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

APPLICATION FOR OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN YEAR 5 IN 2015. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opplacement.

Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application packages are available in schools.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014. Late applications will not be accepted after this closing date.

Welcome to Sharon Peterson who is working with KK in her final year of teacher Education studies.

Trees. Three trees were removed in the holidays and others have been pruned. More remedial work needs to occur after we have a formal tree management plan written as per current policy.

Kindergarten enrolments. We are lucky enough to have a list of applications for enrolments for Kindergarten. It will be easier to make plans for 2015 if we know how many local enrolments we have. If you know of anyone, or are a parent of a child beginning school next year, please apply to enrol. We will be having an Open Day for prospective parents to promote what our school offers in June.

Cross Country carnival was wonderful. On the last Tuesday of Term One, after a week of bad weather, the sun finally shone on Balgowie Public School for our carnival. The grounds were still a little wet but our students ran hard. Not only did they compete fairly and fiercely, but their spirit of sportsmanship and support for

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each other was fantastic. It really demonstrated the values that we wish our students to have; of looking out for each other and acknowledging effort as well as success.

Congratulations to our team who are now competing on Thursday at the Brokers Cross Country carnival. We know you will maintain our excellent reputation for sporting success and sportsmanship. Well done to our winners!

The first 3 students in each age group were:

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<td>8/9 Year Girls</td>
<td>Teagan Myers, Helena Halios-Lewis, Ella Campbell</td>
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<td>Emma Lowe, Natasha Trajcevski, Rebekah Burford</td>
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<td>Curtis Heyman, Daniel Merola, Angus Kettlely</td>
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<td>12/13 Year Girls</td>
<td>Lauren Myers, Claudia Konza, Ellie Fogarty</td>
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<td>Mitchell Welsh, Clancy Lowe, Jordan Petrov</td>
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Congratulations to Rachel Lee who has been selected for the Academically Gifted Class every Thursday. Well done Rachel! It was a highly competitive field.

Congratulations Emma! Emma Lowe competed at the NSW PSSA all schools State swimming championships on the 9th and 10th April. After medalling at the South Coast Regional Swimming Championships Emma competed in the 10 years and under 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke finishing 10th and 11th respectively in NSW.

Emma’s effort in both races saw her achieve personnel best times, and her time in breaststroke earned her a place in the final, while just missing the final of the backstroke. 42 girls qualified to compete in each event at the championships so 10th and 11th place is a fantastic achievement. Well done Emma.

Congratulations to Reece Penno who was selected into the Northern Illawarra Zone Rugby League Team.

Congratulations to our Chess Team who came fourth overall in the Interschool Chess Challenge held at Edmund Rice College last term. Well done boys.

Pavers Last chance to purchase pavers by 31st May - money and orders need to be completed and in to the Museum by then..... No more orders to follow.

Hard Work this term The HSIE and Science units of work being studied by the stages are:
Early Stage One - School Days and What’s it Made Of?
Stage One – Need for Shelter and School Yard Safari
Stage Two – British Colonisation and Heating Up
Stage Three – The Australian Colonies and Desert Survivors

ANZAC CEREMONY
On Tuesday 29 April, Balgownie Public School held their annual Anzac ceremony. Corrimal RSL had four ex-service representatives who were part of our ceremony. The school leaders Claudia Konza, Molly Drain, Max Whalan and Mitchell Welsh, displayed dignity and respect as they officiated at the Anzac Day ceremony. I would like to commend the school leaders for the excellent running of this ceremony.

Thanks to Mrs Lewis for her organisation of the wonderful interactive service, her time and preparation, and Mr Dewer for the technical support. Our students were extremely respectful and the diggers commented on their excellent behaviour.

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the week
Q: What do you get if cross a snowman and a shark?
A: Frost bite!

Thought of the week
Read something positive every night and listen to something helpful every morning.”
Tom Hopkins

BOOK CLUB
Book Club money and orders are due by Wednesday 7th May, please place in Book Club Box in the front office. Please ensure that correct money is provided. Remember, if you place a phone or internet order to Scholastic, please ensure that the order form still comes through the school. As we only run one book club per term, this will be the only one for Term 2.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Please return Stewart House bags to the old school hall by Tuesday 6th May for pickup. The school is unable to accept any clothing bags after this date.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014
Envelopes for the Stewart House Donation Drive, will been distributed this week. Please consider making a $2.00 coin donation to support of Stewart House. Please place coin donation in the envelope, complete your entry details on the back of envelope and return it.

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to the office by the 9th May 2014.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Important Notice
Due to other commitments of the Uniform Shop Coordinator, the uniform shop will CLOSE indefinitely after Tuesday 13th May until a new coordinator can be found. If you are able to take on this role - either by yourself as a group of parents, please contact Megan ASAP on 0403 233 875 or email p.and.c@hotmail.com
You will be provided with lots of support.

Winter Specials
There are a very limited number of new girls winter tunics for sale for $36 each in small sizes.

Old style Sloppy Joes with school logo (limited sizes only) are available for $15 each.

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HAVE IT ALL THEIR LIFE. BE SAFE CHECK THAT
NUTS ARE NOT ON THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS IN
FOOD SENT TO SCHOOL

TO推向 NO NUTS FOR ME
I'M ALLERGIC!

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LEAVE PEANUT PRODUCTS AT HOME

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HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
I would like to thank everyone who bought hot cross buns or sold them to their friends and family. Our school raised a wonderful $472.50 towards the fantastic play equipment that is planned for our school.
A big thank you to all the people who helped count money and distribute buns, without your help we couldn’t co-ordinate fundraisers like these.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL THURSDAY 8TH MAY
This year we have some new and exciting gifts for our special mums, all under $10 each! Children are invited to bring along money on the day and with their class group, peruse and purchase precious and practical presents for their mum! Maybe even grab a bargain for Nanna or Grandma too!? If you are available to assist children in their choices next Thursday please email your availability to p.and.c@hotmail.com or drop a note into the canteen with contact details and your availability. We are looking for a few volunteers to help set up from 9am and several more to serve from 11:30am. Thanks for considering volunteering your time.

2014/2015 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The Entertainment Books are here! You can view a sample in the office and even take one home to read. If you decide to purchase then simply pay online (www.balgowniepnc.com) and your book will be available for collection the next morning from the office (or a digital membership that can be used on 4 devices is available immediately). You can also purchase other regions, like Canberra, Western Sydney, Sydney or Newcastle/Central Coast. These make great and easy gifts for Mother’s Day. Every sale earns our school $11 and if you ever buy groceries, petrol, or even occasionally go out for dinner, family activities or book holiday accommodation then these books will ultimately save you money! Several people have said that in the last 2 weeks they have already saved more than the $55 purchase price of the book so for the next 13 months any savings are a bonus. So if you have not seen the book before, please take a few minutes to see which offers can help you save money- see books in the office or preview online at http://www.entertainmentmedia.com.au/flickbook/nsw_south_coast/.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED A NEW MOBILE PHONE RECENTLY?
Is your old phone lying around collecting dust? Why not turn it into something useful? We are running an ongoing mobile phone recycling fundraiser. Simply take your mobile to the box in the library! Thank you to everyone who recycled their phone last year. All money raised will be put towards environmental initiatives for the school.