### CALENDAR – TERM 3

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**Golf Kit donated to Balgownie Public**  
Thanks to Baglownie Social Golf Club who donated a junior golf set to our school. This adds to our senior set already part of our sports equipment. We also have two staff members who are trained in using these kits to teach both our staff and students! It is wonderful to see our local community supporting our school.
Playground equipment estimated date of arrival. The major equipment should begin being installed mid September and the climbing wall in early October. Fingers crossed for good weather between now and then!

Robotics in the Classroom CUA Community Care Grant Application 2015

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School

At Balgownie School we are encouraging our students to become excited about science, mathematics and engineering concepts that are associated with the introduction of Robotics in the classroom. We currently have a set of Bee-bots for classroom use that help to foster the 21st Century skills of collaboration, communication, creativity, critical and computational skills.

Right now, our school is in the running to win a $5000 grant to go towards expanding our Robotics in the classroom program. Credit Union Australia is providing the grant through its’ Community Care program.

We’re up against 10 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and as the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes!
Voting is open from 27 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Corrimal branch. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. Also, voting is open to anyone so please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting. Please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

Thank you, Mrs Birchall.

**Soccer boys make us proud.** Last Friday our soccer team played Coniston in the fourth round of the State Knockout. It was an exciting and extremely close match where even after extra time the scores were locked at nil all. The match went to Coniston on a corner count.

Well done to our team who played their hearts out and displayed great sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Loxton, Mr McGoldrick for their coaching and to Mr Barrett for his innovative leading of the school cheer squad.

**Please be mindful of our neighbours.** We try to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Please help us with this by making sure we don’t impact on them by parking too close to their driveways etc. It is difficult when there is an event to find parking, so you need to leave a little extra time to allow for a bit of a walk. Thank you for your understanding.
The **Partners in Learning** parent feedback survey Our school will be participating in the **Partners in Learning** parent survey, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

**Safety for students.** Occasionally an emergency happens and parents are late to pick up their children. We have a teacher on ‘bus duty’ who is also responsible for waiting with children whose parents
have not yet arrived. The children are asked to come to the office if their parents are late. We assume that all families are trying to collect their children by 3pm.

Children can get distressed if they don’t know where their parents are. *Please remember to call the school as soon as possible if you are going to be late* so we can reassure your child that you are on your way. Please also update all contact details as it is difficult for the office staff to call if your numbers are inaccurate! Thank you for your understanding.

**Balgownie students strive to achieve** We have a large group of Years 3 - 6 students who have chosen to sit ICAS exams that are externally marked. These students have challenged themselves to see how well they can answer questions in English, Science and Maths. Thanks to Mrs Cliff and Mrs Robson who organised this opportunity for our students.

**Uniform reminder** The uniform is looking wonderful especially the jumpers and jackets. There are some non-school hats creeping in and I would like to take this chance to remind you that only Balgownie School hats are to be worn. If your child has lost their hat, then now is the time to replace it. 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 the canvas shoes are not worn as they provide limited support for growing feet.

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. It is an expectation that students will be wearing the correct uniform.

Games for vocabulary development from www.ehow.com Vocabulary development is a key skill to a student's success and assists in comprehension of texts read and aids in improving reading and writing. Vocabulary games are an effective way to help build their vocabulary while having fun at the same time.

Week Three - Sketching Briefly go over a list of vocabulary words and their meanings with the student. Tape or nail a large piece of white paper to a wall and begin drawing a picture to illustrate one of the words from the vocabulary list. Have the student shout guesses about which word is being described. Switch places halfway through the list and allow the student to draw while you guess. In both situations, the student will have to relate his/her vocabulary words to images, helping him/her to retain their meanings.

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart
Joke of the Week
Q: What did the earthquake say to the volcano?
A: It's not my fault.

Thought of the Week
No sense in being pessimistic. It wouldn’t work anyway!
- Graffito

BOOK WEEK “BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”
Book Week is being celebrated at Balgownie School in week 5. Book Week activities will include a Book Fair, to be held in the Library throughout week 5. We will also be having a Fancy Dress Parade for our children on Wednesday, 12 August. Children are being asked to come dressed as their favourite book character or in this year’s Book Week theme “Books light up our world”. The parade will begin at 9.15am in the school hall. Please visit the Children’s Book Council of Australia website to check out this year’s nominated books. Looking forward to a wonderful week of celebration.
Mrs Birchall

PAPER PLANE COMPETITION
Thursday 13 August 12-2pm
Parents and Grandparents Welcome
All students are invited to participate in the Balgownie Public School Paper Plane Competition. The aim is to create a plane that can:

- travel a distance of more than 12 metres

OR

- remain in the air for more than 5 seconds

Competitors must fold their plane unaided on the day of the throw. A4 paper will be provided. A parent/grandparent and teacher round will conclude the event.

Students who meet the challenge will qualify for the statewide finals to be held at Sydney University on Saturday, 29\textsuperscript{th} August. This is a gold coin donation event.

**K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The Athletics Carnival for our K-2 students will be held tomorrow Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} August at 12pm. We will begin with age races, followed by rotating group activities. All are welcome to come along and cheer!

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

A reminder that the Earn and Learn Program is running again this year in conjunction with Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids. In
past years we have been able to obtain lots of great resources through this program.

The more stickers we collect the more resources we can buy for the school. Please support the school in collecting stickers for the program. Thank you.

A CANTEEN THANK YOU!
Many of you may have noticed the new healthy additions to the canteen menu, including hot soup and apple slinkies. The canteen has been able to purchase two high quality soup maker/blenders, an apple slinky machine and rice cooker from a $500 Greening Up The Canteen grant it received from the NSW Health Dept (Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District). This has been gratefully received and used for providing more healthy eating choices for our children.

Canteen Committee

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 WEEK 5
Thank you to our wonderful canteen volunteers who keep our canteen open, cooking and serving hot and healthy food each day. Thank you also to our student volunteers who are doing an amazing job serving during the busy time in canteen. Next week’s volunteers are (student volunteers in *italics*):
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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.

Be safe - be a mate leave peanut products at home.
COMMUNITY NEWS

MEDICARE CHILD DENTAL BENEFIT SCHEME
Parents whom receive Family Tax Benefit A, may be eligible to receive a Dental Voucher ($1000) from Medicare which can be used for Dental Treatment for each of their children between the ages of 2 to 18 with a Dental Practitioner of their choice. Contact Medicare for more information.

CORRIMAL PUBLIC SCHOOL 125 YEARS
Corrimal PS is celebrating 125 Years on 16\textsuperscript{th} and 17\textsuperscript{th} October 2015. Come and join in the festivities. Families, former students, staff and the community are all welcome. For more details contact 4284 4231 or visit www.cps125.weebly.com

‘OPT IN’ FOR PAPER COPY OF NEWSLETTER

I would like to have a paper copy of the weekly newsletter sent home with my child.

Child’s Name .................................................................

Class .................................................................

(Please consider our environment)