They play hard and have a great time. The focus of the group is for the children starting school in 2016. It is on from 9.15-10.45am on Thursdays in the hall and complements our three orientation sessions.

We are currently looking for a team of coordinators for next year. If you have a child who is starting school in 2017, we need you! The program is all set and the current and past playgroup leaders are happy to mentor you. Please see me or the Playgroup ladies to put your name down.

We also say thanks to the P and C who have donated a Balgownie School Hat to each new student. It is a great way to start our expectations of school uniform with our students.

The school working bee will be held on Saturday 17 October from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The working bee is always lots of fun for our school community and a great chance to get out in the fresh air and lend a helping hand. Our main tasks will be a general tidy up, weeding, mulching and pruning. Please bring gardening gloves, gardening tools, barrows, shovels, etc and anything else you think might come in handy.

NATIVE PLANT DRIVE
Leading up to this Saturday's working bee we need you to bring in native plants to be planted in the central garden beds. We are looking for native, hardy, colourful, bird attracting plants. Please leave your plant in the old bbq area next to the boys toilets, just near the mural. Bring them in any day this week and we will ensure they stay watered ready to be planted on Saturday!  THANK YOU!

**CALENDAR – TERM 4**

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Nan Tien Temple excursion – Stage 2
The children had a wonderful time at the temple, they participated in a number of activities such as calligraphy and Thai chi, which they enjoyed thoroughly. We have been contacted by the staff at the temple informing us of the excellent behaviour of the students on the day. Well done!

Hard Work this term
The units of work being studied by the stages are:

- **Kindergarten**
  - Science - ‘Staying Alive’ (Biological Sciences)
  - HSIE – School Days

- **Stage One**
  - Science - ‘Water works’ (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - HSIE – ‘Wet and Dry Environments’

- **Stage Two**
  - Science - ‘Smooth Moves’ (Physical Sciences)
  - History/Geography – ‘Our Closest Neighbours’

- **Stage Three**
  - Robotics - (Engineering, computer science, programming, coding)
  - HSIE – Antarctica

**Transition Playgroup is a huge success.** Thanks to the parent team who have continued with the fifth year of this important initiative to build relationships with our new families and to make sure that the new generation of Balgownie Kids are happy and confident to come to ‘big school.’

**CANTEEN NEWS**
A reminder to everyone that banana or strawberry smoothies are now available but that soup and sushi can no longer be ordered. Smoothies can only be ordered at lunchtime though and the children will need to come to collect them as they are made fresh to order. They are a healthy, high in calcium, contain fresh fruit and are DELICIOUS!

You will also notice there is at least one day’s closure forecast each week during term 4. This is due to lack of volunteers so anyone who can spare a few hours a month please call Karen urgently on 0401 729778. Your children love to be able to purchase refreshing cold drinks and frozen treats during hot lunchtimes in summer.
PIZZA DEAL DAY FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER!
On this day canteen will be closed for all other sales.
Keep your eye out for your pizza day order form coming home soon!
Children will be able to choose from a selection of three toppings for fresh pizza from Pizza World Corrimal and each deal has a frozen fruit cup too! Order forms and money to be returned ON Thursday 22nd OR Friday 23rd October ONLY. As you can understand there is a lot of time needed to coordinate this fundraiser so our canteen can continue to stay open. Please only return forms on the days indicated to assist in the collating of orders and banking of funds.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!
Donna Guest

Canteen Roster for Term 4 Week 3
Thank you to the generous volunteers who donate their time to keep our canteen open. Please consider joining our volunteer team to keep our canteen open everyday. Next week’s volunteers are:

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Year 7 Selective High School 2017 (our current Year 5)
Application is required by 16 November 2015 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017. This is for the academically selective schools, such as Smiths Hill High School. Applications open on Tuesday 13 October.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey
You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

Your input is valuable:

☐ Parents can share their views on the school’s support of student learning and behaviour.
☐ The survey provides the school with valuable insight into its students’ practices and activities at home.
☐ The survey reinforces communication between parents and the school.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17734&j_password=Bal1106
The link opens directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details are required. Please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

Swimming and Water Safety Program
We are offering an intensive learn to swim program, which is directed at students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water. A note was sent home in Week One and there are only limited spots available. If you would like your child to participate please return your permission note and payment ASAP to the office.

Sun safety
Well done Balgownie kids for taking responsibility for wearing hats to school and in the playground. It means that more students can play safely in all areas of the playground. Keep up the effort! We want to see 100% of students with a BALGOWNIE school hat on their head in all breaks!

Have a great week!
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week
Q: What is the surest way to double your money?
A: Fold it!

Thought of the Week
When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the aeroplane takes off against the wind. H. Ford

YEAR 6 PHOTOS
A reminder that all Year 6 students are to provide photos for their Yr 6 DVD. Please label them clearly on USB or CD and place in box in office foyer.

COMMUNITY NEWS
WAVE FM APPLE FOR THE TEACHER 2015
This year, 3 schools could win a share in over $14,000 of Apple products including a Macbook Pro, iPod Shuffles and iPad Minis!

If you have a great teacher at your school, nominate them now at wavefm.com.au

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