SHOW - Scarecrow Competition

Our students worked collaboratively during Science classes to enter the Royal Show Scarecrow Competition. This year's Scarecrow Competition (Shearing Shed Shenanigans) theme was all about celebrating one of the State's oldest industries – sheep and wool. Think shearers, roustabouts, sheepdogs, Merino sheep, fashion designers, woolly suits, woolly hats and more. Balcatta PS did a terrific job in creating two scarecrows following the wool theme by dressing one of the scarecrows in a woollen suit with a woollen scarf and using wool for hair, while the other scarecrow had a superhero cape with sheep emblems and woollen accessories. During the design process the theme of sustainability was explored.



I hope some of you were able to see our creative scarecrows at the Show!

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal

NATURE STORIES - City of Stirling Competition



Year 6 students at Balcatta Primary School entered into a writing competition held by the City of Stirling. The competition invited 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! 15 classes from 9 schools across the City of Stirling participated in this competition and the winners will be announced on the November 17.

We wish our students good luck!

BSHS Art Competition

All Year 5 and 6 students submitted artwork from Art class with Mrs Fego. Congratulations to the students below who received awards at Thursday's Art Exhibition at Balcatta Senior High School!

Award	Year	Student Name
Award of Excellence	5	Felicity Newport
Award of Excellence	6	Rj Harris
Merit Award	5	Lily Nguyen
Merit Award	6	Aarshiya Gharti Magar

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**Wed 5 &
Thurs 6
November**



Join us for our Book Fair on
Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6
November in the school
library!!

All proceeds will go towards
purchasing new resources for
our library.

Sales times:

Morning: 8.30am – 9am

Afternoon: 2.45pm – 3.30pm



Can't make it to the Fair? No worries! Students can purchase on Wednesday and Thursday during their library session with cash.

Parents – why not pop in and get a head start on some sneaky Christmas shopping? **EFTPOS is available** for parent and carer purchases.

Students will have the chance to complete a *Wish List* of books and novelty items, with prices starting from just **\$2.00!**

They may bring this *Wish List* home — it's **not an order form**, and there's **no obligation to buy**.

If you'd like to purchase something your child has listed (*or something else that catches your eye*), you can:

- Send money with your child,
- Visit the Fair during opening hours, or
- Make a **secure online prepayment** at scholastic.com.au/payment

Details are also provided on the back of the *Wish List* and in the Book Fair brochure. Go to <https://scholastic.com.au/payment> for more information or to make a wish list prepayment.

If a book happens to sell out, re-orders will be placed and delivered to the school within two weeks.

Every book purchased helps us add new resources to our school library.

THANK YOU in advance for supporting the **Balcatta Primary School community!**

Mrs Pruiti-Ciarello
School Librarian

Student Wish List

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Teacher: _____

School: _____

I purchased the books of my Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some of the books that interested me.

TITLE	LOCATION	PRICE

Parents: If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, please use over for a prepayment option.

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

You can make a secure credit card payment online.

Please ensure your child presents this at the Fair to collect their books.

RECORD YOUR PAYMENT RECEIPT NUMBER BELOW

Please go to: scholastic.com.au/payment

You will receive an 8-digit receipt number with your credit card payment. Please record this number below and provide details of the credit card below.

RECEIPT NUMBER	AMOUNT PAID
	\$

Card Name: _____

Card Number: _____

Cardholder: _____

Card Type: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Please fill out details clearly in other blue or black pens. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair! Every purchase benefits our school!

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

CHAPLAINS CORNER



Thank you to all families who contributed to Operation Christmas Child.

We're delighted to share that we've packed **14 gift boxes** to send overseas



this Christmas! Your support in purchasing icy poles last year has once again covered the delivery costs for all these boxes — thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Shoshana Lam
Chaplain

P & C NEWS

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AGM

Week 4 – new members needed!

FREEZE FRIDAYS

Freeze Fridays are every Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half or \$1 for a whole icy pole.



DISCO



STUDENT DISCO 2025

LIGHTS, MUSIC, DANCE!

Come as your favourite movie character –
superheroes, princesses, wizards, or anyone
from the movies!

Tickets \$5

Via QR code or baltattapsandc.square.site
Limited tickets available at the door

DATE	SESSIONS	VENUE
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER	KINDY-YR 2: 5PM -6:30PM YR 3-YR 6: 7PM TO 8:30PM	ASSEMBLY AREA

Glow station for all your disco accessories \$2 \$6
Juniors: Temp Tattoo station 50c
Seniors: Lob a Choc 20c a throw

Ice-cream truck, Canteen open
for food, snacks and drinks.
Cash and Card available.