



PARLIAMENT HOUSE VISIT



Our School Councillors (Jaden Muyembe and Alexa Krohn) had the pleasure of joining Hon David Michael MLA at Parliament House on Tuesday. We had an interesting tour of the historic building, Legislative Council Chamber, Legislative Assembly Chamber and gardens. We were also honoured to have a 3-course meal in one of the historic dining rooms, along with three other schools. It was such a valuable experience for our councillors who learnt so much about parliament, respect and honour.

Mrs Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S PATTERN

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Being the principal of a wonderful school like Balcatta Primary comes with many responsibilities - and at times, it's easy to become stuck in the negative or focus on what needs fixing or improving. But amongst the busyness of each day are *glimmers* - those small, special moments that bring joy, calm and a real sense of connection.

This week, I've been intentionally looking for those glimmers, and I'd love to share a few with you:

- Our Year 6 student councillors visiting Parliament House for lunch.
- Sneaking a peek at the Merit Awards arriving in the office, ready to celebrate student achievements at assembly.
- Students visiting the office with 'good work' and having their photo added to the wall.
- Seeing children proudly place their faction points in the office box, full of enthusiasm and school spirit.
- Students demonstrating our school values - Respect, Include, Strive and Explore in everyday moments.
- Spending time at Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings, where students try new foods, chat with friends, and use their lovely manners with our volunteers.
- Hearing cheerful "good mornings" as students arrive, greeting staff and friends with a smile.
- Noticing how proud our students are to wear their school uniforms and represent Balcatta with confidence each day.

There are so many glimmers in our school community—too many to list. These moments remind us of the joy, connection, and sense of belonging that make Balcatta Primary such a special place.

Our teachers are also very busy at the moment completing student assessment reports, which will be distributed at the end of term. This year, reports will be shared electronically. To ensure you receive this important information about your child's progress, please take a moment to check that the school has your most current email address on file.

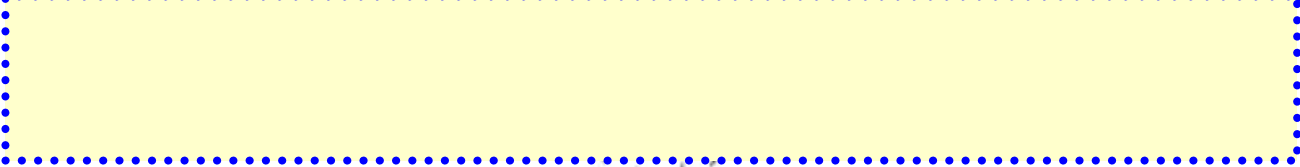
This week also includes a public holiday in acknowledgement of WA Day, which comes as a welcome mid-term break. We have seen a high number of students unwell recently, so this is a timely reminder that if your child is unwell, they should stay home. All you need to do is notify the school office via telephone, email or in person. While we strongly encourage regular attendance, staying home when unwell helps slow the spread of illness and supports the wellbeing of all students and staff.

I encourage you to take a moment with your child this week to look for their own "glimmers"—those small moments that made them smile, feel proud, or help someone else.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a positive and caring community.

Lauren Hook
Principal

MERIT AWARDS



WELL
DONE



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday 5 June, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 6 (room 1) class performing the item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are very welcome to attend.

Physical Education Update

Cross Country Event On Wednesday 3rd June 2026, our year 4 to 6 students will participate in our school cross country run. Students need to wear sport shoes for the event and bring their water bottle. Students with asthma should bring a puffer. The event times listed are a guide only. The top 5 runners will be selected for the Interschool Cross Country on Friday 26th June 2026.



Year 4 and 5 students: 1 km Start near the start of the 100m run track. They do one full lap of the bottom and top oval, then another lap of the bottom oval and finish where they started the race.

Year 6: 1.6 km Start near the start of the 100m race track. Students do 2 full laps of the bottom and top oval and finish at the end of the 100 m race track.

Approximate Event Timetable

Time	Event
12.30 pm	Year 4 Girls
12.40 pm	Year 4 Boys
12.50 pm	Year 5 girls
1 pm	Year 5 Boys
2.20 pm	Year 6 Girls
2.30 pm	Year 6 Boys

Winter Carnival

Our year 4 to 6 students have been training in a sport for our Winter Carnival which will be held on Friday 12th June 2026. Your child will receive further information this week in a letter with permission slips and payment details for the bus.

Ms Saunders
Phys Ed Teacher

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAM 2027

Applications for our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Centres for **2027** are now being taken at the school office.

KINDERGARTEN: Born between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023

PRE-PRIMARY: Born between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022

Application forms and information are available either on-line or at the school office.

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Yesterday, was **NSS day** which is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

This year the NSS official book chosen is **Luna Roo** written by Adam Jackson and Adran Lloyd.

Luna Roo is a story about a little kangaroo named Luna who feels different and unsure of herself. Through adventures and meeting others, she learns that being unique is something special, not something to hide.

The story focuses on friendship, kindness, confidence and accepting yourself. It's about a young kangaroo learning to believe in herself and finding where she belongs.

Mrs Nicole Murphy (Deputy Principal)

Mrs Antonella Pruiti-Ciarello (Library Officer)



Students in **Room 5** (Mrs Phillips) listened intently to the NSS reading session and created these cute depictions from the story in a follow-up activity.





NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



On Friday, 22 May was National Walk Safely to School Day. At Balcatta PS, we encouraged our students and their families to walk to school safely and enjoy the benefits of active transport. The day aimed to promote physical activity, reduce traffic congestion and

teach children about road safety. It was wonderful to see so many students and families walk to school on the day. They were rewarded with a special sticker or tattoo from one of our helpful school leaders.

Mrs Anthea Bouhlas
Deputy Principal



HELMET REMINDER

A friendly reminder that students riding bikes, scooters or skateboards to and from school are required by law to wear a helmet for safety.

We have noticed a few students recently without helmets, so we ask families to please support this important safety requirement.

Thank you

SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

As the cooler weather sets in and the kids continue to shoot up, now's the perfect time to grab a uniform top-up!

Date: Monday 9th June

Time: Before & After School

Where: Near the Front Office

Payment:  Cash & Card Available

Prices:

- ✦ New faction shirts – \$20
- ✦ Second-hand shirts – \$7
- ✦ Second-hand jumpers – \$10
- ✦ Shorts, skirts & pants – \$2

If you have any uniforms your children no longer wear, you can drop them off to the front office to help support other families in our school community.

**P&C DAY CELEBRATION - THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday morning to celebrate P&C Day and National Volunteer Week.

It was wonderful to recognise and connect with the incredible volunteers and community over a cuppa who make such a difference in our school community.

We are so grateful for your time, energy and support - our school wouldn't be the same without you!

A special thank you to Lotterywest and Volunteering WA for their generous grant, which made this event possible

** CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

Last year our school community raised \$232.20 through Containers for Change - a fantastic effort that we hope to continue 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!



WEEK	DATES TO REMEMBER	
	MAY	
6	Friday 29	Last day of swimming
	JUNE	
7	Monday 1	WA DAY - public holiday
	Wed 3	X Country
	Friday 5	Assembly (Rm 1, Yr 6)
8	Thursday 11	N/Letter 8
	Friday 12	Board Meeting Winter Sports Carnival (Yrs 4-6)
9	Friday 19	Assembly (Rm 8, Yr 2)
10	Thursday 25	N/Letter 9
	Friday 26	Inter School X Country
	JULY	
11	Friday 3	Assembly (Rm 8, Yr 2) Free Dress Silly Hat Day 🇳🇿 Last day of term
Term 3 – Tuesday 21 July <i>(for students)</i>		

