



BALCATT A PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ANZAC DAY



Lest We Forget



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope all families enjoyed a restful break and that our students have returned refreshed and ready for another busy and productive term. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find important information regarding changes to student reports, along with key dates and term updates. We encourage all families to take the time to read this information carefully.

As the weather begins to cool down, now is a great time to check your child's winter uniform to ensure they are prepared for the change in temperature. Please also take a moment to clearly label all uniform items, as this greatly assists us in returning lost items to their rightful owner.

ANZAC Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended our ANZAC Ceremony held on **Friday, 24 April**. It was a respectful and meaningful service that reflected the values of remembrance and gratitude.

A special thank you to Mrs Bouhlas and our Year 6 student leaders for their dedication in organising and conducting the ceremony.

Swimming Lessons

This term, students will participate in Swimming Lessons, an essential part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Swimming lessons support students to build water confidence, develop swimming skills, and understand water safety.

This year, swimming lessons will be delivered in two blocks:

- **Weeks 3 and 4:** Rooms 8, 2, 3, 1 and PP1 & PP2
- **Weeks 5 and 6:** Rooms 11, 10, 5, 9 and 4

Students attending in the first block received permission and payment forms at the end of last week. These forms should now be returned to the school. Students attending in the second block will receive their information by the end of this week.

If you experience any difficulty making payment for swimming lessons, please contact the school office to discuss suitable arrangements. We are committed to working with families to ensure all students can participate.

I would also like to remind families to please drive carefully around the school, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. We ask that parents and carers show respect to our neighbours in surrounding streets by parking considerately and avoiding unnecessary congestion. When driving within the school grounds, please observe reduced speeds at all times to help keep our students, staff and community safe.

CHANGES TO END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

The Department of Education has introduced consistent reporting requirements for all schools. These changes are designed to make reports meaningful and easier to understand and consistent across all public schools. These changes are now in effect, as you will see in the Semester 1 reports at the end of Term 2.

End of semester reports will continue to highlight your child's strengths and achievements.

The Pre-Primary to Year 2 report will provide:

- an achievement descriptor for each learning area studied
- information on your child's personal and social learning, and their attitude, behaviour and effort
- an overall teacher comment about your child's progress and achievement, including English and mathematics

Year 3 - 6 reports will provide:

- a grade for each learning area studied
- information on your child's personal and social learning, and their attitude, behaviour and effort
- an overall teacher comment about your child's progress and achievement, including English and mathematics

In addition, we will no longer be providing hard copies of student reports. All student reports will be delivered electronically. To ensure that you don't miss out on your child's Semester 1 report, please ensure that the school has an up-to-date email address. Please, feel free to contact the school office to check or update your email address.

More details of how you will be able to access your child's report will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Lauren Hook
Principal

ANZAC DAY

Last Friday afternoon, our school community came together for a meaningful ANZAC Assembly to honour and remember the service and sacrifice of the ANZACs. Our school leaders spoke clearly and thoughtfully about the significance of ANZAC symbols, helping students deepen their understanding of this important occasion. Student Councillors Alexa and Jaden played a key role in the ceremony, respectfully laying the wreath and raising the flag.

The assembly was enriched by a beautiful display of student artwork, including poppies and Anzac Ted creations, which added a reflective and personal touch with thanks to Mrs Fego. Our students demonstrated commendable respect throughout the service.

Students from Years 4 to 6 performed *The Green Hills of Albany* beautifully under the guidance of Ms Pinakis, adding a moving musical element to the ceremony. We extend our sincere thanks to our special guest, Mr Ted Tait, who performed *The Last Post* and *Rouse* on the bugle. The assembly concluded with a touching duet of *Go in Peace*, performed by Jaden and Sota.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this a respectful and memorable occasion.

Mrs Anthea Bouhlas
Deputy Principal



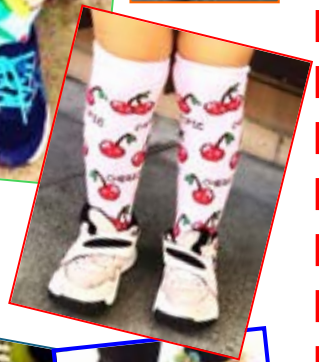
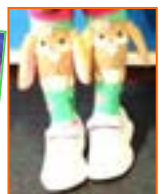
AUSSIE of the MONTH



Congratulations



SILLY SOCK DAY



HARMONY DAY

Photos - ASSEMBLY 27 MARCH



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE IS IN FULL SWING AT BALCATT A PS!

Our school is excited to be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year, encouraging students to develop a love of reading while working towards their personal goals. A special highlight has been the wonderful partnership between our Year 6 students and the Year 1 class from Room 11. During library time, Year 6 buddies have been supporting their younger peers through shared reading sessions, helping them build confidence, improve comprehension, and enjoy a wide range of texts. They are also assisting the Year 1 students with logging their books, guiding them through the process and celebrating their progress.

This collaboration has been a fantastic example of leadership, teamwork, and a shared enthusiasm for reading across our school community.

Mrs Anthea Bouhlas
Deputy Principal



It's Walk to School Day on Friday May 22.

Students are encouraged to walk to school on Friday May 22. This day inspires parents to regularly walk to school with their children.

Walking every day builds confidence & develops road safety skills, improves concentration and establishes healthy habits for life while making our roads safer and our air cleaner for everyone.

Walking to school helps reduce road traffic and less congestion around schools.

Children up to the age of 10 should always hold an adults hand when crossing the road.

Thank you for your support.

Kylee Saunders
Phys.Ed.Teacher





PARENTS & CITIZENS MEETING

Just a reminder that our Term 2 P&C Meeting is on **tomorrow** - we'd love to see you there!

Friday 1st May

9–10am

School staff room

Come along to hear what's planned for the term and how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome!

2026 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are pleased to introduce our wonderful Class Representatives for 2026. These volunteers play an important role in supporting communication between families, teachers, and the P&C, as well as helping to build a strong and connected school community.

A big thank you to everyone who has put their hand up to support their class this year!

Kindy A – Sarah Toovey

Kindy B – Kristen Anderson & Rebecca Palmer

PP 1 – Dea Dujmovic

Room 1 – Thao Dinh

Room 3 – Thao Dinh

Room 5 – Narelle Heydon

Room 8 – Gina Gill

Room 9 – Beth Franca

Room 10 – Dea Dujmovic

Room 11 – Shweta Patel & Avni Bhuvu

We are still looking for Class Representatives for the following rooms:

PP 2

Room 2

Room 4

Room 5

If you would like to get involved, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/B9pACUzt4b>

We appreciate your time and commitment and look forward to working together throughout the year.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



Join us at the Balcatta PS P&C Mother's Day Stall and let the kids pick out the perfect gift for someone special

Whether it's Mum, step-mum, grandma or another important person in their life – there's something for everyone!

Prices range from \$2–\$7 (cash only)

Gifts include mugs, candles, keyrings, hair clips, tea infusers, flowers and more

Wednesday 6th May

Kindy A – before school (8:20am)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MOTHER'S DAY STALL



We're looking for a few helping hands to make our Mother's Day Stall a success.





If you have a little time to spare, we'd love your help with setting up, assisting students with purchases, or packing up. Even a short shift makes a big difference!

 Wednesday 6th May (Kindy A – before school)

 Thursday 7th May (rest of school – during class)

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/hhDiNUA>

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Celebrate the special women in your life and go in the draw to win 1 of 2 beautiful hampers   Tickets: \$1 each  Closes: Thursday 7th May @ 8:30am  Drawn: 7th May @ 8:50am

Balcatta PS P&C

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TICKETS \$1

Celebrate the special women in your life and go in the draw to win one of our 2 beautiful hampers

Prizes include:

- Prize 1 - Entertainment Membership, 2022 Fermoy Shiraz, Mug, Socks, Candle and more.
- Prize 2 - Beauty hamper with Bubble bath, Brush, Nail art tools and more.

<https://www.raffletix.com.au?ref=659kd>

Buy a ticket, support the community, and stand a chance to win a prize! All funds raised go towards supporting our school and students.

Collect from front office before 3:10pm Friday 8th May.

CLOSES THURSDAY 7TH MAY @ 8:30AM

DRAWN THURS 7TH MAY @ 8:50AM

Get your tickets here: <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=659kd>

TERM 2 – TERM PLANNER 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April
	Pupil Free Day				ANZAC Assembly
Week 2	27 April	28 April	29 April	30 April	1 May
	Anzac Day in lieu			Newsletter 5	P & C Meeting 9-10am Staff Room
Week 3	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May
		Mother's Day Stall			Assembly
Week 4	11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May
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Week 5	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May
					Assembly
Week 6	25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May
				Newsletter 7	Last day swimming Board Meeting
Week 7	1 June	2 June	3 June	4 June	5 June
	WA Day		X Country		Assembly
Week 8	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 June	12 June
				Newsletter 8	Winter Sports Carnival Yrs 4-6
Week 9	15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June
					Assembly
Week 10	22 June	23 June	24 June	25 June	26 June
				Newsletter 9	I/School X Country
Week 11	29 June	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July
					*SILLY HAT DAY  Assembly

Term 3 begins Tuesday 21 July 2026

END OF TERM WRAP-UP!

TERM 1 - 2026

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS



EduDance Treat
Stall
\$598



Easter Raffle
\$904



Second Hand
Uniforms
\$276



Icy Poles Term 4 & 1
\$1050

PUTTING YOUR SUPPORT TO WORK



Sponsored the
Young Leaders
Day Conference



Donation to
upcomming Year
6 Stall

THANK YOU!!!



HAVE
A GREAT
WEEKEND