The Bally Buzz
Balgownie Public School
Living & Learning

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Balgownie Book Week celebrations Find some time to share in the love of books with your children. Mrs Birchall and Mrs Price have worked hard to set up the Book Fair which runs for the week. You could purchase a new book for your child.

The website bigbookcase.wordpress.com is all about books and reading, especially reading for pleasure. Karen Powers is a teacher librarian, reader and part-time writer. Her speciality lies in fostering a love of reading in children, especially teenagers. If you’re a parent, these pages will help you learn how to get your child reading. Start with the Reading Rules section. This is a collection of ten fairly simple ways to get your child reading. If you’re a reader, young or old, you’ll find book recommendations and reviews on all types of books.

Cyber safety. Our children (and ourselves) live in an increasingly digital world. We need to work together to equip our kids with skills to be good digital citizens and how to keep themselves safe. http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/ is an interesting site. I have also included some discussion points for your information.

Use the THINK acronym to discuss cyber safety with your child.

T Tell your Mum or Dad if you see something online that upsets you, or if someone makes you feel unhappy. You can also talk to a trusted adult like a teacher; they can help.

H Hide your password. Only ever share it with your parents – never with your friends. Someone else could go online pretending to be you and do something that could get you into trouble.

I Interesting websites can be fun. Check with Mum or Dad if a site is okay to use before you visit. Sometimes they can set up a good list of sites just for you.

N Be Nice to people you talk to on the internet or phone. Name calling or being mean is not cool. Look out for yourself and for others.

K Keep your special personal information safe. Never give your real name, address or phone number to anyone you don’t know in the real world. Use a nickname in chat rooms or when you play games on the computer.

The following is some information for the older students about Cyber Bullying. The same rules apply online as in the ‘real world’ about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, people don’t always treat each other well online, and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyberbullying. You might be teased or have rumours spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen in school, or out of it, any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don’t know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

No-one has the right to bully another person. At it’s most serious, cyberbullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police.

If you are being cyberbullied
- Ignore it. Don’t respond to the bully. If they don’t get a response they may get bored and go away.
- Block the person. This will stop you seeing messages or texts from a particular person.
- Tell someone. Tell your mum or dad, or another adult you trust. Or you can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, visit their website or contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline service.

If a friend is being cyberbullied
It can be hard to know if your friends are being cyberbullied. They might keep it to themselves. If they are being cyberbullied, you might notice that they may not chat with you online as much, suddenly receive lots of SMS messages or are unhappy after they have been on the computer or checked their phone messages. They may stop hanging around with friends or have lost interest in school or social activities.

Help stop cyberbullying
- Stand up and speak out! If you see or know about cyberbullying happening to a friend, support them and report the bullying. You’d want them to do the same for you.

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• Don’t forward on messages or pictures that may hurt or be upsetting to someone. Even though you may not have started it, you will be seen to be part of the cyberbullying cycle.
• Remember to treat others as you would like to be treated when communicating online.

Very proud of our museum Our active group of historians have taken our museum to a new level. They are now part of the Wollongong museum trail where all local Illawarra museums open on the same day so that those interested in history can go from one to another. This is through the Wollongong City Council and is recognition of the high standard of our local museum. Our museum is open on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 11.00-4.00pm.

Have a great week!
Martin Loxton

Joke of the Week
Q: What dinosaur would you find in a rodeo?
A: Bronco-saurus!

Thought of the Week
Pick battles big enough to matter and small enough to win.
J Kozol

BROKERS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT
Well, this was a challenging day. Getting the Australian Bobsled Team off the running track was difficult enough but removing the snowmen from the infield proved even tougher. Undoubtedly the coldest athletics carnival I have attended. Thankfully we were all warmed by an outstanding level of competition and exemplary sportsmanship. Congratulations to all Balgownie competitors, particularly the runners who had to contend with a vicious headwind. Some definite highlights for Balgownie were the 8yr old boys (Baylee Cooper-Sims, Josh Spark and Dusty Moffitt) running 1.2.3 in the 100m final, Kalia Spencer winning Junior Champion, India McKeown and Ella Campbell both winning their Long Jump events, Emma Lowe winning the Shot Put and both the Junior and Senior Girls’ Relay Teams dominating their races. Congratulations all Balgownie students who attended, your competitive spirit and excellent attitude made us all very proud. Brokers ribbons will be presented at Thursday morning’s assembly. Students who have qualified for Regional Athletics have been given the relevant information for that carnival to be held in Canberra on the 21st August. We can surely expect some warmer weather for that event – mmmmm, Canberra in August, balmy.
Mr Loxton

KEIRABALD PORTRAIT COMPETITION
Congratulations to all our Stage 3 artists who created some amazing work for the annual portrait competition organised by Keira High School. There are currently twenty works by Balgownie students hanging in Wollongong Art Gallery. This in itself is great achievement for these 10 – 12 year olds. Special mention must go to Kelly Zhao who won the Year 5 division and Kye Storey who won the coveted “Packers’ Prize”. With an ex-Balgownie student, Riley Caires, winning the Year 7 division it is clear that our school has a substantial pool of artistic talent. Well done Stage 3 students and the teachers (Mrs Burns, Mr Barrett and Miss Burrows) who obviously provided some excellent instruction and guidance in this area. The fact that Mr Loxton had nothing to do with the process this year could also have contributed to our success.

TOUCH FOOTBALL
On Monday, 10th August both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Touch Teams competed against Corrimal East at Judy Masters Oval in the NSW State Knockout. Both teams displayed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Unfortunately for us, the East Corrimal teams were more experienced and had obviously played together regularly outside of school. Both the Boys and Girls Team were thereby eliminated from the competition but should be proud of the way they played and the support they gave each other. Thanks to Mrs Birchall and Miss burrows for coaching these teams and organising the games.

KINDERGARTEN EXCURSION
Kindergarten students have received a permission note for a walking excursion to Balgownie Village. As part of a unit they are studying for HSIE called ‘Special Places’, students will be visiting a number of places in the area to learn about their purpose in the community. If you have not received a note please see your classroom teacher. Notes and money need to be returned to the classroom teacher by Wednesday 19th of August.

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
• 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.

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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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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT “DECADES” AT WOLLONGONG WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*Friday 11th September 2015 7.00pm*  
Wollongong West PS Hall  
Bookings and payments at the School Office. For more information phone the office on 4229 2096.

**NORTHERN ILLAWARRA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**

Registration Days  
Friday 11th September & Friday 18th September 5pm – 6:30pm at Woonona Bulli RSL Club or Saturday 26th September 9-11am at Bulli High School Athletics Oval - this is a "try it / learn what to do" Day - open to all NILAC athletes and their Parents. Enter Via Alroy Street.

ALL Registrations will need to be completed online by visiting [www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au) and following the links.

Any further information please Call our President Wanda on 0400 663 943 Email: northernillawarralac@yahoo.com.au

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**‘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)*
You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

What does it involve?
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet: