

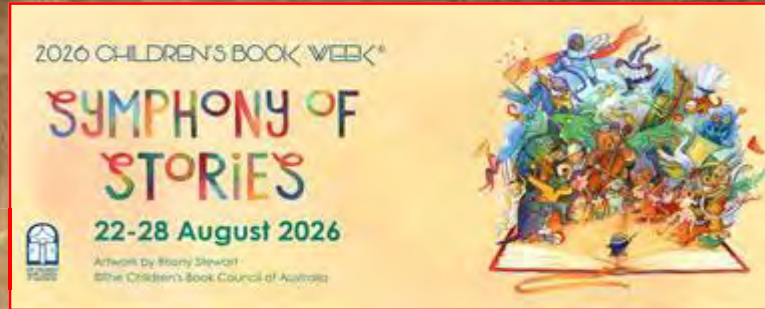
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STUDENTS & STAFF LIT UP THE BOOK WEEK PARADE
WITH COLOURFUL COSTUMES



PRINCIPAL'S PATTTER

Hello Everyone

Yet another busy few weeks here at Balcatta Primary School, yesterday our PP students had a visit from the 'Birds of Prey' and earlier this week and our students in Years 1 & 2 visited Caversham Wildlife Park and our Year 4 & 5 students had a visit from the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

Our recent Three-Way Interviews on Tuesday 18 August were a great success. It was wonderful to see more than 220 individual meetings booked, that's more than 74% of our student population attended a meeting. It was great to see so many families taking the opportunity to discuss learning goals and celebrate the progress of their children. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

This week we also celebrated Book Week, with students and staff embracing the theme through classroom activities, shared reading experiences and our fantastic Book Week Parade. It was wonderful to see the creativity, enthusiasm and love of reading on display across the school. Thank you to our families for supporting students with their costumes and helping make the week such a success.

We have a number of exciting events coming up before the end of term:

- Jumps, Throws & Long-Distance Events – Tuesday 1 September
- Father's Day Stall – Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September
- Faction Athletics Carnival – Friday 4 September

We hope to see as many families there as possible to support our students and enjoy the fun.

A few important reminders:

- Our school gates are locked between 9:00am and 2:30pm daily to help keep our students safe.
- Limited parking is available in the 'Kiss and Drive' with access of Alford Street. All parking areas with entry of Main Street are for staff only.
- Our school is a busy place in the mornings and afternoons, please be mindful and slow down when entering carparks and driving around the school

Finally, if your child will not be returning to Balcatta Primary School in 2027, please notify the front office. This information is invaluable as we begin planning for the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and support in our school community!

Lauren Hook
Principal



Pre - Primary 1 - Affirmation Assembly



Pre Primary 1 & 2 Birds of Prey Incursion

Birds of Prey came to our school and showcased 5 birds of Prey to the Pre-Primary class.



MERIT AWARDS

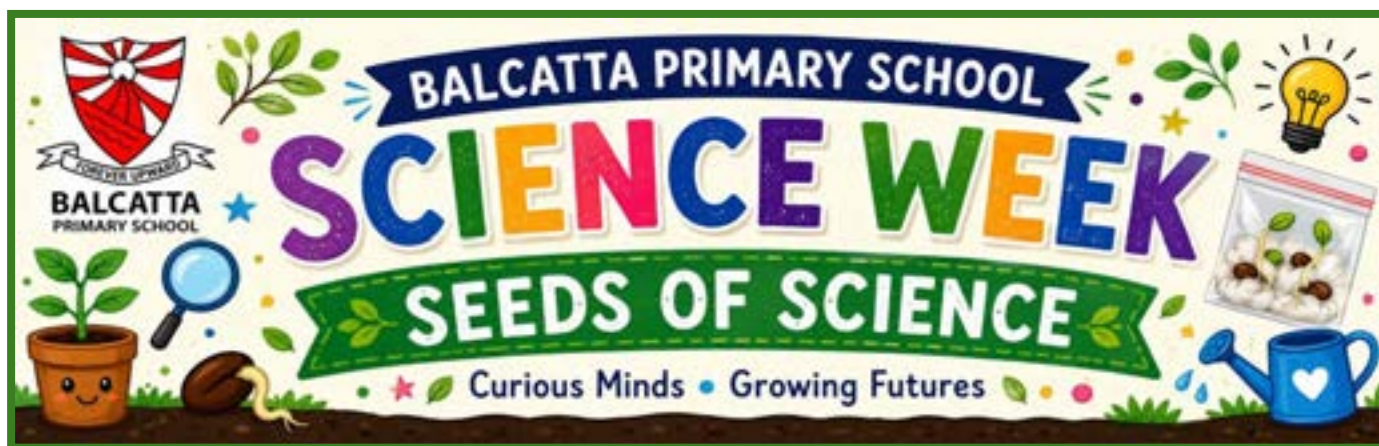


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This week, we celebrated Science Week at Balcatta Primary School. This year's theme, 'Seeds of Science', tied in perfectly with our term focus - Biological Sciences. Across the school, students participated in a range of excursions, hands-on experiments, seed exploration and planting activities. Here are some photos showcasing the wonderful learning and experiences from throughout the week! Thank you to everyone who brought such a positive attitude to Science and worked so collaboratively.

A special mention and thank you to Balcatta Senior High School for inviting our upper primary students to participate in their Science Week events and providing them with some fantastic STEM learning experiences.

Mrs Hall
Science Teacher

Junior Primary

Cress seed planting in Yr 1/2 and seed exploration using our 5 senses took place in PP!



Middle Primary

We planted bean seeds and watched them grow



Upper Primary

The Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to attend two excursions to Balcatta High School during Science Week. They thoroughly enjoyed their activities



Year 6

BSHS

STEM

ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE

A group of selected Year 6 students had the exciting opportunity to spend the morning at **Balcatta Senior High School**, participating in a STEM enrichment activity facilitated by **Curtin University**.



Throughout the morning, students took part in an engaging, hands-on STEM challenge that encouraged them to **think creatively, problem-solve, collaborate** and put their ideas into action.





On Monday the 24th August all the **Year 1 and 2** students went to Caversham Wildlife Park for a fun filled day of visiting furry mammals, slithery reptiles, flying feathery animals and farm friends.

Some children were able to hold a long, soft snake, while others milked a cow. Lucas was chosen to feed a baby lamb which was really exciting!

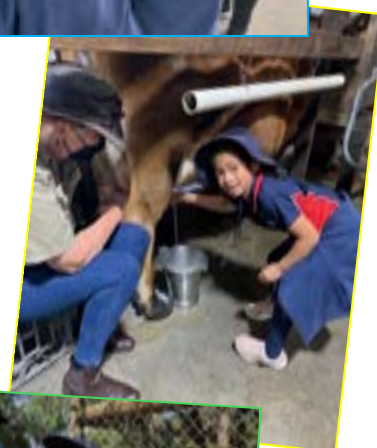
We walked through a nocturnal house and saw some amazing, weird lizards and got to pat some kangaroos, rabbits, cows and ponies.

Someone even got pecked by a sneaky ostrich!

This excursion supports our 'Connection to Country' theme, reinforcing all the class learning about Australian animals and the environment.

Many thanks to all the staff for their organisation and to our parent volunteers for their support.

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal



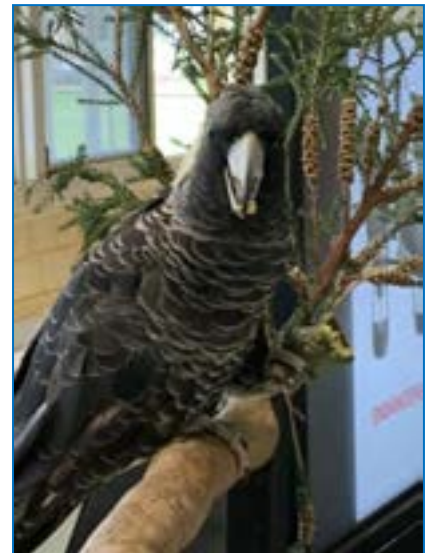
Today the **Year 4 and 5** students were entertained by 'Princess Rex' the Black Cockatoo from Kaarakin Conservation Centre.

Sam told us all about how the Centre has a specialist wildlife program dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured wild native black cockatoos.

Princess Rex loves eating apples and visiting schools, but usually she lives in Martin, with her other rescued black cockatoo friends.

It was an interactive and informative session teaching the students all about our unique WA environment and the vulnerability of our wildlife.

Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held on Friday, September 11, commencing at 9.00 am with our year 4/5 (room 3) class performing an item. Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend.

FROM THE LIBRARY



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 6

Orders will close on **Thursday 3rd September**

******PLEASE NOTE: ONLINE CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS ONLY ******

HOW PARENTS ORDER FROM BOOK CLUB

ONLINE:

1. Log in, or create a new account at [LOOP](#)
2. New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
3. Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
4. Select your child's name
5. Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
6. Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
7. Make a payment via **credit card**

Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school.

Happy reading!

Mrs Pruiti-Ciarello (Library Officer)

(Wed/Thurs)

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tuesday 1 September we are holding Balcatta Long Jumps, Long Throws and Long-Distance running events. Three boys and three girls from Junior, Intermediate and Senior have been selected for each event from each faction. Your child will let you know if they have been selected for an event. Parents are welcome to come along and spectate if your child is participating.

The schedule is below

Time	Year
9.00 - 9.45am	Junior
9.45 - 10.30am	Intermediate
Recess	
11.00 - 12pm	Senior
Lunch	
1.30pm – 2.15pm Long Distance Running Events	
Junior Girls	200m run
Junior Boys	200m run
Intermediate Girls	400m run
Intermediate Boys	400m run
Senior Girls	800m run
Senior Boys	800m run



We are all getting excited for our school athletics carnival which will be held on **Friday 4 September**. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer on our students.

Any parents that are available to help set up our student marquees on the morning of the carnival; please let our office staff know you're availability and arrive at 7.30 am to the oval.

We look forward to seeing our parents enjoying our carnival day.

Kylee Saunders
Physical Education Teacher



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**UNIFORM SHOP**

All uniforms may be purchased from **Eclipse Universal in Malaga**.

Ph: 9249 4344

Online ordering: (click and collect or home delivery)

<https://schooluniformstore.com.au/balcatta-primary> enter code: **BPS6021**

FACTION SHIRTS Our old-style faction shirts can be ordered for bag delivery \$20.00 *only* are stocked at school.



To purchase please contact P & C via email.

balcattaps_uniform@hotmail.com for bag delivery.

Price: Faction Polos: cotton \$20.00

New Polos: synthetic \$28.00

FACTION CARNIVAL

The P&C will be selling 'Faction Carnival' merchandise on the Admin verandah area on **Friday, August 29**. Items will also be available on Friday, September 5 (carnival day) before school, from 8:20–8:45am.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS

Subway lunch orders are available via the Spriggy App – Orders close Monday September 1 at 9.00am

FATHERS DAY STALL 🎁

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, September 2, for Pre-Primary and Kindy A students in the ECE area from 8:15am.

The **remaining classes** will be able to visit the stall on Thursday, September 3.

It's a lovely chance for children to choose a special gift for Dad (or someone special).

MOBILE PHONES

Students **MUST** have a written note from parents if it is essential to bring mobile phones to school. The phones must be turned off and handed in to the office on arrival at school.

CHAPLAINS CORNER



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just a reminder that we have started collecting items for this worthwhile cause.



Let's get involved and help the underprivileged and vulnerable children.

Shoshana Lam
Chaplain

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Spring in the Noongar calendar for the Southwest of Western Australia is divided into two seasons: Djilba (August–September), known as "first spring," and Kambarang (October–November), known as "second spring".

Djilba is a transitional period with cold, clear days mixed with warmer, rainy, and windy days, while Kambarang brings longer dry periods and warmer weather as flowers like the Moojar (Australian Christmas Tree) bloom



DATES TO REMEMBER	
AUGUST - Week 4	
Friday 28	Board Meeting 9am - library
SEPTEMBER	
WEEK 7	
Tuesday 1	School jumps & throws
Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3	Father's Day Stall
Friday 4	Faction Carnival
WEEK 8	
Thursday 10	Newsletter 13
Friday 11	Assembly - Rm 3, Yr 4/5
WEEK 9	
Tuesday 15	Inter School Jumps & Throws
Friday 18	Inter School Athletics Carnival
WEEK 10	
Tuesday 22	Pasta in The Valley Excursion - Yr 6
Friday 26	Music Assembly Free Dress Final day of term

FATHERS DAY IS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER