BALCATTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Today, the school was a sea of green as we came together to acknowledge **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**.
Enthusiastic students and teachers had a fantastic time joining our Chaplain, Shoshana Lam, in a morning of dancing and fun, celebrating the importance of mental well-being.









PRINCIPAL'S PATTER

Hello Everyone

It's wonderful to see everyone returning refreshed and ready for what promises to be a busy and exciting final term at Balcatta Primary School.

We have many special events ahead, including Year 6 Camp, Year 6 Graduation, Book Fair, School Photos, excursions and incursions, and our Whole School Book Award Ceremony.
As we prepare for the 2027 school year, we kindly ask families to let the office know as soon as possible if their child will not be returning to Balcatta Primary School in 2027. Accurate enrolment numbers are very important as we work through class structures and staffing for the year ahead.
Thank you for your continued support and for helping us with this important planning.

It has also been lovely to welcome new families to our school. We look forward to welcoming our newest students and families to the Balcatta PS community in 2027.

Our School Board will hold its Annual Public Meeting in the coming weeks. Before the end of the year, we will also be calling for nominations for parent representatives. If you are curious about what happens at a Board meeting, or are considering nominating yourself or someone else, we warmly encourage you to come along.
Board meetings are held once per term and rarely run for more than an hour. Becoming a Board member is a wonderful way to learn more about the school and play an active role in supporting the direction of Balcatta Primary School.

We love seeing our students eager to start the day! Just a reminder that classroom doors open at **8:35am**, with the school day officially beginning at **8:50am**. We have noticed a number of students arriving from around 8:00am. As supervision is limited before 8:35am, students who arrive early are asked to sit quietly outside the computer lab until classrooms open.
We encourage students to arrive with enough time to settle in and prepare for learning but ask that they do not arrive unnecessarily early.
If your family requires before or after-school care, please contact the school office for information about local options.

A quick reminder that bikes and scooters must be walked when entering and moving through the school grounds. This helps keep our busy pathways safe for students, families and staff, particularly at arrival and pick-up times.
Please encourage your child to hop off their bike or scooter at the school boundary and walk it to the bike racks. Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership as we head into a busy and enjoyable final term



Lauren Hook
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Our next assembly will be held tomorrow Friday 23 October, commencing at 9.00 am with our music students performing an item.

Parents, grandparents, friends and community members are most welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Photo Hendricks



Photos will be taken next **Thursday, 29 October**.
*__Kindy A__ will have their photo taken on **Wednesday 28 October.**

School photo ordering and payment will be **COMPLETELY ONLINE.**

How to Order:

1. Go to **www.photohendriks.com.au**
2. Click on **'Order Your School Photos'**
3. Enter your **Access Key**: **WD7BVQJX**

or scan **QR code**

On Thursday morning (29 October) family photos will be taken in the Music Room at 8.30am.
The whole school photo (K – 6)will be taken at 9am and school uniform **MUST** be worn.

*** Year 6 students will also be having their Graduation photos taken at this time.**
*** Please remember to bring your graduation shirts to change into after the photos are taken**

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

WA Mental Health Week has been bringing the community together for a simple but powerful reason - to raise awareness, spark meaningful conversations, and break down the stigma of mental health challenges.

This year's theme is exploring 'control' and our sense of 'optimism', and the impact these things can have on our own wellbeing. During the week we have been reading poems to help us understand Control and Optimism. In class we have been discussing these words and thinking about how we can make some positive changes in our lives for our wellbeing. And on Thursday, everyone wore GREEN and came together to dance to some up-beat songs, led by our school Chaplain Mrs Lam.

This is helping us prioritize physical health, strengthen social ties and have fun!



Nicole Murphy
Deputy Principal ☺

PEAC

2026 PRIMARY EXTENSION AND CHALLENGE PROGRAM (PEAC) RESULTS

Year 4, 2026 PEAC Test results have been received by our school. Placements into PEAC are highly competitive and families of identified students have been notified.

If you have any questions about the testing process, or would like to obtain your child's results please contact Mrs Anthea Bouhlas via email anthea.bouhlas@education.wa.edu.au

LIBRARY









GET READY for our annual Book Fair coming up on Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th November 2026! We will be hosting our book fair in the library, with all proceeds going directly to purchase additional resources for our school library. Save the date! More details to follow.

Mrs Pruiti-Ciarello
(Library Officer)

P & C NEWS

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BalcattaPSPandC

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER Get ready to brighten up the dance floor!

Our much-loved school disco is back, and this year's student-chosen theme is COLOUR POP! Join us on Friday 6 November for an evening of music, dancing and colourful fun in the Assembly Area.



SESSION TIMES:

- Kindy to Year 2: 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Year 3 to Year 6: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

TICKETS are $5 online or $8 at the door. Our Glow Stall will also be packed with fun accessories, including glow sticks, LED bracelets and flashing headwear, priced from $2 to $8. Cash and card payments will be available.

Purchase tickets online at https://balcattapspandc.square.site/

We can't wait to see everyone dressed in their brightest colours and ready to dance!

DISCO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!



We are looking for volunteers to assist with activities and stalls throughout the evening. Whether you can spare a little time to help set up, assist during a session or pack away at the end, we'd be incredibly grateful.

These events rely on the generosity of our volunteers, and every helping hand makes a difference. If you can lend a hand, please sign up here: https://signup.com/go/rYCVEYZ

Thank you for supporting our school and helping create memorable experiences for our students!

P & C AGM - Friday 30 October

Please join us for the Balcatta PS P&C Annual General Meeting on Friday 30 October, from 8:50am to 10:00am in the Staff Room.

All P&C executive positions become vacant at the AGM each year, and we are particularly looking for a **Treasurer for 2027**. The role involves approximately one hour each term reviewing the P&C's spending, with support and training available.



Whether you're interested in joining the committee, volunteering at events or simply finding out more about what we do, we'd love to see you there! It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, share ideas and help plan for the year ahead.

UNIFORM SHOP



All uniform items may be purchased from our supplier **Eclipse Universal in Malaga. Ph: 9249 4344**

Online ordering: (click and collect or home delivery)

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

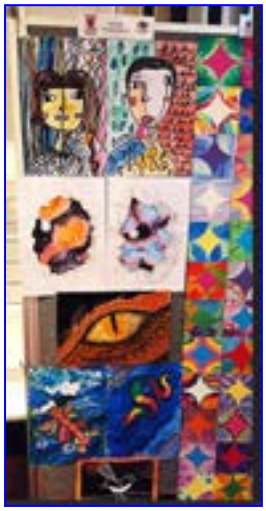
A BIG THANKYOU TO BUNNINGS BALCATTA !!



A huge thank you to Bunnings Balcatta for their generous donation of two Lifetime 4ft tables and a Gorilla 115L steel mesh cart.
The tables will be a fantastic addition to our P&C fundraising events and other school activities, while the cart will help with organising and transporting resources for the school's nature-play and mud kitchen areas.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of local businesses like Bunnings.
Their generosity helps us support our students and school community in practical and meaningful ways. Thank you, Bunnings Balcatta!

CELEBRATING BALCATTA PS ART AT WACSSO



We were delighted to see Balcatta Primary School student artwork featured at the P&Cs WACSSO (WA Council of State School Organisations) Conference.

It was wonderful to see our students' creativity showcased beyond our school grounds, celebrating the amazing talents of our young artists with other state schools around WA.

FREEZE FRIDAYS



Freeze Fridays are every Friday from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, so bring your 50c for half or $1 for a whole icy pole.

BATTERY RETRIEVAL PROJECT



Please help OUR environment by bringing in your old batteries & placing them in our **RED** battery collection bin located in the office foyer.

WHAT BATTERIES ARE COLLECTED?

Dry cell batteries include AA, AAA (single use or rechargeable

CHECK CLOTHING LABELS !!!!!

Please take a moment to check that your child's school clothing - especially jackets, jumpers and hats is clearly labelled and hasn't been picked up by mistake.
With many similar items in Lost & Found, names help us return belongings quickly and avoid mix-ups.
Thank you for your help!



TOGETHER WE THRIVE!

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	12 October	13 October	14 October	15 October	16 October
Week 2	19 October	20 October	21 October	22 October • **Newsletter 15** • Mental Health Day	23 October • **Assembly Music**
Week 3	26 October	27 October	28 October • School Photos KA	29 October • School Photos - KB - Class - Whole School - Graduation	30 October • **Assembly PP2** • P & C AGM 8.50am – S/Rm
Week 4	2 November	3 November	4 November	5 November • **Newsletter 16**	6 November • **P & C Disco**
Week 5	9 November **Yr 6 SCHOOL CAMP 9 -11**	10 November	11 November **BOOK FAIR** • Remembrance Day • P/P Inc. Mini-Beasts	12 November	13 November **Pupil Free Day**
Week 6	16 November	17 November	18 November	19 November • **Newsletter 17**	20 November • Board Meeting 9am Library • **Assembly Rm 5 Yrs 3/4**
Week 7	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November	27 November •**BSHS** Academic Challenge • **Kindy Info Day** 1-2.30pm
Week 8	30 November	1 December • **BSHS** Orientation Day	2 December	3 December • **Newsletter 18**	4 December
Week 9	7 December	8 December	9 December	10 December	11 December • **Graduation Ceremony**
Week 10	14 December	15 December • Bocce & Gelato Day	16 December • **Book Awards**	17 December • **Newsletter 19**	18 December **Pupil Free Day**

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