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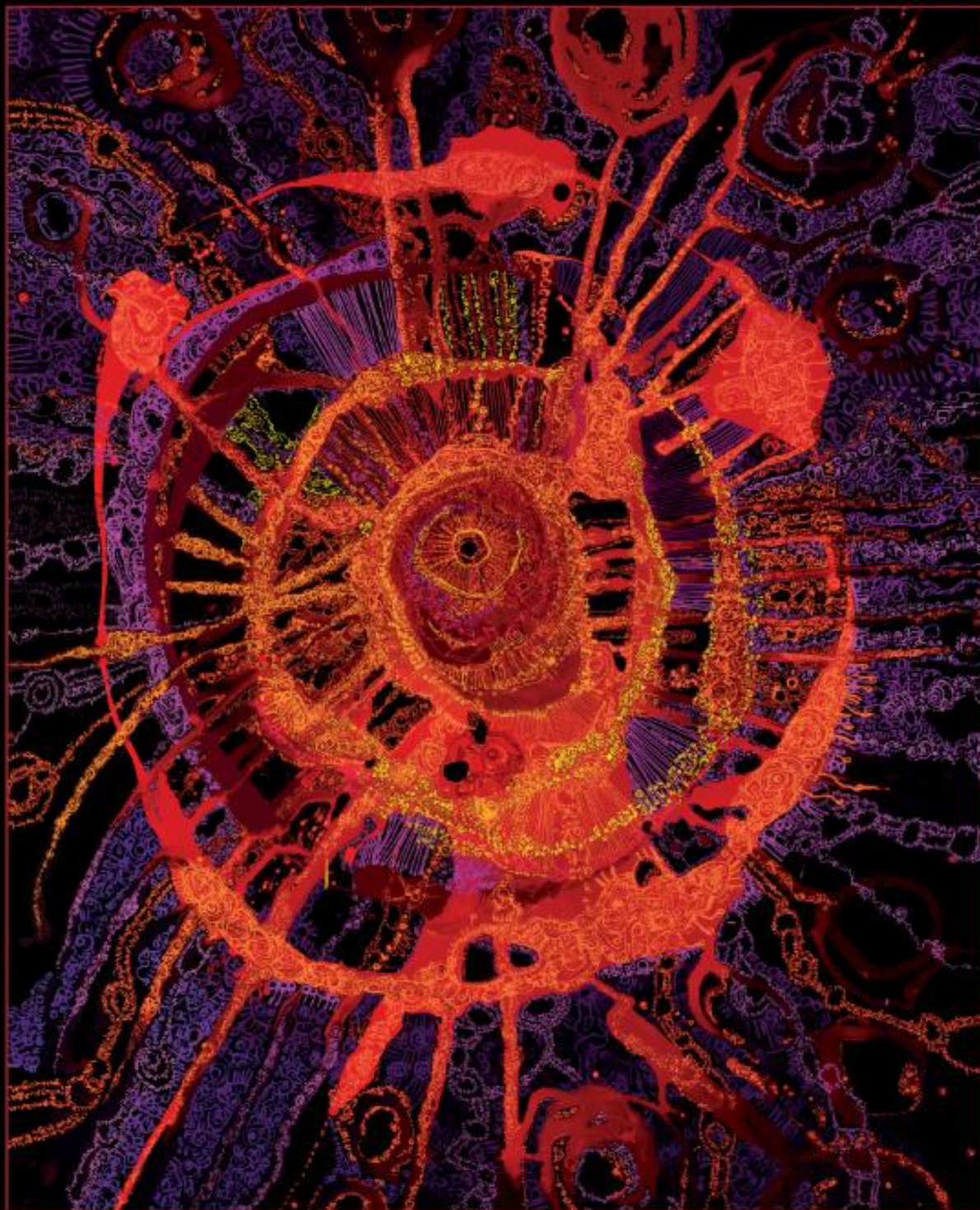
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**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

Paralpi extends Zaachariaha's acclaimed *Imma* series and reflects a deeply cultural and immersive narrative grounded in Country. The artwork depicts the sounds of *Paralpi*, a significant place just outside Mimili on the eastern APY Lands in South Australia. As Zaachariaha describes, *Paralpi* is a place where people come to embrace and celebrate children, where they are taught by Elders to move and mimic their Clan emblem — for Mimili, this being the maku (witchetty grub).

PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 3!

As I often say, we have a very busy term ahead - and this one is no exception. In addition to the day-to-day learning that takes place in our classrooms, we have already added a number of exciting activities to our schedule:

- Pre-Primary 100 Days
- Birds of Prey Incursion (Pre-Primary)
- Year 1 & 2 students Excursion to Caversham Wildlife Park
- Faction Athletics Carnival
- Interschool Athletics Carnival
- Year 6 Italian excursion
- PEAC testing for Year 4
- Karakin Cockatoo incursion for students in Room 2, 3 & 5
- Djurapin Kaa Kaa incursion for Year 3
- Koora Waangkininy Boodjar incursion for Year 6
- Father's Day Stall
- Science Week

and we still need to confirm our date for our annual Book Week Character parade.

These events enrich our students' educational journey by providing a diverse and engaging range of learning experiences beyond the classroom. This list will no doubt continue to grow as the term progresses! We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term together.

Early Arrivals

A reminder to families that students should not arrive at school **before 8:30am**, as supervision is not provided prior to this time. If students do arrive before 8.30am, they are required to sit quietly on the benches outside the computer lab until staff supervision begins. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all students safe.

If early drop-off is unavoidable, please contact the front office to discuss alternative arrangements.

Three Way Interviews – Tuesday 18th August

Please be advised that **on Tuesday, Week 5 (18 August), school will be closed** to allow time for teachers to conduct **Three-Way Interviews** with students and their families. These interviews are an important opportunity for you and your child to meet with their classroom teacher to discuss the goals that have been set for them. Each interview time slot is 8 - 10 minutes in duration and timeslots will be available from 9:00am- 5:20pm. Bookings are essential and will be open soon.

Please note that students **DO NOT attend school on Tuesday 18 August**, except when attending their scheduled interview with their parent or caregiver.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning.

What are Three Way Interviews?

These are brief, 8-minute face-to-face meetings involving the student, parents, and teacher, with a focus on student progress and collaborative goal setting. These interviews are not intended for in-depth discussions. If you would like to arrange a longer meeting, please contact the front office to discuss potentially booking an additional meeting. Parents of students with documented plans will also be contacted to arrange a separate SAER (Students at Educational Risk) meeting in addition to the Three-Way Interview. As in previous years, interview times will be booked through an online booking system. Further details on how to book will be provided closer to the date.

Principal
Lauren Hook



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday August 7, commencing at 9.00 am with our year Room 4, Year 3 class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend.

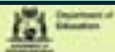
AUSSIE of the MONTH



Congratulations

Merit Awards





The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

Claims close 25 September 2026

Claim on the ServiceWA app



Claims are open for the WA Student Assistance Payment

The payment is to help eligible families with school costs like uniforms, stationery, books and excursions.

All Western Australian students with an active enrolment in a public school, non-government school, or registered for home education are eligible for:

- \$150 for each Kindergarten or primary student
- \$250 for each secondary student.

You can submit a claim through the ServiceWA app, online form or paper form.

What you need

- WA Student Number (WASN) for each student (found on school reports, NAPLAN results or some SmartRiders).
- Student details (enrolled name, date of birth, school, year level).
- Bank account details.
- 100 points of ID (if not using ServiceWA).

If you need help with your claim, contact us or ServiceWA Customer Care on 13 33 92.

Claims close Friday 25 September 2026.

For more information visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

GROWING GREAT SPACES



New Teepee in Early Childhood Playground



Some of our Year 6 students using the new 'quiet zone' during lunch break.



New shade sail in Early Childhood Playground



We're always looking for ways to make Balcatta Primary School an even more engaging and welcoming place for our students.

Here are just a few of the exciting additions and improvements around our school!

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Balcatta PS had NAIDOC celebrations in week 1 of Term 3. The 2026 NAIDOC Week theme was "50 Years of Deadly." **Fifty Years of Deadly** marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement, the Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year. This moment is also about how our school engages our RISE Values; showing respect to our first nations people, including their languages, art, and music, striving to be our best Balcatta selves and exploring all cultures within our community and accepting each identity.

Balcatta PS students participated in NAIDOC colouring activities, reading activities and discussions about what is DEADLY in their culture. In Aboriginal English, the word **deadly** has a completely positive meaning. Rather than meaning dangerous or fatal, it is a term of high praise that means **awesome, brilliant, fantastic, or really good**. We also would like to show appreciation to Lieshia Green for being involved in our NAIDOC celebrations this year, yarnning with our students about First Nations language and culture.

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal



Lamingtons, Sunshine & Possum Magic



This term in **year 1** we are looking at an adaption of Mem fox's Possum Magic. As part of the talk for writing program we enjoyed a special treat by eating lamingtons together out in the warm sunshine. It was a great lead into the narrative we are going to be looking at this term.



REMINDER



While we are still experiencing some cold weather and are in the flu season, please be reminded to keep any children home who are unwell. This not only helps them recover quicker but stops the spread of germs to other students in the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.



PRE PRIMARY

100 DAYS

LOST n FOUND

We have a steadily growing family of drink bottles that have remained unclaimed in the office.



If you have lost one, please collect as soon as possible.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING

Help us return lost items to the right owner!

EMMA S.

LABEL IT SO IT COMES HOME!

NAMED ITEMS ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE RETURNED!

Please ensure ALL items brought to school are labelled.

CHAPLAINS CORNER



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I'll be collecting items for shoeboxes this term.

We will be collecting items from families that wish to donate to **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**. Items will be placed in boxes and delivered to over 100 countries around the world, to children in need at Christmas time. Boxes from Perth in the past have been sent to Thailand and Philippines.

Items need to please be new or 'as new' and must be small enough to fit into the shoebox. *Suggested items:* toys, stationary, craft, clothes, personal care or hygiene items for ages 2 – 14 years.

Please **Do not** include soap, liquids or things that can melt/leak/break. Items need to fit into a shoe box, so no big items.

We have past money set aside from icy pole sales to pay for delivery of shoe boxes.

Please drop your donations to class rooms or the Activity Centre during this term.



Shoshanna Lam
(Chaplain)



2027 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED ON-LINE

In Western Australia, children can begin their education in kindergarten, however, compulsory schooling starts the following year in Pre-Primary.

KINDERGARTEN 4 years old by 30 June 2026 - born 1/7/2022 to 30/6/2023

PRE-PRIMARY 5 years old by 30 June 2026 - born 1/7/2021 to 30/6/2022
(1st year of compulsory school)

When enrolling you will be asked to provide:

- * Child's original birth certificate,
- * Immunisation history statement via (Australian Childhood Immunisation Reg.)
Ph.: 1800 653 809
- * Proof of Residence (e.g., land rates notice, lease agreement, **recent** gas or power account). A Statutory Declaration may be required.
- * Family Court or other court orders.
- * Visa Details (if applicable).

All information & forms can be found on our website: www.balcattaprimary.wa.edu.au, & e-mailed to balcatta.ps@education.wa.edu.au (207 Enrolment – Student Name)

Application forms and information is available from the school office and on www.balcattaprimary.wa.edu.au



TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

A huge thank you to our amazing school community for your continued support throughout Term 2. Together, we've achieved some fantastic results!

- ❖ \$911 raised from Mother's Day activities
- ❖ \$504.50 raised through Second-Hand Uniform sales
- ❖ \$141.40 raised through Containers for Change

Thanks to your support, we were able to:

- 🏀 Donate \$1,000 towards new sports balls for the school.
- 🚌 Subsidise the Winter Sports Carnival bus by \$705.
- ☕ Shout our amazing volunteers a well-deserved coffee, thanks to a successful grant.

COMING UP IN TERM 3

We've got another busy and exciting term ahead! Be sure to save these dates:



P&C Meeting

Friday 14 August

9:00am in the Staff Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME – WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FACTION ACCESSORIES & SHIRT STALL

Tuesday 1 September: Before & after school

Friday 4 September: Before school

💖 FATHER'S DAY STALL 📺

Wednesday 2 September: Kindy A – Before school

Thursday 3 September: Whole School – During class

FACTION CARNIVAL - FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 🏃

We'll be looking for **volunteers** to help with:

- 📦 Subway sorting & distribution
- 🎲 Icy pole handout
- 🥤 Snack & drink stall



INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL FRIDAY - 18 September 🏆

This year we're excited to be hosting the carnival at Balcatta Primary School! We're hoping to run a sausage sizzle for our students and all our visiting schools, but we'll need plenty of **volunteers** to make it happen.

VOLUNTEER 🙋

Volunteer sign-up links will be shared closer to each event, so keep an eye on our **Facebook page** if you're able to lend a hand. Every bit of help makes a huge difference and is greatly appreciated!

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Containers for Change fundraising program. We've recently emptied another full collection bin! You can now recycle even more eligible containers, including:

-  Wine bottles
-  Spirit bottles
-  Juice bottles
-  Flavoured milk containers

Plus all eligible drink cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles and cartons.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

-  Drop your eligible containers into our Containers for Change bin located near the Science Room / Old Uniform Store when the school grounds are open.
-  Or return them at your local Containers for Change refund point using our Scheme ID: C10460358.

Bags are still available from the front office, if required.

Every container recycled helps raise valuable funds for Balcatta Primary. Keep up to date with what's happening by joining our Facebook page:

!!!! Thank you for your ongoing support !!!!

END OF TERM WRAP-UP!

TERM 2 - 2026

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

 Mothers Day Stall \$588	 Mothers Day Raffle \$323
 Second Hand Uniforms \$504.50	 Containers for Change Term 1 & 2 \$141.40

PUTTING YOUR SUPPORT TO WORK

 Donation to School of \$1,000 for Balls	 Subsidy for Winter Sports Carnival Bus - \$705
 Volunteer Coffee Thank you	

THANK YOU!!!



Term 3 CALENDAR 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	20 July	21 July	22 July	23 July	24 July
	Pupil Free Day				• Assembly NAIDOC
Week 2	27 July	28 July	29 July	30 July	31 July
				• Newsletter 10	
Week 3	3 August	4 August	5 August	6 August	7 August
					• Assembly Rm 4, Yr 3
Week 4	10 August	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August
		- Djurapin Kaa Kaa Incursion Yr 3 - Koora Waangkinin Boodjar Incursion Yr 6		• Newsletter 11	• P & C Mtg 9.00 Staff room
Week 5	17 August	18 August	19 August	20 August	21 August
		• 3 Way Interviews			• Assembly PP1
Week 6	24 August	25 August	26 August	27 August	28 August
	Excursion Yr 1/2 Caversham BOOK WEEK SCIENCE WEEK		Bird of Prey Incursion P/P 9.30 – 10.30am	- Newsletter 12 - Karakin Cockatoo Incursion 9 – 10.30am Rms 2,3 & 5	• Board Mtg 9am Library
Week 7	31 August	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September
		- Jumps / Throws - P & C Mtg 9.00 Staff room	• Father's Day Stall - KA - before school	• Father's Day Stall - whole school - during class	• FACTION Carnival
Week 8	7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September
				• Newsletter 13	• Assembly Rm 3, Yr 4/5
Week 9	14 September	15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September
		• I/School Jumps & Throws			• I/School Carnival
Week 10	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September	25 September
		• Pasta In The Valley Excursion Yr 6		• Newsletter 14	• Last day term Free Dress

Term 4 begins 12 October 2026

