Thank you everyone!! It demonstrates those values we want our students to have of generosity of time and spirit. It is a strong team and one which continues to flourish. You are appreciated.

Thanks to all who also came early (6.45pm) to discuss our antibullying approach at Balgownie Public. We will be holding an extended discussion forum once per term before one of the P and C meetings. Next term is a discussion about Numeracy.

Lost property On Monday, the school leaders and myself put the VERY LARGE PILE of lost property on the benches near the cubbies. All of the named lost property has already been returned to their owners, but there are a large number of items that have no names. Please come and collect clothing, drink containers, lunch boxes etc. that you r child has lost. Items remaining on Friday, will be given to the clothing pool or taken to a charity shop. Please check the names on all items your child brings to school and reapply if needed. Thanks.

School Photos are on Wednesday 3rd April. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform. Photo envelopes are to be returned to the photographer on photo day. Family envelopes are available at the school office.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony day activities, we can better understand the diverse background of all Australians.

At Balgownie School we have about 22% of our students who come from houses that speak another language at home. Our school works with all of our community to make sure that all of our students are happy, and learning to be the best they can for the future. Everyone belongs in our school, our neighbourhood and in wider

WHAT’S ON?

Thu 21.3.13 Harmony Day
Fri 22.3.13 Dance2fit
Fri 29.3.13 Good Friday – Public Holiday
Mon 1.4.13 Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Wed 3.4.13 School Photo Day

P and C Annual General Meeting A great turn out for the meeting with 24 parents in attendance. All positions were filled and there are multiple people on each committee.

Thank you to:
• The new executive who have taken on important roles in our school and a big thanks to the outgoing P and C both executive and the rest of the team. Thanks for your drive, dedication and time that you have given to the school in a variety of ways.
• The P and C team and those who are ‘stepping up’ to leadership roles in the formal school organisation.
• Those on subcommittees – grants, grounds, uniforms, canteen, who collaborate to bring ideas back to the P and C.
• Those volunteers who help each week in the museum, the library, with home readers, uniform shop, the canteen, reading tutors and in the garden.
• Those who can give time for fundraisers. Without the funds we would not be able to resource our school nearly as well as we can with your help. Thanks to the core team who go ‘above and beyond’ to ensure these fundraisers are well organised.
• Events organisation such as – the Year 6 Farewell, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.
• Working bees where a large group just really ‘hook in’ to make our school look amazing.
• Volunteers of time and expertise such as art, garden design, making things and sourcing ideas.
• Parent initiatives like the School Starters Playgroup
• Men’s Shed to mentor young men
• Those who just volunteer to do a job because it needs doing.
• Those who assist us at home by working in partnership to support your child’s learning.
Australia. Happy Harmony Day!

Subscriptions and contributions. If you have not yet paid your child’s subscription for Reading Eggs and School Magazines, please do so as soon as possible. While you are paying this, don’t forget our school contribution. If there are any financial concerns please come and see me. We have Eftpos!!! Thanks.

Attendance is fabulous. Thanks to everyone who is making an effort. Last year, our attendance was 96.6% which was up from 95.6% in 2010! With the State average at 94.4% we are performing well.

Did you know that being 10 minutes late to school each day over a year actually adds up to 5 ½ days missed in the year? We need to make an effort for all of our students to be on time, every day. Make lunches and iron clothes the night before so that mornings aren’t so hectic.

Teach your children that being on time is an important habit to develop. Children that are constantly late to school miss a very important part of school when the teacher outlines what is happening during the day. It is also an important part of the day for new skills and concepts to be presented to students, as this is when they are freshest and can concentrate better. So be on time every day!!

Remember that every day counts.

Let’s make sure your child is at school every day possible. Every day counts... because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day

Every day counts... because going to school means getting a better chance at life

Every day counts... because school helps children make friends and be happier

Every day counts... because the law says children must go to school.

Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success. Find out more:


Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more:


Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated our values of Respect, Responsibility and Real Learning and earned themselves a wrist band!

Well done!

Tien Burke - Real Learning
Rebekah Burford - Real Learning
William Papakosmas - Real Learning
Jacob Whalan - Real Learning
Ashton Rutter - Real Learning

Zac Vilestra achieved a PBS Badge

Have a great week,
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week

What do alligators watch on tv?
Crocumentaries.

Thought of the Week

We've got to come together, that's what we want for Australia. One people. We are all Australians, regardless of your ethnic background, regardless of your political belief, regardless of your religious beliefs, we are all Australians.

-Neville Bonner, Australia's First Aboriginal senator.

HARMONY DAY

The celebrations will be occurring during the morning session, beginning with a whole school photo with the children wearing an allocated colour of the rainbow. The theme for Harmony Day in 2013 is “Many Stories – One Australia”.

Class colours for Harmony Day:
KK, KD – purple
K/1M, 1D, 1S – blue
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Chloe Heyman who entered the “Wollongong Smiths Hill Competition” and came 2\textsuperscript{nd} in both her songs. Well done Chloe!

P&C NEWS
2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK PRE-ORDER BONUSES
The new Entertainment Books will be here in early April! They are packed with hundreds of offers that your family can enjoy until 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2014. Plus, every book sold makes $11 for our school - this year the money raised will be purchasing resources for the school library. If you are familiar with these books and already know that you would like to purchase one then all orders made before 31\textsuperscript{st} March will receive bonus vouchers (to Living Room, Rocksalt etc). Please place your order form into the P&C slot at the canteen before the end of school (order forms are available at the office or from the P&C website). Thank you for your support in helping our school to provide resources for our kids, and please enjoy your Hot Cross Buns next week!

HOT CROSS BUNS - LAST CHANCE
TOMORROW (Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March) is your FINAL DAY put in your Hot Cross Buns order! The buns will be sent home with your child next Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} March. Please place your order in an envelope into the P&C slot at the canteen before the end of school (order forms are available at the office or from the P&C website). Thank you for your support in helping our school to provide resources for our kids, and please enjoy your Hot Cross Buns next week!

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

CANTEEN NEWS
ARE YOU FREE ON FRIDAY? - 10 MORE HELPERS TO RE-OPEN FRIDAY
If you are FREE on FRIDAY mornings and are happy to spend time with kids at the BPS canteen, please express your interest by sending a message to ballycanteen@gmail.com now!
Your help on one FRIDAY MORNING each month can RE-OPEN our much loved canteen on Fridays:

WANTED - FOOD PREP, FOOD SHOPPERS & ROSTER COORDINATOR
Food Prep / Fresh Food Shopper - one or two persons to do fresh food shopping. Shopping on Sun & food prep on Monday (job share available).

Pantry Food Shopper - To check and do shopping for the pantry once a week

Roster Coordinator - Looking after the roster and the helpers to keep the canteen up and running!

Please contact the canteen subcommittee at ballycanteen@gmail.com

THANK YOU
We would like to say a BIG thank you to Lisa Tunstall for her great support over the last couple of years as the Pantry Shopper! Without Lisa’s trips to different shops, kids couldn’t have the variety of food on the menu day in and day out :)

If you would rather wait until you can flick through the actual book then this will be possible in the last week of term, giving you the chance to pick up plenty of discounts to use over the holidays.

If you already love this book then please tell your friends and family as this will ultimately save them money and help our school at the same time!

80% OF PEOPLE WITH A PEANUT ALLERGY WILL HAVE IT ALL THEIR LIFE. BE SAFE CHECK THAT NUTS ARE NOT ON THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS IN FOOD SENT TO SCHOOL

BE SAFE - BE A MATE LEAVE PEANUT PRODUCTS AT HOME
LET'S COMMUNICATE - NEW CANTEEN EMAIL ACCOUNT
If any of our families would like to make suggestions or give feedback about the canteen, please feel free to contact the canteen subcommittee via our email address: ballycanteen@gmail.com

CANTEEN ROSTER
2013 Week 9, Term 1

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Make A Wish Aust. - Kids Disco
Make A Wish Aust. is holding a Kids Disco to raise awareness of the service they provide. The Disco is being held at The Fraternity Club on Sunday 24th March 2013. Cost is $10.00 – includes food and drink. For more information please contact Pam on 0407 461 553. Flyers on this event are available at the school office.