Book Week
Congratulations Balgownie students on your terrific costumes at Book Week celebrations last week. Mrs Birchall did a great job of informing you of all the new and exciting books that are available and the book fair attracted many happy customers. It is important to remember that, in this age of technology, there is nothing like sitting down in a comfy chair with a hot chocolate and a good book. There were also some excellent performances on stage, including the protesting crayons who seemed to get their point across.

South Coast Athletics
Good luck to our athletes who will compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Canberra on Friday. We will be keeping a close eye on results, particularly from our two relay teams, and will publish these in next week’s newsletter.

School Athletics Records
Only one record was broken at our school athletics carnival: Congratulations Kalia Spencer on breaking the Junior Girls’ Discus record with a throw of 15.53m, breaking the old record by over 2m. Kalia also equalled the 100m dash record for 10 year old girls with a time of 15.78s.

Quote of The Week
This week’s quote is one I have often used with Stage 3 students to get them thinking about their responsibilities both as senior students of the school and citizens of our society: “All that is required for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing” (Edmund Burke). (please forgive the sexism, “men” of course referred to all humankind in the 19th Century when this was written)

There are various examples in history of where this truism has been borne out (eg, certain regimes in Europe prior to and during WW2). It has applications, however, on a smaller scale. We often speak to our students about the role of the bystander in playground disputes or conflicts. In the past, both parents and teachers have often advised students to walk away from such incidents. Indeed, if the incident is potentially dangerous then the bystander should leave immediately and inform the closest teacher.

If the incident is not dangerous to the bystander, but it is apparent that one of the students involved is being targeted, then they clearly have some options:

1. Walk away
2. Stay and watch
3. Join in the teasing
4. Intervene and support the student who is distressed
5. Go to a teacher for help

In the past, we may have said that option 1 is acceptable (the “don’t get involved” theory). This will work for the benefit of the bystander but will do nothing to alleviate the problem. If everyone opts out of trying to solve the issue and simply turn their backs..............refer back to the quote.

In encouraging our children to become part of the solution (Options 4 and 5), we are developing in them a responsibility, not just for themselves, but for the good of their fellow students and, eventually, their community and society in general. Obviously it would be more difficult for our younger students to use Option 4 but they know they can always consult a Stage 3 Peace Keeper for help or see the teacher on duty.

Our immediate aim is to create a school in which bullying behavior simply is not accepted by anyone.

Long term? To live in a world where it isn’t. And there is no other way to bring about this culture than through our children.

Have a great week!
Martin Loxton

Joke of the Week
Q: Why don’t lions eat clowns?
A: They taste funny

Thought of the Week
The person who never made a mistake never made anything else either.
PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE BALGOWNIE FINALS
This year’s spelling bee has come to an exciting conclusion. All competitors should be congratulated but particularly our four winners who are:

**Junior Finalists** - Adil S and Sarah K  
**Senior Finalists** - Stevie K and Kaled B

These four will go onto the regional final held at Austinmer Public School in September. We are proud of them already and wish them the best of luck.

Mrs Robson

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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

BALGOWNIE JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB  
Registration for 2015/16 Season  
We are pleased to announce our up coming registration days. The days will be as follows 22/8/15, 29/8/15 and 5/9/15 from 11am to 1pm at Judy Masters Oval Balgownie. For more information phone Shane Brown 0402355586 at Balgownie Junior Cricket club.

SOUTH COAST TAIPANS – FUTSAL INDOOR SUMMER COMPETITION  
The South Coast Taipans represent the Illawarra in the FNSW Futsal Premier League competition. Futsal is the only indoor soccer game sanctioned by FIFA. It is a small-sided game (5v5) played on a smaller field with a smaller ball. Many of the worlds greatest football players attribute their development and success to their formative years spent playing Futsal.

Registration will be held over the next two weeks. Bulli will host competitions on Thursday and Friday afternoons for those aged U6 all the way through to U12’s. Registrations will be held Thursday 20th and 27th August at Bulli PCYC from 5pm - 6:30pm. Competition kicks off Thursday 3rd September.

Berkeley will run 4 days a week, Monday - Thursday and will cover age groups U6’s through to U16’s. Registrations will be held Tuesday 18th and 25th August at the Illawarra Sports High School in Berkeley. Competition will kick off Monday 31st August.

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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.

CANTEE ROSTER FOR TERM 3 WEEK 6
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):

| Mon 24 August | Jameela Krishna  
|              | Bianca Ljubicic |
| Tues 25 August | Jodie McLaughlin  
|              | Barbara Picciolini |
| Wed 26 August | Hazel Merola  
|              | Nicky Kettle  
|              | Maddie T/India M |
| Thurs 27 August | Sharon O’Brien  
|              | Margaret Lynam  
|              | Chelsea M/Lizzie W |
| Fri 28 August | Belinda Down  
|              | Zoe Wood  
|              | Samantha Brown  
|              | Jordyn R/Ella G |
Any questions you can contact our club secretary, Murray Stewart on 0412 941 516

WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB - JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2015 WINTER SUNDAY
(Under 18 Year Olds) 7 ROUND SWISS
WHEN: Sunday 30-Aug-2015 (10:00am to 4:00pm)
WHERE: FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow (Opposite Woolworth)
Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups
Games will be rated by NSWJCL
Results will influence qualification to NSWJCL Country Championship
Entry Fee: $10
Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.
Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4283 3080
e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

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:

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Educations’ TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/