From the Principal

The great work of the teachers, parents and Yr6 Buddies of Kindergarten students has already been acknowledged in this newsletter. I would now like to extend that acknowledgment to all of our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, the students and our parent community.

Students are working industriously in class, having been provided with relevant, interesting and challenging tasks. Students have adapted well to the new break times and our playground is looking great with some more new equipment and a very solid, safe wall which has now been completed. Our Cubie boxes are overflowing with positive behaviour slips due to the exemplary behaviour of Balgownie students both in class and in the playground.

Teaching staff have been working really hard on educational programs to ensure a positive and productive start to 2013 which will be maintained throughout the year. Our support staff have ensured that there are programs in place to enhance the learning and well-being of those students requiring some extra help.

Our office staff have been outstanding in fielding the many questions which always arise at the start of any year and have ensured a smooth enrolment process.

Parents have done a great job in preparing their children for school. Also, in the few instances when it’s been necessary, parents have followed the correct communication channels by seeking out the class teacher first to try to resolve issues that have arisen.

The factors above have combined to make the last four weeks a terrific start to 2013. As the relieving principal I would like to thank all those involved for setting the foundation for a great year of learning together.

Ms Stewart will be returning from leave next Monday and I will be re-introducing myself to 6L. Thanks to Mrs Jones who has done a great job teaching this class for the first four weeks, we all appreciate your professionalism and the positive start you have provided for these students.

Martin Loxton

LIFE EDUCATION

Life education begins next week, a note will be sent home later this week with the details.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

Our contribution to Clean Up Australia Day will be for Grades Kindergarten to Year 4 to tidy up an allocated part of the school. Stage 3 students will be walking around our block (outside the school grounds) cleaning up the council strip. A permission note which will be sent home today which needs to be signed and returned in order for these students to leave the school grounds.

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

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN

The equipment we purchased with the woolies dockets has arrived. We received a huge amount of products. Some of these included a ute for the garden, table and stools for the cubby house, play equipment for the cubby house and sand pits, large plastic trucks, fine motor activities for Kindergarten, class sets of white boards, a measuring kit for Stage 2, specialised pencils and crayons for Stage 3, and Library equipment. Come and look at the newly furnished cubbies and the very popular car in the garden.

HOME READERS K-2

The Home Reading program begins next week. Please ensure your child has a pencil case or folder to transport the books to and from school. All classes are looking for more volunteers to exchange books on Monday,

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Wednesday and Friday. See Mrs Kerema if you can help out. Look out for the class trays on Monday morning. They will be on the steps leading up to the Kindergarten rooms.

BROKERS DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the students who represented BPS at the Brokers District carnival last Wednesday at Corrimal Public Pool. The teams’ fantastic efforts ensured that our school was awarded both Champion School and Swimming Percentages Champions.

Special mention to the following children who were named age champions:

- Jnr Girl Champion: Emma Lowe
- 11yrs Girl Champion: Hayley Bannerman
- 11yrs Boy Champion: Clancy Lowe
- Snr Boy Champion: Travis Effting

We wish them and the following children well as they compete at the Regional carnival next Tuesday 5th March.

- Jared McLean
- Emily Balkwill
- Jack Balkwill
- Jake Whalan
- Daniel Papakosmas
- Noah Bailey
- Max Whalan
- Rebekah Tunstall
- Teagan Myers
- Harry Drain
- Kye Storey
- Charlotte Gaynor

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

UNIFORM SHOP
 GIRLS WINTER TUNIC ORDERS DUE ON MONDAY
Just a reminder that pre-orders for girls winter tunics are due on Monday. Please return all orders to the canteen slot. Please note that this is the only opportunity to purchase tunics through the uniform shop. Uniforms are also available from Crystal Bears. Order forms are available from the office or on the P&C website www.balgowniepnc.com If you have any questions, please email p.and.c@hotmail.com or phone Megan on 0403 233 875

CANTEEN NEWS
NEW ROSTER
New roster for 2013 will be sent to volunteers by email this week. If you did not receive one, please contact Yuki at 0410 024 619. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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.

ASSISTING VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2013
We still need some part-time helpers (about ONE HOUR from 9am for each day due to earlier lunch time) for some Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. No experience required.

CANTEEN ROSTER
2013 Week 6, Term 1

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P&C NEWS
HOT CROSS BUNS ARE COMING
The P&C are running a Hot Cross Bun drive to raise money for much needed playground equipment for our school grounds. Bakers Delight are offering several delicious options for you to choose. The school will receive $2.70 for every pack sold so please share the offer with anyone you know who likes high quality freshly baked food. An order form will be included in the newsletter on 6th March and delivery of the Hot Cross Buns will be on Tuesday 26th March. You will even be able to taste test these delicious buns in a couple of weeks - stay tuned for details.

If you can help count money for 1-2 mornings in March or help distribute the buns on the afternoon of 26th March then please contact Susan McAndrew on 0414 186 479. Thanks!
COMMUNITY NEWS

FAIRY MEADOW NETBALL CLUB
Fairy Meadow Netball club are looking for girls turning 10 this year (2013) to join our club. Please phone Margret Stanley Club President on 42835985.

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.