WHAT’S ON?

Thu 28.3.13  Easter Hat Parade K - 2
Dance2bit catch-up Stg1 & 5/6B
Frid 29.3.13  Good Friday – Public Holiday
Mon 1.4.13  Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Wed 3.4.13  School Photo Day
Thu 4.4.13  Art Gallery NSW excursion Stg3
Frid 5.4.13  Dance2bit

Claim the dates. At the beginning of Term 2, Monday and Tuesday will be Staff Development Days as the government has given all NSW Public Schools an extra day to work together to plan for the Australian Curriculum implementation.

Balgownie School staff will be planning for the English curriculum which is mandatory for 2014. The Mathematics curriculum is mandatory for 2015, but our school is leading the way by using this document to plan, teach and assess already. Well done, team. Our students will benefit from your hard work.

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.

K – 2 Easter Fun. On Thursday 28th March the children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be designing and making an Easter hat. These will be made during class time and all materials will be supplied.

The children will be parading their creations at 2:10pm in the Hall and we invite you to attend to join in the fun. We hope to see you there!
K-2 Teachers

Do you own a Smart Phone?
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The newsletter is put on here weekly as well as on the website. The difference between the app and the website is that parents can receive free push notification alerts. That means, when a message is added to the app, a text message is sent to your phone. This is very handy for those reminders about events that are coming up.

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Parent Teacher Interviews are being held this term in Week 11. Notes will be going home to arrange interview times. Please make a time to speak with your child’s teacher about your child’s learning and progress. By working in partnership, we can maximise your children’s progress! If you have recently had a meeting with your child’s teacher, do not feel obliged to meet with them again.

Written reports will be sent home at the end of Term Two and Four as it was last year.

Have a great week,
Aloma Stewart

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

Lachlan Neal - Real Learning
Ash Boyle - Respect
Alexia Meloni - Responsibility
Sofia Sepulveda - Real Learning
Annabelle Dyson - Responsibility
Stefanie Belsito - Real Learning

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P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com
Congratulations to India McKeown who competed in the NSW State Championships on the weekend at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre. India won a bronze medal in the U9 Girls High Jump with a jump of 1.21m.

Thought of the Week
I wake up every morning determined to both change the world and have a good time. Sometimes this makes planning the day a little difficult. EB White

Joke of the Week
What is the language of wild dogs?
Dingo lingo

CONGRATULATIONS

BE SAFE - BE A MATE LEAVE PEANUT PRODUCTS AT HOME

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

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

Lunch orders recently. As the canteen volunteers have very limited time to prepare for lunch time, your help with this matter is much appreciated.

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CANTEEN NEWS
PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN - LATE ORDERS
Please remind your child/children to put food orders in the canteen slot by 9 am.
There have been many students turning up with late lunch orders recently. As the canteen volunteers have very limited time to prepare for lunch time, your help with this matter is much appreciated.

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