



BALCATTa PRIMARY SCHOOL

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GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK
TO ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS



2025

PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

I would like to begin this final newsletter of 2025 by acknowledging the outstanding efforts of both our staff and the wider school community throughout the year. The collective contribution has been a significant factor in ensuring our school's ongoing success. The strong partnership between the school and our community has always been important and continues to be a defining feature of Balcatta Primary School as we move into 2026.

2025 has been a year filled with learning, events, and celebrations that will long be remembered by students, families, and staff alike. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported the school in any capacity throughout the year. It has been an extremely busy year, and many of the activities and opportunities provided would not have been possible without the cooperation and ongoing support of our parents and community members. To those families who are leaving us, we extend our very best wishes for the future and thank you for your support during your time at Balcatta Primary School.

Each year, students are encouraged to take on leadership roles—some formal, such as Student Councillor or Faction Captain, and others more informal, including technical support at assemblies, MCing special events, or delivering the Acknowledgement of Country.

A special thank you to our:

- **Student Councillors:** Krishiv Patel, William Bonham and Anika Anoop
- **Faction Captains:** Mitchell M'Intyre, Zoe Morgan and Clara Lam
- **Faction Vice Captains:** Sohini Sangani, Blessing Munungani, Zak Awad, Sage Morgan, Zion Seyfu and Olivia D'Cruze.

Last week, we celebrated our Graduating Class of 2025. This was a very special occasion, and I congratulate all students who have reached the end of their primary school journey. These students will forever be part of Balcatta Primary School's history, and I hope they look back on their time here with fond memories. A special thank you to our wonderful MCs for the occasion, Mia Formato and Jaden Muyembe—you did an amazing job.

The School Board is an integral component of our school's operation. I would like to personally and publicly thank Ms Christel Newport, Chairperson of the School Board, along with Shoshana Lam, Carissa Kezic, Gina Gill, Lieshia Green and Nicole Murphy for their dedication and contributions throughout the year. At our most recent meeting, Christel Newport resigned as Chair after 10 years of service. During this time, Christel was instrumental in transitioning the school to Independent Public School status and worked tirelessly to improve both the physical and educational environment at Balcatta Primary School. On behalf of the entire school community, I sincerely thank Christel for her outstanding contribution and welcome Gina Gill as Board Chair for 2026.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our P&C, led by Shoshana Lam. This hardworking group has fundraised tirelessly to support opportunities for all students, helping to make our school an even better place. Shoshana's time as P&C President has also come to an end. During her tenure, she worked tirelessly to provide events and activities for our students. I thank Shoshana for her dedication and warmly welcome Sarah Davies to the role of P&C President in 2026.

In this newsletter, you will also find our draft class structure for 2026. Please note that this is based on current enrolment information and is subject to change as student numbers may vary.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff, students, and parents for your continued support of Balcatta Primary School. Without this partnership, we would not be in the position we are today—enthusiastically embracing the challenge of continually improving the learning environment for your children. I wish the entire Balcatta Primary School community a wonderful break and holiday season and look forward to another exciting year in 2026.

Lauren Hook
Principal

YR 6 GRADUATION AWARD RECIPIENTS 2025			
DUX	Aagna	Aaham	
SPORTS	Blessing	Krishiv	
CITIZENSHIP	Clara	R J	
ENDEAVOUR	Mitchell	William	
BSHS	Olivia		
L..O.T.E - ITALIAN	Mike		
SCIENCE	Aum		
MUSIC	Anika		
VISUAL ART	Aarshiya		

GRADUATION CEREMONY



CLASS AWARDS RECIPIENTS 2025



PRE - PRIMARY A		Mingyu	Natash
PRE – PRIMARY B		Thorin	Torben
YEAR 1	rm 11	Olivia	Rajbir
YEAR 1/2	rm 10	Euthra (Yr 2)	Aimrada (Yr 1)
YEAR 2	rm 9	Joshua	Tyga
YEAR 2/3	rm 8	Dylan (Yr 3)	Rhea (Yr 2)
YEAR 3	rm 4	Aarav	Dominic
YEAR 4	rm 5	Vansh	Zoe
YEAR 4/5	rm 3	Agam	Alexa
YEAR 5/6	rm 2	Lily	Harley
Chaplaincy Award		Panth	
Moorditj Award		Nasrin	
Harmony Award		Jaden	

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS





STAFF FAREWELLS

One of the greatest strengths of any school is its staff. At this time of year, we nearly always say goodbye to a small number of valued staff members. While farewells are never easy, staff changes happen at every school as people move onto new opportunities and stages in their lives.

This year we say farewell and thank you to.

- Karena Joyce
- Amy Kolb
- Sarah McLean
- Kate Mullet
- Jessica Smith and
- Claire O'Malley

We would like to thank our departing staff for their care, commitment and know that each has left a lasting impression on students, colleagues and the wider school community.

On behalf of Balcatta Primary School I thank them for their dedication and support and wish them every success in the future.

TIMETABLE CHANGE

We would like to let families know about an update to our daily school timetable that will begin at the start of next year.

This change has been carefully planned by our staff, who worked together to review our current timetable and find ways to make the school day work even better for our students. We thank our staff for their time, teamwork, and commitment to supporting positive learning experiences for all children.

The updated timetable will give students longer, uninterrupted learning time in

Doors open	8:35am
Check in time	8:50-9:00
Period 1	9:00-10:00
Period 2	10:00-11:00
RECESS EAT	11:00-11:15
RECESS PLAY	11:15-11:30
Period 3	11:30-12:30
Period 4	12:30-1:30
LUNCH EAT	1:30-1.45
LUNCH PLAY	1:45-2.10
Period 5	2:10-3:10
Finish	3:10pm

the morning. Research and our own experience show that this is when children are most focused and ready to learn, especially in key learning areas such as literacy and numeracy. The timetable also ensures that teaching time requirements are met while allowing teachers dedicated time for planning and preparation.

The new timetable has been approved by the Balcatta Primary School Board at their most recent meeting.

Please note that from next year, **Kindy and Pre-Primary students will finish their school day at 3.00 pm.** This information has already been shared with Kindy and Pre-Primary families during recent information sessions. The new timetable structure is included below for your information.

CLASS STRUCTURE DRAFT

As we plan ahead for the coming school year, we have developed a **DRAFT** class structure for Balcatta Primary School in 2026. This **DRAFT** plan is based on our current enrolment information and projected student numbers at each year level.

As families will appreciate, student numbers can change due to new enrolments, relocations, or other circumstances. For this reason, the **DRAFT** class structure remains subject to change. We will continue to monitor numbers closely and adjust where needed to ensure balanced classes and the best possible learning environment for all students.

We thank our school community for their understanding and flexibility. Further updates and our final class structure will be available in the days leading up to the start of the 2026 school year. Keep an eye on Connect for when this information will be available

	Kindy A
	Kindy b
	Pre Primary 1
	Pre Primary 2
Room 11	Year 1
Room 10	Year 1
Room 9	Year 1/2
Room 8	Year 2
Room 5	Year 3
Room 4	Year 3/4
Room 3	Year 4/5
Room 2	Year 4/5
Room 1	Year 6

P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC

The P&C would love to thank all our precious volunteers who have helped raise money and assist with all our events this year.

Thank you to staff and student helpers who have also given their time to help out with all the P&C happenings.

It was great to see everyone enjoying our water fun day today.

*We wish everyone safe and exciting holidays.
See you for all the fun and games in 2026*



RAFFLE RESULTS - we raised \$1,434.00 !!!!

PrizeNumber	PrizeName	WinnerFirstName	WinnerLastName
1	\$300 Bike Voucher	Michael	Formato
2	Adventure World Family Pass	Anna	Taranenko
3	\$200 Visa Gift Card	Christine	Rimmer
4	X-Golf - 2 Hr Simulation Golf	Vivianne	Vilar
5	X-Golf - 2 Hr Simulation Golf	Christine	Rimmer
6	X-Golf - 2 Hr Simulation Golf	Marissa	Lee
7	Caversham Wildlife Park & Benneth Brook Railway	Glenda	Lee
8	Lookout Scarborough - 6 x Adult Games Bowling	Rajni	Saund
9	\$100 Bunnings Gift Card	Deasy	Menzel
10	4 x Landsdale Farm Passes	Timothy	Simpson
11	Swan Valley Cuddly Farm Family Pass	Dea	Dujmovic
12	Swan Valley Cuddly Farm Family Pass	Vivianne	Vilar
13	Swan Valley Cuddly Farm Family Pass	Shoshana	Lam
14	Rollerzone Family Pass with Skate Hire	Rajni	Saund
15	Bell Tower Family Pass (2 Adults, 2 Kids)	Jeba peace	Peter Durai raj
16	Bell Tower Family Pass (2 Adults, 2 Kids)	Christine	Rimmer
17	\$50 Little T&E's Voucher	Abhishek	Joshi
18	\$50 Little T&E's Voucher	Deasy	Menzel
19	Superbowl Warwick 2 Games	Elizabeth	Franca
20	\$30 x Arata Japanese Voucher	Gina	Gill
21	\$30 x Arata Japanese Voucher	Glenda	Lee

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE & 2026 PARENT INFORMATION

2026 PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS LIST



The Personal Requirements Lists for next year have been sent home.

Please note order deadlines and delivery information. Orders may be made on-line at www.campion.com.au or by visiting their retail store in Malaga.

ADMINISTRATION



The current administration for 2026 is as follows:

Principal: Ms Lauren Hook

Deputy Principals: Mrs Nicole Murphy & Mrs Anthea Bouhlas

Manager Corporate Services: Ms Julie Walker

OFFICE RE-OPENS



The office re-opens on Tuesday 27 January from 8.00am until 3.00 pm. Administration staff will be available for new enrolments and parent queries.



SCHOOL WATCH



A reminder to all our parents and community members that should you see or hear anything suspicious around the school after school hours, on weekends, or during the school holidays, please phone 'School Watch' on **9264 4771** or the Police on **13 14 44**. Your help in this matter is very much appreciated.



UNIFORM SHOP

Eclipse Universal in Malaga is the supplier and retailer of Balcatta Primary School uniforms (ph: 89249 4344).

Email: <https://schoolujifromstore.come.au/balcatta-primary>

Enter code: **BPS6021**



SCHOOL RESUMES



School resumes on Monday February 2, 2026 for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6.

