The Bally Buzz
Balgownie Public School
Living & Learning

Term 2  Week 9  Wednesday 25th June 2014

CALENDAR – TERM 2

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<td>Last day of Term 2 Big Day In – pyjama/movie day Show Bag Orders due today</td>
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Reports go home with students today. Celebrate your child’s achievements with them. I have read all the reports and they provide honest feedback of what your child knows and can do, and what they need to focus on next. It also tells you how they go about learning. Well done students! You should be proud of your achievements!

Celebration of this term! This term apart from activities in class we have undertaken:
- ANZAC Day ceremony
- NAPLAN assessment
- Multicultural Public Speaking
- School Yard Safari for Stage One
- Stage One to Botanic Gardens
- Choir festival training
- Kindergarten Open Day for 2015 Kindy Kids
- ICAS assessment in science
- Keirabald art show
- Mothers Day stall, P and C meetings, chocolate drive, Fete committee gaining momentum
- Musica Viva,
- Sport -Cross Country, Athletics, touch football, soccer, basketball, netball, Milo cricket, golf.
- Teacher training in No Gap, Science, dyslexia, leadership, consistent teacher judgement, maths, learning plans, English

I am inspired by the quality of learning that is happening in all of our classrooms. It is lovely to be able to say with pride that in every classroom we have an excellent teacher who cares for our children and who works long hours to get to know all children as learners and as people. Thanks team! Have a good break and come back next term refreshed and ready for action.

Thanks to the students who make our days joyful by coming with positive attitudes and fabulous work ethic. It makes the school a fabulous place. Thanks to the parents who help out. We couldn’t do it without you!

Backyard activities for these school holidays
For the next school holidays, encourage children away from inactive video games and the TV with physically active games that improve their coordination, balancing and movement skills. This will also build their confidence and self-esteem. Why not try:
- flying a kite
- helping in the garden – maybe your child could have part of the garden as their own
- helping to organise a family barbeque or picnic
- practising skills like soccer, catching, throwing, skipping or hitting a ball against a wall
- playing with the family pet
- helping to organise a garage sale
- making an obstacle course and competing with their friends, siblings and you.

Stop, Drop and Roll
Remind your children about fire safety:
If your clothes catch on fire, don’t try to run away - this will only make the fire burn hotter and faster.
Instead:
- STOP immediately where you are
- DROP quickly to the ground and cover your face with your hands
- ROLL over and over to put out the flames

NAIDOC week is a special time in the life of the Department of Education and Training. It happens in the first week back next term. It is an important celebration that acknowledges, honours and pays homage to this nation’s rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and heritage. It also celebrates the significant contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made,
and continue to make in shaping our country’s social, political, cultural, and economic fabric.

Uniform There have been some variations to our uniform that are occurring and I would like you to revisit your child’s uniform over the holidays and remember:

- Black shorts, trousers or track suit pants worn by boys and girls should not have any logos or any colour other than black. That includes white piping or stripes.
- Jumpers and jackets are to be Balgownie School jumpers only.
- All hats are to be Balgownie School hats only.
- Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. Boots or high tops are not school uniform.

For further clarification of the school uniform please see the Skoolbag app or website.

Our school has a good reputation in the community and one of the reasons for this is the pride our students show in our school by high standards of uniform. If there is an issue with finance, please come to see me. Otherwise, please support our school by ensuring your children are wearing correct uniform from Term Three onwards. The details matter!

Please don’t forget to check your children’s names are still on all items of clothing. There is a growing pile of lost property outside the canteen.

Help Your child achieve from Michael Grose

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve. Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive. If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home. One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time. Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes. Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others. Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties. Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities. There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his/her learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience. Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school. Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.

Have a lovely holiday with family and friends. I am looking forward to working with you next term as we begin the second half of the year!

Aloma Stewart

Thought of the week

The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called “truth.” ~Dan Rather
Joke of the week
Q: How do you make a strawberry shake?
A: Put it in the freezer.

CHORAL FESTIVAL TICKETS
Choral Festival tickets can now be purchased from the school office or orders with payment can be placed in the counter drop box. Tickets can be purchased with cash, cheque, eftpos or online payments.

If you have sent in an order previously, your Round One tickets can be picked up. Please remember that the school is not responsible for any lost or misplaced tickets.

Parentingideas Magazine next issue is now available. The latest edition is available at the following link.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
After the unfortunate cancellation of our carnival at Beaton Park (due to the foul weather and the closure of the in-field) we were forced to run our carnival at alternate venues. The shot-put, discus and high jump events were held on Friday, 13th June in the back playground of our school. These events ran hurriedly but efficiently and all age groups were completed by 3:00pm (just!).

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Congratulations to all our age champions:
Junior Boys – Felix Wlaczek
Junior Girls – India McKeown
11yr Boys – Leroy Black
11yr Girls – Jordyn Ross
Senior Boys – Clancy Lowe
Senior Girls – Claudia Konza

The Athletics Carnival Presentation Assembly will be on Monday, 21st July at 2:15pm in the hall.
Mr Loxton, Carnival Organiser (and novice track marker)

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION - THE GRUFFALO PERFORMANCE – IPAC
An exciting excursion in Term Three has been planned for all Kindergarten students to watch the performance of The Gruffalo - Live On Stage at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 5th August 2014 (Week 4 - Term 3). If you have a child in Kindergarten, please see the excursion note for more details. Full cost for the excursion is $25.00. Payment should be made in FULL by Tuesday 29th July 2014 (Week 3 - Term 3).

We look forward to a fabulous performance!
Kindergarten Teachers 😊

The SRC council have been wondering what students are most looking forward to, about the school fate and this is what they said......
Max KK: "Looking at all the shops is what I want to do best"

Angelique KS: “Having fun is all I want to do”
Ashton KS: “Listening to some of the music is going to be pretty cool”
Emily 1A: “The food mostly, the cupcakes”
Cameron 3/4D: “The chair swing is awesome”
Harry 4/5M: “I am most looking forward to hanging with my friends and going on the rides”
Ella 5/6B: “I love the Cha Cha ride the most”
Claudia 6L: “ Hanging out with friends for the last time will be great”

Written By Chloe Heyman

CAANTEEN ROSTER
Week 1 Term 3

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CAANTEEN NEWS
This Term has been a busy one for the canteen. We would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the volunteers who set aside time each month (or more) to make the canteen

Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning
Principal: Aloma Stewart PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com
HELP NEEDED
We are still in need of a volunteer to fulfill the role of Stock Manager. This role requires about two hours a week (one hour on Monday and one hour on Friday). We are able to offer training and support. This is a vital role, without which the canteen will not be able to function. The role can be shared between two people. If you are able to help please contact Faye 0401520632| ballycanteen@gmail.com.

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UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN
http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms
Have the ease of paying via Credit Card, PayPal, Direct Deposit or even Cash* or Cheque*. No more queues… Just order online, choose one easy payment method and deliveries are made every week to you nominated child’s classroom.
For further enquiries or appointments please email uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com
*Cash or cheque payments are to be made through the canteen slot in a sealed envelope with your order number.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DISCOUNTS IN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
This is your final chance to buy the Entertainment book before the school holidays. Savings include 25% off Luna Park rides & Taronga Zoo, buy 1 get 1 free to Illawarra Fly, Powerhouse Museum, Imax, AMF bowling, Hangdog, Coolangatta's Bigfoot and MANY MORE. Also, great deals on accommodation (regularly better than the usual last minute sites) and of course restaurants, takeaway and groceries. Buy your book through www.balgowniepnc.com and you can collect it from the office this week, or buy the digital version during the holidays to access discounts immediately. This fundraiser will finish early next term so don't miss out!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Go4Fun
We offer FREE Saturday morning Go4Fun programs to students and their families for term 3. The program is fun and interactive with lots of games and activities to keep children active and at the same time boost their self esteem. This program is run and funded by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. Call 1800 780 900, SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back or visit go4fun.com.au

WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY
1964 – 2014
August 15th 2014 - Open day at the school and an evening dinner.
See our facebook page www.facebook.com/whs50th; or contact the school 4284 1513 for further details.

Principal: Aloma Stewart PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519 P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com
YEAR 12 STUDENT FROM KEIRA HIGH
Experienced babysitter available for afternoons and/or
evenings. Week nights or weekends.
References available.
Bec Burns- 0412 089 366

LOST & FOUND
Set of house keys found in Ian Bruce Cr Balgownie, last
Friday 20th June. Please contact the office for further
information.
Volunteers Needed

Our previous fetes have been successful because of the number of volunteers who helped to make them a success. In 2012, we had 90 families volunteer for the fete and we are aiming for a similar number (or more) this year and we are well on our way! The tasks that need to be done are not hard, but your help to us is invaluable! If you are happy to be contacted about volunteering to help at the fete, please fill in the below form and return it to the canteen slot. Alternatively, you can email balgowniefete@gmail.com

Name:______________________________________________________
Contact Number:_____________________________________________
Email Address:_______________________________________________

Planning and Coordination
☐ Side Show Game Coordinator
☐ Delivering pamphlets
☐ I have ___ gazebo/s for to loan on the day. Size:
☐ I will take a list of 10 shops to approach for sponsorship/donations for our fete

Week before the fete – Runner. If you are available any day in the lead up to the fete to help out, we would really appreciate it, as it is a very busy week.
☐ Monday 13 October   Time:_______________
☐ Tuesday 14 October  Time:_______________
☐ Wednesday 15 October Time:_______________
☐ Thursday 16 October Time:_______________
☐ Friday 17 October   Time:_______________

Fete Day – I can volunteer for:
☐ Set-up Team       ☐ Entertainment
☐ Pack-up Team      ☐ Putt Putt Golf
☐ Side show Games   ☐ Show Bags/lucky dip
☐ Food or drinks stall ☐ BBQ
☐ Café              ☐ International Food stall
☐ Ride ticket sales ☐ Any stall

I am available for:
☐ 4 hours       ☐ 3 hours   ☐ 2 hours    ☐ 1 hour    ☐ All day

Time preference
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MEGA FUN FIZZ

- 7 x Zappo Grumpy Dips
- 2 x Magical Thumb Dust Dip
- 10 x Fizzy Friends Candy
- 2 x Sherbet Bottles
- 2 x Wicked Fizz Lollipops
- 1 x Eeek! The Fizz Sherbet
- 4 x Little Ripper Chew Bars
- 1 x Sour Mania Sherbet Dip
- 2 x Party Delights Popping Candy
- Novelty Paddle Ball

FREDDO SPECIAL TREAT

- 4 x 10g Dairy Milk Freddo
- 2 x 10g Milky Top Freddos
- 1 x 15g Strawberry Freddo
- 1 x 15g Pepperment Freddo
- 2 x Freddo Pens

TROLLI

- 1 x 15g Trolli Brite Crawlers
- 1 x 15g Trolli Pizza
- 1 x 45g Trolli Gummy Bears
- 1 x 19g Trolli Gecko
- 2 x 9g Trolli Sea Critters
- 1 x 18g Trolli Jangy Tongue
- 2 x 7g Trolli Mini Burger
- 2 x 7.5g Trolli Gummy Bear Rings
- 2 x 7.5g Trolli Baby Lizards
- 3 x 5g Trolli Cola Bottles
- 1 x 10g Trolli Hot Dog

TNT/KA-BLUEY

- 1 x TNT Sour Blast Drops
- 1 x TNT Tongue Painters
- 1 x TNT Fizzy Dazy Candy
- 1 x Kabley Chews (10 pc)
- 1 x Fairy Floss
- 2 x Mega Mouth Gum Pops
- 2 x Sam Blue Pops
- 2 x Kabley Burst Chew Bar
- 2 x Kabley Gums Bar
- 2 x TNT Sour Apple Chew Bars
- 2 x TNT Sour Raspberry Chew Bars
- Funny Glasses

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

- 1 BFF Eraser
- 1 BFF Journal
- 1 BFF Lanyard
- 1 BFF Stamp Set
- 1 BFF Tattoo
- 1 BFF Stationery Set
- 1 BFF Glitter Glue 4pk

GIRLS RULE STATIONERY

- 1 Multi Colour Pen
- 1 Notebook
- 1 Jumbo Eraser
- 1 Bendy Pencil
- 1 Stickers
- 1 Felt Stationery Set
- 1 PVC Pouch
- 1 Smile Stationery Set

TRICKS & JOKES

- 1 Rattlesnake Eggs
- 1 Dirty Face Soap
- 1 Trick Cockroach
- 1 Invisible Ink
- 1 Broken Window Sticker
- 1 Mini Toilet Noise Pity
- 1 Trick Elves
- 1 Hot Tooth Pick
- 2 Metal Puzzles
- 1 Rubber Razer

TOTA LLY BOYS

- 1 Bowling Set
- 1 Self Assembled Robot
- 1 Soccer Game
- 1 Mini Skateboard Set
- 1 Tattoo Pack
- 1 Rubber Razer
- 1 Wham Paddle Ball
- 1 Inflatable Baseball Bat
- 1 Sticky Creatures

Loom Band Kit (100% Silicone)
Includes 24 x Clips, 1 x Loom Board & 1 x Hook & 600 Bands