



BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS



We're very proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who received awards at the Balcatta Senior High School Art Competition. Their artworks were beautifully detailed and creative — a wonderful reflection of their talent, effort, and growing confidence as young artists.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that Term 4 is already nearing its end—yet there is still so much happening across our school!

So far this term, our students have enjoyed a wide range of activities and events, including:

- School Photos
- A fun-filled Disco
- Excursions to Fremantle Prison
- A Whole School Dance to acknowledge Mental Health Week
- A very successful Book Fair

And we're not done yet! Still to come in the final weeks of Term 4:

- Mini Beast Incursion
- Swimming Lessons
- Year 6 School Camp
- Book Award Ceremony
- Graduation Celebrations

It's a busy and exciting time, and we thank our staff, students, and families for their continued support and enthusiasm. Let's finish the year strong!

As we prepare for the 2026 school year, Balcatta Primary School invites families to share input regarding their child's potential class placement.

We take the placement of every student seriously and aim to create learning environments that support each child's success. When organising classes, our staff consider a wide range of factors, including:

- Individual learning styles
- Academic strengths
- Social and emotional needs
- Gender balance
- Learning support requirements
- Friendships
- Parent requests

All staff are involved in this process, and we follow the Department of Education's guidelines for class structures and student numbers. Final decisions are made by the school leadership team and the Principal.

If you wish to make a placement request for your child, please submit your reasons in writing. You may:

- Email your request to Balcatta.PS@education.edu.au , or
- Drop a letter addressed to the Principal at the school office

Deadline for submissions: Friday 21 November 2025

Important Notes

- While we value and consider all requests, not all can be accommodated.
- Our class structure is still being finalised and, as a growing school, will include multiple composite classes.

Thank you for your continued support and for partnering with us in this important process.

Lauren Hook
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday, November 21 commencing at 9.00 am with our Room 9, Year 2 students performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

ORIENTATION DETAILS

KINDERGARTEN

KA Wednesday December 3 **Time:** 9.45a.m. **Where:** Kindy

KB Thursday December 4 **Time:** 9.45a.m. **Where:** Kindy



PRE-PRIMARY Tuesday 9 December **Time:** 2.15pm **Where:** Pre-Primary

Room 3 (years 4/5) ASSEMBLY

Students from Room 3 delighted the audience at last Friday's assembly (31 October) with their wonderful performance. Their enthusiasm and teamwork shone through, earning big smiles and applause from everyone.

Well done, Room 3!



MERIT AWARDS



Yashika Sharma, Luka Bolta, Sohini Sangani, Jelil Hasanoski, Aum Hirapara, Alex Tutungis, Krishiv Patel, Kyran Hubert, Austin Batey, Daksha Dudiyan, Isabella D'Kruze, Andrew Chan



Henk Patel, Torben Searson, Jai Franca, Tharchin Wangdi, Sarah Spasovski, Noah Simpson, Teo Dujmovic, Matilda Raspoetsis, Alice Stevens, Shivaansh Patel, Maddison Gill

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS

AUSSIE of the MONTH



Aussie of the Month
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Certificate of Recognition

Proudly presented on behalf of the Australia Day National Network for outstanding active citizenship in our school community.

Name Ryan Patwal

School Balcatta Primary School

Citation
Ryan is a wonderful example of our RISE values - Respect, Include, Strive & Explore. He always shows Respect to his Teachers through his polite manners and thoughtful words. He takes pride in keeping our classroom tidy and ready for learning, showing care for his learning environment and others. He offers a friendly smile and helping hand to anyone who needs it. Ryan consistently strives to do his best in all areas of his learning with a positive attitude. He also loves to explore new ideas showing curiosity and enthusiasm in everything he does.

Principal's Signature _____ Date October, 2025

We're so proud of you, Ryan! A role model of respect and responsibility at Balcatta P.S.

Australian Government Department of Home Affairs | NADC National Australia Day Council | Australian of the Year Awards | PILOT OF A NATION

RYAN PATWAL

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.

Just a reminder that
FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
is a pupil free day!!

SWIMMING CLASSES



Our annual swimming lessons will occur this term during weeks 7 and 8, at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. These lessons will provide students with opportunities to develop water confidence and an understanding of

safety around water. We encourage all students to participate in swimming lessons to develop these life skills. Permission slips and enrolment forms went home earlier this week and need to be returned by Thursday November 13.

DETAILS:

Dates: Monday 24th November to Friday December 5, 2025

Transport: Bus

Venue: Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre

Cost: \$60.00

Preferred payment is by direct deposit.

BSB: 016 495

Account: 3408 77888

Cash payment is also acceptable – place money in a clearly marked 'Swimming' envelope with your child's name into the Deposit Box in front of Administration.

SWIMMING LESSON SCHEDULE

Classrooms	Depart School	Arrive at Pool	Lesson Time Commences	Lesson Time Ends	Depart from Pool
PP2, Rm 3, Rm 9	10.25	10.40	10.50	11.30	11.45
Rm 11, Rm 10, Rm 5	11.35	11.50	12.00	12.40	12.55
Rm 1 and Rm 2	12.20	12.35	12.45	1.25	1.40
PP1, Rm 4, Rm 8	1.05	1.20	1.30	2.10	2.25

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal

Does your child feel unwell?

If your child gets sick, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her home from school.

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff.



P & C NEWS

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P & C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held in week 7, Friday November 22 at 9am in the library.

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

It has been terrific to see so many students and families participating in the Book Fair this week.

Many thanks to our Librarian, Mrs Pruita-Ciarello, for organising this big event and for our staff in supporting the before and after school opening times. We hope everyone was able to find an amazing book that brings you delight to read.

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal



TERM 4 – TERM PLANNER 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	13 October	14 October	15 October	16 October	17 October
					• Assembly Admin
Week 2	20 October	21 October	22 October	23 October	24 October
		• Kindy Reg. 1.30pm – 2.30pm Library		• Newsletter 16 • Mental Health Day (wear green)	
Week 3	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October
			• School Photos KA	• School Photos - KB - Class - Whole School - Graduation	• Assembly Rm 3 (yr 4,5)
Week 4	3 November	4 November	5 November	6 November	7 November
		• Prison Exc.		• Newsletter 17 • Book Fair	• AGM -9am Library
Week 5	10 November	11 November	12 November	13 November	14 November
		• Remembrance Day		• Butterfly Inc. P/P 9.30 – 10.30	Pupil Free Day
Week 6	17 November	18 November	19 November	20 November	21 November
	Yr 6 SCHOOL CAMP 17-19			• Newsletter 18	• Assembly Rm 9, yr 2
Week 7	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November	28 November
	 Swimming lessons begin				
Week 8	1 December	2 December	3 December	4 December	5 December
			• KA Orientation 9.45am	• KB Orientation • Newsletter 19 9.45am	 Swimming lessons conclude
Week 9	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December	12 December
	• Volunteers M/Tea (10.30am) 	• PP Orientation 2.30pm			• Graduation Ceremony
Week 10	15 December	16 December	17 December	18 December	19 December
			• Book Awards	• Newsletter 20	Pupil Free Day