From the Principal
The response to the newsletter article last week regarding Monday Morning Assembly has been outstanding. Thanks to all parents, especially of Kindergarten students, who took the advice on board and left the assembly area promptly when the bell rang. Our assembly this week was very settled and, I’m pretty sure, tearless. It was a fantastic start to the week.

If you have been around the school this week you would have noticed some work being done to our “Leaning Wall” (in front of the cubby houses). Though there was a suggestion of retaining it as a tourist attraction, a more conservative type of retaining was eventually employed. Thanks to all of the students who have been very sensible whilst moving around the top playground. The workmen are well accustomed to operating in schools and have done a great job in timing delivery trucks for times when students are in classes.

I had the pleasure of attending the P&C Meeting last Wednesday night where I was informed that the final figure of profits from last year’s fete was over $28 000. This is an outstanding effort and will provide funds for many resources, specifically in the Information Technology field, across the school. I would urge all parents to consider attending these meetings at which the focus is always directed at ways to enhance the learning and the learning environment for the students at Balgownie.

This afternoon, all staff will attend anaphylaxis training at Fairy Meadow Dem School. This training is undertaken annually to ensure that staff know the procedures to follow if a student suffers anaphylactic shock (a severe allergic reaction).

IMPORTANT: Please ensure all of our student records are up-to-date especially regarding medical conditions. The school must be provided with emergency action plans for all students with anaphylaxis and health care plans for students with asthma. Health care plans should also be completed for other medical conditions that were stated on the enrolment forms. If your child no longer suffers from any of these conditions, please notify the office in writing.

Thank you,
Martin Loxton,
Relieving Principal

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.

PARENT HELPERS FOR HOME READERS
All K-2 classes are looking for parent helpers to exchange the home readers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you can help your child's class out please see your teacher as soon as possible. Home Reading will start in Week 6.

K-2 Teachers

**Asthma Forms**
Asthma forms have been sent home to those children who have previously been identified to the school, as suffering asthma. Please complete these and return asap. This is a requirement by the Department of Education.
CANTEEN NEWS
MONTHLY & ASSISTING VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2013
We still need monthly helpers (ONCE a month, approx. 8:45 to 12:30) and some 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 :)

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.

NO MORE POTATO SMILES
Potato Smiles are no longer available at the canteen as the supplier is not manufacturing them. Please cross out Potato Smiles from your menu at home. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER
2013 Week 5, Term 1

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COMMUNITY NEWS
BALGOWNIE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
STALLHOLDERS WANTED for a new concept market day being held at Balgownie. If you specialize in recycled, natural or vintage goods then this is the market for you. Green Markets are planned for Saturdays 4 May and 2 August. Phone 42853225 or email bvcc1@optusnet.com.au for details.

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.

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.

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