



NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Diversity & Inclusion!

HARMONY DAY & HARMONY WEEK

Everyone Belongs



Celebrating Our Cultures • Embracing Our Differences

A week-long acknowledgement culminating with a Harmony Day assembly on Friday 27 March

PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

As we approach the end of what has been a very busy and productive Term 1, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our families for your ongoing support, engagement, and partnership. Our school is the wonderful place it is because of the strong sense of community we share, and I am grateful for the way we work together to support the wellbeing and learning of every child.

This week we have been celebrating Harmony Week, a special opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the wonderful cultural diversity within our school community. Our Harmony Day Assembly will take place tomorrow morning, and we warmly invite all families to join us.

Students, staff and families are encouraged to wear their cultural or home-country clothing, or orange, the colour symbolising harmony and inclusiveness. This event is always a highlight of the year—joyful, colourful, and a true reflection of the sense of belonging we strive to foster at our school. I look forward to celebrating this with you all.

I would also like to remind families of our 'no toys from home' rule, which includes Pokémon cards. This week, students have been reminded of these expectations.

We know that toys and trading cards are exciting for children, but they can often lead to:

- Disagreements and social conflicts, especially when trading goes wrong
- Items being misplaced or accidentally damaged, causing distress
- Distraction from learning time, especially before school and during breaks

By keeping personal items at home, we help ensure that play remains fair, calm, and inclusive for all students. Thank you for your support with this, we truly appreciate your partnership in keeping our school environment positive and focused.

Our Edu-Dance program will conclude on Monday, 30 March 2026 (Week 9) with two wonderful concerts. With our school continuing to grow, we are once again holding **two separate sessions** to ensure that everyone can enjoy the performances as comfortably as possible.

To help us manage audience numbers, we ask families to attend only the concert in which their child is performing.

Please ensure your child brings their costume to school on Monday morning, and that you are seated at least 10 minutes before the concert begins.

We are very excited to see the students' hard work and enthusiasm come to life on stage.



CONCERT SCHEDULE – Monday 30/3/2026

Concert 1	Concert 2
1:45 – 2:10	2:35 – 3:05
PP1	PP2
Room 10	Room 11
Room 9	Room 8
Room 4	Room 5
Room 3	Room 2
—	Room 1

We continue to communicate important information through Connect. Many families find the Connect mobile app especially helpful—it allows you to receive notifications and read messages quickly and easily. If you haven't already downloaded it, we encourage you to do so. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Lauren Hook
Principal



ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow 27 March, (**Harmony Day**) commencing at 9.00 am. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.



SCIENCE DISCOVERIES

YEAR 4/5 - This week, students explored how rainbows are formed by using their understanding of light, reflection and refraction to create their own colourful rainbows.

It was wonderful to see their excitement as the colours appeared.



YEAR 3/4 - In Science this week, the students loved discovering the “magic” of static electricity.

They observed firsthand how objects can both attract or repel each other.



Mrs Hall
Science Teacher

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF READING



The Premier's Reading Challenge encourages students to discover the joy of reading, improve their literacy skill and enjoy amazing stories.

The challenge runs for 12 weeks from March 23 to June 12, 2026. Students who log their reading achievements each week have the chance to win exciting **PRIZES!** Some of the prizes include:

**Book Vouchers - K Mart Vouchers - Cotton On Vouchers
Yeti Water Bottles - Kobos - Australian Geographic Vouchers
Rebel Sports Vouchers - Ultimate Teen and Kid Vouchers . . .**

Register for the Premiers Reading Challenge -

Visit: premiersreadingchalleng.wa.edu.au for more information

Our school library will encourage students to borrow up to 3 books over the school holidays and don't forget to visit our local public libraries.

SO, GRAB A BOOK AND GET READY FOR THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE!!!





HARMONY DAY



Tomorrow we are celebrating our Harmony Week Assembly. This celebration recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. At Balcatta Primary School, it is our privilege to celebrate the diversity in our community as we invite everyone to share their culture and what makes them unique. We celebrate Harmony Week by our inclusiveness, respect and giving all people a sense that they are valued and belong. All students are to wear **Orange** or Traditional Dress. Orange is the colour that signifies communication and unity. We believe all people should feel a sense of belonging, knowing that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society. Parents are welcome!

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal

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EDU DANCE TREAT STALL

The Donations box is in the front office for the EDU DANCE TREAT STALL and available for drop off all week (non-perishables anytime), fresh items like donuts, cupcakes and muffins on the morning of Monday 30 March.

The stall will be open on the basketball courts between concerts and after school.



EASTER RAFFLE



Our Easter Raffle is live with five hampers to be won. Tickets are \$2.00 each – grab yours here: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=4e7y2>, Watch out for our Easter Raffle!! Proceeds to go to supporting students and adding to our school needs.

FREEZE FRIDAYS

This is the LAST Freeze Friday for this term – we will be back in Term 4. Thank you for your support.



DATES TO REMEMBER		
Week 8	Friday 27/3	Assembly - Harmony Day
Week 9	Monday 3/3	Edu-Dance Concert Treat Stall
	Tuesday 31/3	Easter Raffle Draw
APRIL		
	Thursday 2	Free dress day Last day of term
Term 2 - Tuesday April 21 <i>(for students)</i>		

Enjoy the

holidays



