There are many ways to celebrate National Reconciliation Week and to ‘walk the talk’ by contributing to the wider effort to build a reconciled Australia. You could host a BBQ using native ingredients such as lemon myrtle or bush tomato, or host a film night to watch The Sapphires, Bran Nue Day or Ten Canoes. Whenever people come together and share conversations, reconciliation takes another step forward.

Did you know...
- Only 31% of Australians say they know a lot about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures but 82% of us want to know more.
- The Australian economy would be $24 billion better off in 2031 if Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced the same health, education and employment outcomes as other Australians.
- About 60% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in cities and major regional areas.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians excel in numerous areas, not just sport. People such as Professor Helen Milroy, Australia’s first Aboriginal psychiatrist, and ACT Minister Chris Bourke, who was also the first Aboriginal dentist, are just some of those who make outstanding and highly influential contributions to Australia in diverse areas.

Our school is committed to demonstrating the core values of respect, inclusion and fairness in all our interactions with each other.

Antibullying lessons complete for 2015. This is the last week of our Antibullying lessons. All students in our school have completed the lessons and this consistent approach, together with the partnership with parents, helps our children gain skills to deal with situations that may occur. This knowledge builds confidence and resilience. Thank you for your support with our approach. Please feel free to come and ask any questions that you may have.

Lesson 6 How does cyber-bullying work?
Cyber-bullying can be carried out through an internet service such as; email, chat room, discussion group or forum, instant messaging or social networking websites such as Bebo, Facebook, MySpace or YouTube.

Cyber-bullying can also include bullying through mobile phones by: text and picture messaging, video clips or phone calls.
Cyber-bullies can flame (repeatedly leave negative messages), harass, exclude or cyberstalk victims using these technologies.

**What can you do to protect your child?**

**Cyber bullying Stage 2**
- identify passwords as information that must remain private and not be shared;
- recognise that the use of someone else’s password is wrong and may be irresponsible;
- be aware of acceptable and unacceptable communication when using the internet;
- know when and how to seek parent/carer/adult/ counsellor advice if they are ever in a situation where they are unsure about sharing a piece of information for online purposes.

**Cyber bullying Stage 3**
- define and identify cyber-bullying
- develop awareness that personal actions and choices may contribute to cyber-bullying
- understand what ethical online behaviour entails; to find help if victimised, thereby supporting oneself and others in their community.

Have a great week!
Aloma Stewart

**Joke of the Week**
Q: What do you call a knight who is afraid to fight?
A: Sir Render

**Thought of the Week**
“For the pain, suffering and hurt of Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.”

National Apology
The Apology February 2008.

**BALGOWNIE BASKETBALL**
On Monday 25th May, Balgownie’s basketball teams headed off to the Snake Pit to play against the almighty Corrimal East. The boys had an exhilarating game with everyone barely capable of keeping to their seats. After three quarters of continual lead changes, the game finally came to a climax when the Balgownie boys sank a basket and took the lead with less than a minute to go. Corrimal East responded by calling time-out, with 30 seconds left on the clock. The Bally boys rallied, took to the court and thought they had it in the bag until a final opportunity arose for the Corrimal East boys with 0.3 seconds left on the clock. The pass came in, shot taken, and blocked – an exhilarating victory for The Bally Boys!

The girl's team were not so fortunate. They came up against a well-drilled Corrimal East team that played a tough brand of basketball. For many of the girls, it was their first opportunity to play a refereed game and they were happy for the great opportunity.

Thanks to all the parents who make these sporting events possible by providing transport.

*Trae L*

**BOYS SOCCER KNOCKOUT**
On Tuesday, 26th May, Balgownie Public School played Russell Vale in the state knockout, Round 2. After a bit of a slow start we started passing the ball around well and led 2 – 0 at half time. We played even better in the 2nd half and scored 6 more goals to win 8 – 0. The whole team played well and we look forward to the next round.  
Daniel M and Josh N

**BOYS SOUTH COAST SOFTBALL TRIALS**
Well done to our Balgownie boys who tried out for the South Coast Softball team last week. Congratulations to Angus K in his selection to the South Coast team.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**
This is our only fundraiser for the year, so please support our school.

A reminder to all the families who haven’t paid/returned Entertainment Books - they are due back. You can pay online at [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/280m215](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/280m215) or complete c/c slip on the bottom of letter that went home with the book or pay in cash in an envelope with
child’s name and class, drop at the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN NEWS
The new oven is installed and all menu items including hot food are now available. Thanks for your patience while the oven was being purchased.

Important Notice to Parents using Flexischools. If your child was in a class which was changed this term, please check your Flexischools account settings and make sure your child’s order is allocated to the right class. Thank you.

Canteen Roster for Week 7 Term 2
Thank you to our wonderful canteen volunteers who keep our canteen open, cooking and serving hot and healthy food each day. Next week’s volunteers are:

| Mon 1 June | Jemma Mulquin  
|            | Michelle Guiliano |
| Tues 2 June | Marissa Bull  
|            | Alison McKillop |
| Wed 3 June  | Ljuba Rodic  
|            | Fahmiya Haniffa |
| Thurs 4 June | Chantal Sproates  
|            | Tanya Vlietstra |
| Fri 5 June  | Yuki Nakamura Bell  
|            | Kathy Lucke  
|            | Karen Rogers |

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRE STATION OPEN DAY - Balgownie
SATURDAY 30TH MAY 2015
10.00am – 2.00pm at 210 Balgownie Rd Balgownie
Further information visit: fire.nsw.gov.au

Respect, Responsibility, Real Learning
Principal: Aloma Stewart  PO Box 192 Fairy Meadow NSW 2519  P&C: www.balgowniepnc.com

Balgownie Heritage School Museum
NEW OPENING DAYS - The Museum is now open on the second Sunday of the month from 11.00am to 4.00pm. The next open day will be 14th June.

AFL Auskick
Still looking for a winter sport? It's not too late to register for AFL Auskick!
AFL Auskick is the fun way for boys and girls 5-8yrs to start playing a team sport in a safe environment.
No experience is necessary - and all games are played on Sundays!
Register before July 5 with your local club to receive a family pass (2 adults +2 children) to the Sydney Swans v Adelaide Crows game on August 1.
Plus all Auskickers receive an AFL Auskick backpack with a footy, Game Cards, Auskick Cap, Pump, Activity Book and lots more!
Mums and Dads - you can find details at: aflsouthcoast.com.au

Balgownie Community Garden (Bally’s Patch) Working Bee
Sunday May 31 from 9am
All welcome!
Bally’s Patch is located at Lot 21, Church St, Balgownie (between #5 and #7 Church St). Bring your gardening gloves, hats and smiles, and make some friends along the way.
Visit www.ballyspatch.wordpress.com for more info or call 0413 862 865.

CareSouth
CareSouth is a non-profit organisation creating a better future for children, young people, and families in your community

NSW Government Fire & Rescue NSW

You can make a difference. Become a Caresouth carer.

Caresouth supports vulnerable children and their families across South Coast and Eastern NSW through a range of programs including Family Choice, A Mother’s Choice, and Auburn Aunty. Foster Care can be short term, long term or ongoing. CareSouth’s Family Choice program supports children with a disability and their families by providing supports.

CareSouth’s services are currently under threat due to a lack of funding. The Aunty and Auntie mentoring programs support young people and their families with a disability.

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