The Bally Buzz
Balgownie Public School
Living & Learning


Term 2  Week 9     Wednesday 17 June 2015

CALENDAR – TERM 2

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Playgroup is underway Thanks to the six parents who have met to lead the School Starters Playgroup, beginning next term every second week. This is an important part of our school transition to school program and compliments the more formal orientation undertaken with the Kindergarten teachers.

The main purpose is for our parents to connect to the school community and make new friends and for our newest students to
connect with each other and become more familiar with the school surroundings. It has been an amazing parent initiative and is now in its fifth year.

The dates for Term 3 are:

- Thursday 23rd July
- Thursday 6 August
- Thursday 20 August
- Thursday 3 September
- Thursday 17 September.

The playgroup will then be on each Thursday in Term 4 from 8 October to 26 November.

The playgroup starts at 9.15am and finishes at 10.45am. Those parents with children starting school at Balgownie in 2016 (together with their siblings) are welcome. We can only hold it on a Thursday morning as our school hall is used as a classroom every other day and for sport on Fridays.

We are lucky enough to have a list of applications for enrolments for Kindergarten. It will be easier to make plans for 2016 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.
**Uniforms** Thanks to all those parents who support the high standards we set for our school through ensuring their children are in full school uniform. School hats are being worn very consistently and the students look really smart. We still need to improve the shoes and jumpers of all students. There is some ‘creeping in’ of other clothing items, especially with the older children.

Shoes are to be plain black without coloured laces or any colour other than black. Boots or high tops are not part of our school uniform. Sports shoes may be worn on Friday. It is recommended that canvas shoes are not worn as they provide limited support for growing feet. Shoes should have non slippery soles as they are worn for outdoor activities. Socks to be visible above shoes.

The only day that students can wear any colour shoes other than black is sport day. This does not include fitness days of Monday and Tuesday. Please see the website or the Skoolbag app if you would like to see the whole uniform policy. If you have any concerns around uniform, please see me. I will be notifying families for those students not in full uniform. Thank you.

**Athletics carnival for 8yrs to Yr6** is now being held on Monday 22 June at Bulli High School grounds. All children need to be at Balgownie school by 8.30am for bus departure. There are no canteen facilities at Bulli grounds, so children must bring all food and drink
required for the day. A note with more information will be sent home.

**Brokers District PSSA Gala Day** will be held on Friday 19 June for Stage 2 and 3 students. The Girls will be at Guest Park, Fairy Meadow for Aussie Rules and the Boys will be at Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow for Dragon Tag. (Weather permitting)

**K-2 Athletics Carnival** has been cancelled due to the wet weather forecast for Friday. The carnival will be rescheduled for early next term.

**12 friendship skills every child needs.** Friendship skills are generally developmental. That is, kids grow into these skills given exposure to different situations and with adult help. Children and young people who develop strong friendships have a definite set of skills that help make them easy to like, easy to relate to and easy to play with.

Here are twelve essential skills that children have identified as being important for making and keeping friends:

1. Ability to share possessions and space
2. Keeping confidences and secrets
3. Offering to help
4. Accepting other’s mistakes
5. Being positive and enthusiastic
6. Starting a conversation
7. Winning and losing well
8. Listening to others
9. Starting and maintaining a conversation
10. Ignoring someone who is annoying you
11. Cooperating with others
12. Giving and receiving compliments

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Keep our kids safe In the local media there have been several reports relating to stranger danger. Our teachers have spent some time chatting with our students about what to do to keep themselves safe. We encourage students to always walk to and from school in pairs, to not stop to talk to any unknown adult and if they see or hear anything that doesn’t look right to tell parents or teachers.

This is part of our Child Protection strategies of “No Go Tell”

- Say/Shout ‘No’
- Go to a trusted adult and
- Tell them.

Please talk with your child about stranger danger, and how to keep
themselves safe. We don’t want our kids to be scared but rather, prepared so that at any time, should something out of the ordinary happen, they have skills to use.

There are many great resources on line in particular- http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/educational-resources.html which has great information that parents can also use to promote this safety message.

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week
Q: What clothes does a house wear?
A: Address.

Thought of the Week
People will forget what you said, and people will forget what you did, but they will never forget how you made them feel.

- Astraea
SOCCAJOEYS

In Term 3 all K-2 students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Soccajoeys program as part of our weekly school sports at school. Soccajoeys programs are aimed at introducing children to the early learning principles of children’s soccer along with increasing their physical and social development.

The program will commence on Friday Week 1 Term 3 and conclude on Friday Week 10 Term 3.

The cost of the program will be $35.00 for the 10 sessions.

The signed permission note and money must be returned to the office by Thursday 16 July 2015 Week 1 Term 3.

EARN AND LEARN 2015

This year we are taking part in the Earn and Learn program offered by Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids. When you shop at Woolworths you will receive a coupon for every $10. These coupons go in the collection box at in the school foyer or at Fairy Meadow store where we will have a school box.

Over the years we have received some outdoor equipment with the coupons such as the blue and wooden car, the picnic set on the Kindergarten verandah, outdoor cushions and other classroom equipment. The program has been very generous over the past in the equipment you can receive in receipt of the coupons.
So, get yourself ready to buy, family members and neighbours to buy for Balgownie Public School. More details will come when I receive them. Please see Mrs Kerema if you would like to help in any way.

**SCHOOL FUN RUN**
The School Fun Run will be held on Thursday, 25^{th} June, at Balgownie School. The event will run from 9.30am to 11.00am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and stay for lunch. A coffee van will be on site at lunch time.
Sponsorship forms and money are to be returned to the office by the date of the Fun Run.

**SCHOOL FUN RUN GOODIES**
The Year 6 Farewell Committee will be selling cakes, ice-cream and spyders on Fun Run Day, Thursday, 25 June 2015. This is the one and only fundraiser for this cause so please support our Year 6 students by buying something delicious.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
We hope everyone has been enjoying the yummy hot food available from canteen now we have our new oven up and running! Please note that the canteen will be closed for cleaning on the last day of term, that is FRIDAY 26 JUNE. Please ensure the children bring their lunch to school the last day of term.
Please also consider volunteering in canteen during Term 3. We still have six days in Term 3 that will close without volunteers being found to fill them. Again those days are:

**Tuesday  21 July**
**Friday  31 July**
**Wednesday  12 August**
**Tuesday  18 August**
**Wednesday  9 September**
**Tuesday  15 September**

A HUGE THANK YOU to the 45 volunteers currently keeping the canteen open for our children. We can’t do it without you. If there is anyone else who can help us keep it open on the days above please contact Karen Rogers at kazzrogers@optusnet.com.au or 0401729778.

**New Menu coming for Term 3**
Due to supplier increases, the new oven and to pay for the canteen paid position, the canteen prices will increase from the start of Term 3. There will also be a few changes to the menu beginning at the same time, so please ensure you are ordering from the correct menu, which will be the July 2015 version and available on the school website. Paper copies will also be available from the school office.
Canteen Roster for Term 2 Week 10

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:

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**CAUTEEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING**
SCARECROWS AND ANTI-AVERIES

Have you visited the school's vegie garden lately? In an effort to defend our poor little plants against those cheeky cockatoos, we have installed two new lines of defence: Jack the Scarecrow and two cages to keep the cockies out (otherwise known as "anti-averies"). Cockatoos have proven to be our biggest enemy when it comes to successfully growing our garden, however we will not be beaten!

Thanks to Lee Sproal for his superb workmanship on the anti-averies, and thanks to the Lavery, Grey and Dilber families for their contributions to "Jack" the scarecrow.

P.S Despite the extremely sturdy cages surrounding our vegies, you are still welcome to help yourself. Lettuce and silverbeet are ready for picking. Peas should be ready soon. Carrots are currently very small and won't be ready until September, so please be patient!