Monday Morning Assembly

Our new Kindergarten students have settled into routines really well. Credit must go to Mrs Kerema, Mrs Dunnell and Miss Main for making our new students feel so welcome. Congratulations also to the parents who have obviously prepared their children well for the transition to school, and thanks to the Year 6 buddies who have also made a great contribution.

Now that routines have been established, it is vital that Kindergarten students are free from distraction whilst being addressed at Monday morning’s assembly. Last Monday it was obvious that many of our youngest students were torn between trying to listen to the teacher speaking to them and waving or communicating with parents and/or grandparents. Dragging out the morning farewell can also be upsetting for many students. Look for an opportunity, before the bell rings, to leave without fuss in the morning (for example, once your child has found a playmate or is occupied in an activity). That way, as soon as the bell goes the students can go straight to their designated lines and concentrate on the messages given. There are no messages given to parents at these morning assemblies, so be assured you are not missing anything. Our communication with parents is chiefly via this newsletter. Your cooperation in this matter will help us to start off each school week more efficiently, with all students able to listen attentively to the teacher/s addressing them at assembly.

Thank you,
Martin Loxton, Relieving Principal.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book club orders and correct money are due back at school by Thursday 14.2.13. Please note that all phone and online orders must still go through the school and you must provide your online receipt number.
**MEET THE TEACHER**

‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings are currently being held. This is a great way to meet your child’s teacher and gain information about classroom routines and expectations.

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**FOOD PREP / FRESH FOOD SHOPPER WANTED**

One or two persons to do some food prep and fresh food shopping urgently needed (Monday mornings). Please pop in the canteen to express your interest or contact Yuki @ 0410 024 619.

We would like to say a BIG ‘Thank You’ to our beautiful Selena Iskra for her outstanding effort to do this job and her great company last year.

**YR6 T-SHIRTS ORGANISATION MEETING**

Yr6 parents are invited to meet at Collegians Balgownie, Tuesday 19.2.13 at 7.00pm. The meeting will be to discuss the organisation of the Yr6 T-shirts.

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?**

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS: 1300 792 755

Make your child “Ready for School” by:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan

**CANTEEN NEWS**

URGENT!! MONTHLY & ASSISTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2013

Please see 'Volunteer Interest Form' sent home last week or posters near information boards and join BPS canteen roster this year!

We still need **monthly helpers (ONCE a month, approx. 8.45 to 12.30) and part-time helpers (about ONE HOUR from 9am for each day due to earlier lunch time)**. No experience required.

New roster for 2013 will be sent home by the last week of February. Let’s keep BPS canteen up and running for our kids :)

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open on TUESDAY mornings from 8.30am each week.

UNIFORM SHOP

We are currently out of stock of some sizes of sports shirts, short sleeve polo shirts, polar fleece jumpers and culottes. New stock will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. If you have paid for these items, they will be delivered straight to the classroom. Thank you for your patience.

**ORDERS FOR WINTER TUNICS**

Order forms will be available next week from the office foyer for special orders for girls winter tunics. Please note that these are not a regular stocked item, they are only available through this one-off order. Orders will need to be in by around the 5th of March. More details will be provided on the order form.
COMMUNITY NEWS

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a first class comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities in the performing arts.

Date: Thursday 28 February 2013
Time: 5.30pm-7.00pm

We look forward to meeting you. Principal’s address at 5.30pm in WHSPAC

MT OUSLEY PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Friendship and fun for girls, movement and dance to music, improves posture and flexibility. Various styles of dance and exercises incorporated into one class. First three lessons are free for new members to give it a try. Classes resume week starting the 11th February.

Pre schoolers - 4yrs Tuesdays
9-12yrs Mondays
Ladies Monday nights - New and old members welcome!
For information call Elizabeth Scott 0411 288 291 after 1.30pm or Kellie O’Brien after 3.30pm 0413 249 707
www.mtousleyphysie.com

TRY RUGBY

At Vickings Rugby Club for 7-13yrs age group.
2nd Feb, 1st & 8th March at 5.30-6.30pm. FREE.
Contact Nick Matts 0431 161 739 for information and registration.

TECH WARAHS JUNIOR RUGBY

Every Thursday 5.30pm at Saunders Oval, North Wollongong TAFE. From 7th February with free registration. All welcome U7 – U17’s.
Enquiries Junior President Tony Gorgijovski
Ph 0413 806 156

ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Location: Smiths Hill High School
Syllabus can be viewed and downloaded from: www.illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au
Closure dates for entries: Friday 16th February
Sections include: Dance, Drama and Singing.

Tanya Romancewicz
0403 975 934
info@illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au

GIRL GUIDES

Girl Guides have lots of FUN!! Camping, cooking, doing craft, playing games, earning badges and learning skills for life.
Girls 7-10 yrs meet Saturdays 9.00 – 10.30am
Girls 10-14 yrs meet Wednesdays 6.30- 8.00pm
Girls 15-18 yrs meet Mondays 7.00 – 9.00 pm
At the GWYNNEVILLE GUIDE HALL
Call Ros on 0423673318 or to find out more visit our Website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

SHAMROCKS JUNIOR RUGBY

Registration Days 2013
Sat 9th & 16th Feb 12pm - 2pm
Wed 13th & 20th Feb 5pm - 7pm
Age groups - U7’s, U8’s, U9’s, U10’s, U11’s, U12’s, U13’s, U14’s, U15’s, U17’s
New players welcome.
Registrations to be held at Ocean Park Woonona
Contact: Andrew Cracknell
ph 0432 944543
or Megan Cracknell
ph 0403796246
Birth certificate required for new players.
Hello, my name is Mrs. Birchall and I am the Teacher Librarian at Balgownie School. I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2012 school year and to provide you with some information about our library and its services.

The Library
Balgownie school library contributes to student learning outcomes by providing services and resources that support teaching and learning programs throughout the school. The library is well resourced with a large book collection and a computer lab that enables students to use electronic learning materials and to access the Internet. The library is fully automated using the OASIS system. Students have access to computer catalogues that enable them to search electronically for library resources for reading pleasure and to help them with their learning and schoolwork. All classes from Kindergarten to year 6 are scheduled to visit the Library at least once each week. These visits aim to promote a love of literature and learning and consist of borrowing time, story telling, educational program viewing and library and information technology training. Please see the Library Class Timetable below for your child/children’s library day.

(a) Borrowing
All students are required to have a library bag to borrow. This helps to protect library books and to keep them separate from other books at school or at home. Children may borrow up to 4 items per week (some of our avid readers borrow more), to be returned on the following weeks library visit. Children may RENEW their loan on books that are required for longer periods of time.

(b) Overdue Books
There are no fines for overdue books, however students who do have an overdue book may not borrow again until the overdue book is returned. Notes will be sent home for very overdue items. If books are lost or damaged we will ask you for the replacement cost of the book.

Hours
The Library is open Monday – Thursday from 8.30am until 3.00pm. The library is closed at recess and is open at lunchtime for work and quiet leisure activities such as board games, drawing, computers and reading.

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It is a pleasure to teach in a school where students value their library so highly. I look forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning with everyone.

Mrs. Birchall – Teacher Librarian