



Mother's Day Stall

The P & C Mother's Day Stall was a wonderful success, with classes enjoying scheduled visits throughout the day. The stall was beautifully set up with a wide range of thoughtful gifts, including some wonderful items made by the students. Our enthusiastic young shoppers were delighted as they thoughtfully chose something special for their much-loved mums.



PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Dear Parents and caregivers,

As the term quickly progresses, it continues to be a very busy and productive time here at Balcatta Primary School. Block 1 swimming lessons are almost complete, with our remaining students beginning their lessons next week. Please note, if you are yet to pay or return your child's permission slip it is not too late. All swimming lessons will be conducted in inside pools.

We kindly ask that you continue to monitor *Connect*—both your child's classroom page and the main school account—as this remains our primary platform for sharing important updates and information.

To ensure that you are not missing out on anything, please take a moment to check that the school has your most current email address. As mentioned previously, this semester we will be sharing your child's summative report electronically and to ensure that you receive this, please check your email address.

Staff Professional Learning

At Balcatta Primary, we believe that learning is a lifelong journey—not just for students, but for staff as well. This week, our teaching team participated in a **network-wide professional learning event** alongside colleagues from Takari, Osborne, West Balcatta, East Hamersley, Glendale, Tuart Hill, and Hawker Park Primary Schools. Together, they completed a shared writing moderation task aimed at improving teaching practices across our network.

Participation in such professional learning opportunities enables our staff to:

- Ensure consistent and fair assessment practices
- Deepen understanding of assessment standards
- Build shared understandings of student learning and performance
- Engage in rich professional dialogue and share expertise
- Foster a strong sense of community among network schools

Most importantly, these initiatives directly support and enhance student learning outcomes.

A sincere thank you to **Ms Sue Johnston** for her hard work in organising and facilitating this valuable professional learning experience.

Winter Safety Reminder

As winter approaches and wet weather becomes more frequent, we urge everyone to take extra care around the school, especially in parking and drop-off zones. Please:

- Drive slowly and cautiously
- Be patient and courteous to fellow drivers
- Follow parking guidelines to ensure student safety

Our parking facilities are limited, so your cooperation goes a long way in keeping our school environment safe for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lauren Hook
Principal



MERIT AWARDS



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR MERIT AWARD WINNERS



AUSSIE of the MONTH



Congratulations

SWIMMING CLASSES



The second block of swimming lessons will commence next week, during weeks 5 & 6.

Dates: Monday 18 May to Friday 29 May

Participating classes: Rooms 11, 10, 5, 9 and 4.

Venue: Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre

Cost: \$80.00

Please return the permission and enrolment forms to the class teacher and make payment online or at the office as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Preferred payment is by direct deposit.

BSB: 016 495

Account: 3408 77888

Many thanks,

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal

SCIENCE DISCOVERIES

YEAR 3 – OOBLECK FUN !

Our Year 3 students got a little messy (in the best way) as they created Oobleck. This fascinating substance sparked curiosity as students discovered how it can behave like both a solid and a liquid. It was an engaging way to explore how some materials don't fit neatly into one category.

YEAR 6 – MIX IT UP !

Our Year 6 students explored how solids and liquids interact, investigating whether different combinations form solutions or suspension mixtures. Through hands-on testing and careful observation, they developed a deeper understanding of how substances mix, while having a fantast8ic time experimenting and sharing their findings.

Mrs Hall
Science Teacher



Walk to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment and is now in its 27th year. All students walking to school on this day will receive a tattoo - let's make this a great community event!

Mrs Murphy
Deputy Principal





MOTHER'S DAY STALL WRAP UP

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Stalls. Thanks to our amazing school community, the stalls raised an incredible \$1,793.85 in sales, resulting in a profit of **\$566.85** for our school.

A special thank you also goes to our wonderful volunteers who helped set up, assist students and pack down - we truly couldn't do it without you.

The students were incredibly thoughtful and well-mannered while choosing their special gifts, making the event even more rewarding to run.



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported the P&C. Together, we raised **\$323.13** for our school community.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1 Mother's Day Hamper - Banjo Swanson
- 2 Pamper Hamper - Narelle Heydon
- 3 Beauty Hamper - Marissa Lee

We hope you enjoy your hampers!

P & C DAY – FRIDAY MAY 22

CELEBRATING P&C DAY

National Volunteer Week - P&C Day

Join us Friday 22 May before school celebrating YOU – our amazing volunteers!

Come grab a coffee, enjoy some morning tea and connect with our school community.

Thinking of getting involved or want to know more? Come along and hear what's coming up this year!

**Basketball Courts**
Friday 22nd May
8:15 – 9:30am

FREE:

 Coffee Van
Bean There Drank That Coffee

 Morning tea - Muffins, cookies and fruit

Special thanks to Volunteers WA & Lotterywest for making this event possible.

A chance to connect with our school community

Whether you already volunteer, are thinking about getting involved, or simply support the P&C and school, we would love to see you there.

This event is proudly supported by a grant from Lotterywest and Volunteering WA.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CONTAINERS for CHANGE ♻️

Last year our school community raised \$232.20 through Containers for Change - a fantastic effort that we hope to grow even further this year.

How you can help:

- Collect a Containers for Change bag from the front office
- Fill it with eligible containers
- Return containers to the school's Containers for Change bin near the Science Room

Alternatively, containers can be dropped at a collection point using our P&C Member Number: C10460359.

Every container counts and directly supports our school community. Thank you for helping turn recyclables into resources for our kids! ♻️ 🙌

POWER-UP YOUR SAFETY SUPERPOWERS!

The City of Stirling invites your school community to the Community Safety Expo, a free, fun and interactive event designed to help families learn practical safety skills while enjoying a great day out.

Power-Up Your Safety Superpowers!

Sunday 24 May 2026

12.00pm – 3.00pm

Stirling Leisure – Mirrabooka - 38 Ashbury Crescent, Mirrabooka

Free Event

Families will have the opportunity to meet local emergency and safety services, explore emergency vehicles, and take part in hands-on activities focused on road safety, online safety, emergency preparedness, and community wellbeing. Event highlights include the INSTRUCKTA! VR Truck road safety experience, over 30 stallholders, Constable Care puppet shows, children's safety activities, and free food, prizes and giveaways!

Event details: <https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/attractions-and-recreation/arts-and-events/events-calendar/community-safety-expo>

Free pre-registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/community-safety-expo-tickets-1984857671727>

If you have any queries, please feel free call on 9205 7079.



WEEK	DATES TO REMEMBER	
	MAY	
5	Mon 18	Block 2 Swimming Lessons begin
	Fri 22	Assembly (Room 11, Yr 1) Celebrating P & C Day
6	Thurs 28	N/Letter 7
	Friday 29	Board Meeting, Last day of swimming
	JUNE	
7	Monday 1	WA DAY - public holiday
	Wed 3	X Country
	Friday 5	Assembly
8	Thursday 11	N/Letter 8
	Friday 12	Winter Carnival (Yrs 4-6)
9	Friday 19	Assembly
10	Thursday 25	N/Letter 9
	Friday 26	Free dress day Last day of term
	Term 2 - Tuesday April 21 (for students)	

Have a great
Weekend!