CALENDAR – TERM 3

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Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning Survey

You’re invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

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:

Southern Stars was a hit! For all of you who went to watch the remarkable students supported by their equally talented teachers, you would appreciate the hard work that went into making this such a success. It was an exceptional showcase of the performing arts in our public schools and a celebration of the talents, skills, enthusiasm and commitment of their students, staff and communities. The show was wonderful from the opening number to the finale when all of the students who have taken part were all dancing on the stage at the WEC. Congratulations to all our dancers for your performance!

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and thanks to Mrs Burns, Miss Burrows, Mr Loxton, Miss Duffy and Mrs Carrigan who spent their nights and weekends supervising the students, making costumes and leading the dancing. Thanks team! A special thanks to Mrs Burns and Miss Burrows who led the team and spent many professional and personal hours to ensure our students were ready.
Thank you! Thanks also to the parents and helpers. Fifty of our Stage Two students had the opportunity to see the show on Friday.

**SASS Staff Recognition Week** This week, our School Administrative Support Staff are celebrating National Recognition Week 2015, ‘Our jobs, Your Children, Their Future.’ SASS staff play an essential role in the operation of the school and in supporting student learning.

Thanks to:
- Office staff who welcome everyone to our school, and multi task with all the many enquiries, people and first aid in a day. Service with a smile!
- The School Admin Manager (Michelle Thompson) is also responsible for the financial management of our school.
- Our School Admin Officers enrol students, process banking and procurement and work in the library.
- Our School Learning Support Officers assist teachers in providing care and management of students with disabilities, additional learning and behaviour needs. They also support teachers and students in implementing individual education programs.
- Our General Assistants assists in enhancing students’ safety and learning environment, performing minor maintenance of buildings and equipment and upkeep of the playing fields and school grounds.

*Congratulations to all our SASS Staff – Thank you for the hard work you do*
Stage 1 Science Incursion
Last Thursday, 28th August, we had a fabulous visit from Julie and Jill, Teachers with the Royal National Park Education Centre. These very knowledgable ladies spent the day teaching our Stage 1 children about the stages of growth of several plants within our school, lifecycle of phasmatids and building clay insects.

Every student was heavily engaged in their learning and we all gained so much from the day. Thank you Julie and Jill for a wonderful day.

Mrs Lynch

Wollongong Botanic Gardens  Stage 3
On Tuesday, September 1st, 2015, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Wollongong Botanic Gardens and learnt about the environment and how to respect it. We played environmental games and watched a show about different ways we can help the environment. We also got to build a garden using man made materials. We learnt how important it is to put your rubbish in the bin so that it doesn’t end up in the ocean. Sometimes our rubbish can kill marine life.

By the Kings of Stage 3 (Angus and Mackenzie)

Thanks for Fathers Day stall today to all those parent volunteers. It is appreciated!
What kids learn from fathers (Grandfathers, uncles, family friends, coaches, older cousins and other positive male role models) By Michael Grose

Kids learn important lessons from their dads. A recent study conducted by Galaxy Research found that three quarters of Australian dads nominated their father as the person from whom they learned their most important life skills.

Shaving, riding bikes, driving and changing tyres are the skills that men attributed to their dads. At first glance these may not appear too startling but dig a little deeper and you find that they attribute vital lifelong success characteristics to their dads. High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men directly attributed to their dads.

The results of the study show that dad is the ‘doing’ guy. Mothers tend to interact with their kids differently. They are more verbal, more astute at developing interpersonal skills and more likely to reveal what is on their mind.

The language of fatherhood is about activity – dads teach many of their important lessons through activity. Learning to be a good sport, to share and to work toward a goal are lessons that dads teach their kids in very hands-on ways.
The study also showed that it was through activity that men formed their relationships with their dads. Playing, tinkering, building and pulling things apart are the modus operandi of many dads.

*What do dads teach girls?* Dads teach girls fundamental lessons about interacting with males. As my girls were growing up I wanted them to expect to be treated well and respectfully by males (both present and future) as well as having the confidence to be assertive.

Numerous studies have linked fathers with the healthy development of girls, including self-esteem and confidence. Certainly dads should complement their daughters genuinely and persistently in adolescence when body image doubts are very common. But they also need to let their daughters grow away.

This is a challenge as dads tend to be protective of their daughters and hard on their sons. It’s lucky then that most mums are protective and super-supportive of their boys! The yin and yang that mothering and fathering provides is a fabulous balance for kids.

*Boys grow into their dads* Little boys want to be like their dads. They attribute superman-like qualities to their fathers. Dads need to make the most of this while they can because their sons become teenagers and try hard to reveal their feet of clay. The GOOD NEWS is that the Galaxy Survey showed that most men still want to be ‘like
their dad.’ That boyhood dream doesn’t diminish in adulthood. That’s lucky as most men become like their fathers, hopefully better versions!

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Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week
See the Dad jokes at the end of the newsletter and laugh…… or cringe

Thought of the Week
What Is A Dad?
A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.
A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...

- Unknown

EARLY START DISCOVERY SPACE AND BOTANIC GARDEN EXCURSION – Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

As part of our Science curriculum, an exciting excursion in Term Three has been planned, for all of Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students to engage in a day of exploration. The excursion will be held on Thursday 10th September 2015 at the Early Start Discovery Space at the University and the Botanic Gardens. Students will be led through some guided activities as well as self-directed play and inquiry. The guided activities provide students with an in-depth understanding of concepts. This is only offered to school groups, so it will be a different experience to attending the Discovery Space on the
weekend. We would love for all students to attend the excursion as it provides students with a rich experience to engage in real learning through hands on involvement.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Summer Dresses Pre-Orders are now being accepted.
Please order on line at http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms/ or complete the attached form with the full payment by 15 September to the school office.

Clearance items must go!
We are trying to clear old stock. If you are looking for a bargain (Especially for Stage 3 Students) why not buy a few things before they go. Quickest and assured way so you don't miss out go to http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms and then go to CLEARANCE section.
Alternatively complete the attached form with full payment to the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SMITH’S HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EXPO NIGHT
Wednesday 7th October, 2015
6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Smith’s Hill High School is a public selective coeducational high school catering for gifted and talented students.
Applications for Year 7 2017 close on November 16th 2015. Year 5 students and their parents may wish to take the opportunity to see the school with a view to applying for admission in 2017. Year 6 students who sat the entrance test for 2016 admission and their parents are invited to attend our Expo to view our facilities and programs. Phone enquiries directed to the school on 42294266.

NORTH WOLLONGONG SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
We welcome all our new and returning nippers and their families to the 2015 / 2016 summer season!
North ‘Gong Nippers is all about our kids being safe at the beach – learning surf awareness, surf skills, surf confidence and is also very much about good friends and good times!!
We have 2 registration days coming up – **Sunday September 13** and **Sunday September 27**. Both days are from 10am – 12pm and are upstairs in the surf club – Cliff Road, North Wollongong. We hope you can join us for a fun summer!
Nippers is a program for *all* kids aged 5 – 13. (As at 31st September)
For further information, please visit www.nwslsc.com.au

CORRIMAL JUNIOR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
NIPPERS REGISTRATION DAYS 2015
Sunday 20 + 27th September 10am - 12pm Corrimal Memorial Pool
Children entering the U8-U14 age group a proficiency swim will need to be completed at one of the registration days. Uniforms available for purchase on the day. First day of 2015/16 Season Sunday 11th October 2015 (10am)

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.

JUNIOR WATER POLO
Illawarra Water Polo are gearing up for another season of Junior Water Polo in Term 4, starting on 12th October. Training will run on Mondays at 6-7pm until the Christmas break. Training will be held at the University of Wollongong Recreation Centre (URAC). Register your interest now by emailing juniors@illwp.com and reserve your place. Spots are limited.

THE ARCADIANS CHILDREN’S THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS “SNAP”
Snap! Is a vibrant look at the world of celebrity photography from both sides – will fame and fortune really make you happy?
18th, 19th and 20th of September 2015 at Miner’s Lamp Theatre,
And for all the dads who like a good Dad joke, here are some for you.

- I cut my finger chopping cheese, but I think that I may have grater problems.
- I went to the doctor today and he told me I had type A blood but it was a type O.
- My cat was just sick on the carpet, I don't think it's feline well.
- Without geometry life is pointless.
- A termite walks into a bar and asks "Is the bar tender here?"
- I gave all my dead batteries away today... Free of charge.
- I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
- Tea is for mugs.
- What's the advantage of living in Switzerland? Well, the flag is a big plus.
- Why did the octopus beat the shark in a fight? Because it was well armed.
- How do you organize a space party? You planet.
• Why was the big cat disqualified from the race? Because it was a cheetah.
• "Doctor, I've broken my arm in several places" Doctor "Well don't go to those places."
• Slept like a log last night ... woke up in the fireplace.
• They laughed when I said I wanted to be a comedian – they're not laughing now.
• Velcro... What a rip-off.
• I'm reading a book on the history of glue – can't put it down.
• Where does Napoleon keep his armies? In his sleevies.
• What do you call a cow with no legs? Ground beef.
• So a duck walks into a pharmacy and says "Give me some chap-stick... and put it on my bill"
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**INVOICING INFORMATION:** Please complete for invoicing/receipting information purposes

**Parent’s Name:**
**Phone Number:**
**Address:**

**Child’s Name:**
**My Child is in Class:**
**Date:**

**Important Information:**
- Uniform Shop is now ONLINE...visit [http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms](http://balgowniepnc.com/uniforms)
- ONLINE orders are payable via Credit Card, PayPal, Cash, Cheque or Direct Deposit
- Cash & Cheque Payments are accepted at the school office. Please make all cheques payable to BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
- Direct Deposit Details: Balgownie Public School P&C
  
  ACC: 127 495 737
  BSB: 633 000
  Ref: Order # & Surname eg: 735 Smithers
- Orders are delivered within 7 school days.

Thank you for your Order

*Effective August 2015*