



Young Leaders Day 2026

Perth Convention Centre

Wednesday 18 February



We gratefully acknowledge the Balcatta P & C for making this opportunity possible. Their continued dedication to our students and leadership development is deeply valued.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

In recent weeks, we have held our Student Leadership Elections, and I am extremely proud of the way our Year 6 students embraced the process. The confidence, respect and responsibility demonstrated throughout the nominations and speeches were outstanding.

Congratulations to all students who nominated and took part — it takes courage to step forward and lead.

I am very proud to announce our 2026 Student Leadership Team.

Congratulations to our
2026 Student Councillors

Tech Support Leaders

Faction Captains

Huff:

Odin:

Walters

I am sure each of these students will fulfill their role with pride and display our R.I.S.E values every day. Our Student Leadership Team will be formally presented to the school community at our upcoming assembly on Friday 6 March. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone together.

Last week, our P&C held their first meeting for the year. While we had a small number of parents attend, it would be wonderful to see these meetings continue to grow. The P&C is a valuable way to become involved in your child's education and to work alongside a group of like-minded parents to enhance opportunities and outcomes for all students. The next P&C meeting is scheduled for next term. In the meantime, families are encouraged to join the school's P&C Facebook page to stay informed and find out how to get involved.

We kindly ask all families to take a moment to ensure the school office has your most up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses. It is also an ideal time to review the emergency contacts listed for your child. Having accurate contact information allows us to reach the right people promptly when needed.

As a school, we will continue using Connect as our primary communication platform with families. To ensure you are receiving important updates and information, please take a moment to log in to Connect. If you require assistance resetting your P Number, please contact the school office.

Wishing all families an enjoyable long weekend. I hope everyone finds time to rest, relax and reset as we head into the final half of the term

Lauren Hook
Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 6 March, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 1/2 (room 9) class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy

NAPLAN testing will be held from 11 March to 23 March inclusive in Term 1 this year. Students will be tested in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The language conventions tasks assess students' skills in spelling, grammar, and punctuation. All Years 3 & 5 students will be assessed.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that **Monday, 2 March** is a public holiday (Labour Day).



HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Harmony week is usually celebrated between March 16 and March 22, however, due to NAPLAN arrangements, Balcatta PS will be Celebrating Harmony Week in Week 8, culminating on **Friday 27 March** with a whole school assembly at 9am, all parents are welcome. We ask that students wear something **ORANGE** to school on this day to signify unity and harmony. More details about this event will follow.

Nicole Murphy

Deputy Principal



NOONGAR SEASONS

We are currently in the **Bunuru** Season of the Noongar calendar (Feb – March). This is also known as the Second Summer and Season of Adolescence.

It is the hottest part of the year with very little rain.



CORTINA 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS

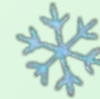
In our Italian classes we have been exploring the **Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics**.

This is a historic event, marking the fourth time Italy has hosted the Olympic Games and the first time they are officially co-hosted by two cities.

HERE ARE SOME KEY FACTS:

A Historic Hosting Milestone

- Italy becomes a **four-time Olympic host**, after:
 - Cortina d'Ampezzo 1956 (Winter)
 - Rome 1960 (Summer) Turin 2006 (Winter)



First Officially Co-Hosted Winter Games

- **Milan** and **Cortina d'Ampezzo** share hosting duties.
- Events are spread across **Lombardy, Veneto, Trentino**, and **South Tyrol** — making this one of the most geographically distributed Winter Games ever.

Sustainability and Reuse

- Milano Cortina emphasizes **reusing existing venues**, reducing environmental impact and construction costs.

A Blend of Urban and Alpine

- Milan brings the modern, metropolitan energy.
- Cortina offers classic Dolomite alpine charm.
- Together, they create a contrast no previous Winter Games have had.

Improved Infrastructure

- The Games are driving upgrades in transportation, including rail links between the host regions — a long-term benefit for residents and visitors.

Italian Cultural Context

- **"Ti Amo" Italy:** The marketing focuses on the "heartbeat" of Italy, blending passion, style, and art with high-level sports.

WINTER OLYMPIC SPORTS IN ITALIAN

Sci & Snowboard

- **Lo sci alpino** — Alpine skiing
- **Lo sci di fondo** — Cross-country skiing
- **La combinata nordica** — Nordic combined
- **Il salto con gli sci** — Ski jumping
- **Il biathlon** — Biathlon
- **Lo snowboard** — Snowboarding
- **Il freestyle** — Freestyle skiing





Pattinaggio & Sport sul ghiaccio

- **Il pattinaggio artistico** — Figure skating
- **Il pattinaggio di velocità** — Speed skating
- **Lo short track** — Short-track speed skating
- **L'hockey su ghiaccio** — Ice hockey



- **Il curling** — Curling

Slittino & Velocità

- **Lo slittino** — Luge
- **Lo skeleton** — Skeleton
- **Il bob** — Bobsleigh

Altri sport

- **Lo sci alpinismo** — Ski mountaineering (new for 2026)

Using Highlights to Boost Our Italian

- **Vocabulary** — hearing terms like *slittino*, *sci alpino*, *pattinaggio artistico* in context
- **Listening skills** — picking up the rhythm and speed of spoken Italian
- **Cultural understanding** — seeing how Italy presents its own Games

Signora Franchina
Italian Teacher



YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2026



Our ten newly elected school leaders had a fantastic day at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 18th February, where they attended the 2026 National Young Leaders Day. It was an inspiring experience filled with powerful stories and important leadership lessons.

Mr Rasmussen and Mrs Bouhlas were incredibly proud of our students, who represented our school with outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm and genuine interest in each of the guest speakers.

Throughout the day, students heard from an amazing line-up of presenters, including Chris Dawson, Governor of Western Australia; Thomas Duncan-Watt, screenwriter and author; Catherine Laga'aia, the young actress who plays Moana; and Bree Del Borello, the 2025 Young Volunteer of the Year. Our students listened in awe as each speaker shared their journey, challenges and achievements. They came away inspired by many memorable messages, including:

- "Practice makes perfect."
- "Find the thing that excites you most and go for it."
- "Learn from others' failures."
- "Every master was once a disaster."
- "If you go, there's just no telling how far you'll go."
- "Share success with others."
- "Pay success forward."
- "Challenges build resilience."
- "Where there is a will, there is a way."

It was a truly motivating day that encouraged our young leaders to dream big, work hard and support others along the way.

This wonderful opportunity was proudly sponsored by the Balcatta P&C. We sincerely thank them for their ongoing support of our students and leadership programs.

Anthea Bouhlas
Deputy Principal

Talk 4 Writing

Term 1 Junior
Talk for Writing theme is
Gardening

We will be exploring ways on how to grow a garden with the many choices in our very own vegetable patch. This will help us understand and create great ideas when writing about our experiences in our Talk 4 Writing activities.

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LUNCH ORDERS

Our remaining lunch order days for this term are:

Sushi – Friday 6 March

Orders close Tuesday 3 March at 9:00am.

Subway – Thursday 19 March

Subway – Thursday 2 April

All orders will be done via the Spriggy App. Families will need to log in and update their child's class on the app before ordering lunch.

FREEZE FRIDAYS

Freeze Fridays commence this Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half or \$1 for a whole icy pole. A great way to end the week while supporting the P&C.



!!!!!!! COMING EVENTS !!!!!!!!!!!

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few weeks!

EDU DANCE BAKE STALL – Monday 30th March

The P&C will be running a Bake Stall to coincide with the Edu Dance performances. Families will be able to purchase some treats before, between and after the performances.

A donation guide by year group will be shared shortly — keep an eye out for more details!

EASTER RAFFLE

Our much-loved Easter Raffle is also just around the corner! We will be sharing ticket information soon.

Stay Connected

Keep up to date with what's happening by joining our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC

TERM 1 – TERM PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	2 February	3 February	4 February	5 February	6 February
Week 1	<p>ght home by mistake. many similar items in Lost & Found, names help us return nings quicky and avoid mix-ups!!</p>				
Week 2	9 February	10 February	11 February	12 February	13 February

	• Edu-Dance		• Edu-Dance	Newsletter 1	• Edu-Dance <i>(make-up day)</i>
Week 3	16 February	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February
	• Edu-Dance		• Edu-Dance Y/ Leaders Day		• P&C Meeting 9:00am Library
Week 4	23 February	24 February	25 February	26 February	27 February
	• Edu-Dance		• Edu-Dance	Newsletter 2	• Edu-Dance <i>(make-up day)</i>
Week 5	2 March	3 March	4 March	5 March	6 March
	Labour Day		• Edu-Dance		• Assembly Rm 9
Week 6	9 March	10 March	11 March	12 March	13 March
	• Edu-Dance	NAPLAN	• Edu-Dance	Newsletter 3	• Board Meeting 9:00am Library
Week 7	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 March	20 March
	NAPLAN		• Edu-Dance		
Week 8	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March	27 March
	• Edu-Dance		• Edu-Dance	Newsletter 4	• Assembly Harmony Day
Week 9	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April	3 April
	• Edu-Dance CONCERT			FREE DRESS Day	Good Friday

Term 2 begins Tuesday 21 April 2026

