**Playground is here!!!**

Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents, community, friends, teachers and students who have worked so hard towards this day for the play equipment to be installed!

The workmen have had a number of supervisors at the fence line ensuring that the playground is meeting their exacting standards (and their approval).

Currently, pending the weather, the timetable for installation is:

- **Monday** | Ground prepared
- **Tues & Wed** | Installation of playground
- **Friday** | Concrete edging getting formed up and poured
- **Next week** | Soft fall being poured and needs time to set
- **After holidays** | Start playing!

We will be working through risk assessments, schedules so that everyone gets turns (especially when it is new and 340 kids want to play on it at the same time.) PBS lessons so that we can teach students expectations for safe play etc. and time for the teachers to try it out.

Also exciting news is that next term, the ‘bouldering’ wall will also be installed. This is like Hang dog, but instead of going up, the students will be climbing sideways along the side of the hall.

Both these initiatives are really important in a time when upper body strength is not being developed in as many children as it was in the past. This is one way for our children to have a chance to climb on a regular basis.
Arriving early Although we want our students here on time, we are getting some students who are here very early. Please remember that supervision starts at 8.30am and we don’t want students here earlier than that as they are unsupervised.

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.

Your input is valuable:
- Parents can share their views on the school’s support of student learning and behaviour.
- The survey provides the school with valuable insight into its students’ practices and activities at home.
- The survey reinforces communication between parents and the school.

Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17734&j_password=Bal1106

The link opens directly to the ‘Begin Survey’ page of the parent survey, and no login details are required. Please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.

Kinder walking excursion. On Tuesday Kindergarten walked to Balgownie Village as part of their study of Special Places in the Community. At Balgownie Fire Station Kindergarten were very excited to spray the water hose, listen to the sirens, see the protective clothing and sit in the stations’ brand new fire truck. It was interesting to go behind the scenes at Balgownie Vet Hospital and learn about the equipment used to care for our pets. Kindergarten were intrigued by the x-ray machine and wanted to share all their experiences with the friendly staff. We finished our excursion with cupcakes at James Pearson Park. We were very lucky it was such a beautiful day!

Ms Duffy

Stage three Gala day. Last Friday stage 3 had a netball/cricket gala day. I did cricket and it was very fun. There were two girls’ teams and three boys’ teams. There was a catching competition and everyone did well in that. While I (Kelly) and Maenee were waiting for a turn at batting, we pretended were a news channel and made up the joke: “for all of you watching at home, get out your popcorn ‘cause this is gonna get wicket”. Overall the gala day was great fun.

Kelly Z

Child protection messages are good for home and school. This term all classes have been involved in Child Protection lessons. The message that is shared for all students is ‘No, Go Tell’ and I recommend that families talk to their children about how this applies to the ‘What if’ scenarios outside school as well as at school.

The message of
No – yell this/ say loudly.
Go – get away from the situation and
Tell – a trusted adult
is applicable for all areas where we want our students to have a planned strategy should they ever need it.

These lessons compliment our PBS lessons in Term One and our antibullying lessons in Term Two to help our students build protective strategies to face all types of life challenges.

Bikes and Cars Just a reminder about keeping our students safe.

- All students are to walk bikes and scooters out of the school so that they avoid accidents in the playground at busy times of the days. It is parental responsibility to ensure that they have appropriate safety gear and that they understand safety messages.
- Drop children off on the correct side of the road. If you have to park on the opposite side of the road, get out of your car and come and meet your child. Little people don’t always look at traffic when they are excited to see you.
- Please follow the road signs around our school. Make sure that you don’t obstruct view of children around road crossings. We want to keep all of our students safe.
- The lower car park is not to be used by students as a walking path into school as there are cars entering this at all times. Please encourage your children to use the path beside the carpark.
- Please do not pull into our carparks to drop your children off and then reverse back out on the road. Reversing at such a busy time, with little children around is dangerous as they are difficult to see and sometimes unpredictable.

After School Supervision is provided by class teachers and then by a member of staff who supervises the after school care and bus students. This teacher, usually a member of our executive, is also responsible for ensuring that any children who can’t find their parents, or vice versa are cared for and arrangements made. All parents should be making arrangements so that someone is there to collect their child by 3pm.

We have a number of children and families who are playing in the school grounds for a short time after school. You are more than welcome to do this, but please remember that parents are responsible for their children. You need to be able to see your children at all times to actively supervise them.

It becomes confusing for students if they are permitted to do things after school, that during the day they are not allowed to do. Please make sure that your children are following our expectations. This includes all times that our children are in our school grounds.

Our children will be having Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) lessons around the playground reminding them of our rules and expectations. Once the new equipment is ready, these lessons will be an important safety feature of teaching our children to play appropriately. This is part of our proactive approach to ensuring that all students are explicitly taught our expectations. This includes all times that our children are in our school grounds.

Please support us and help your children by following school guidelines and making sure that toddlers and students are not in the car parks unsupervised, or down

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near the neighbours’ fences as we want to keep our children safe and maintain good relationships with other people.

Please also ensure your children and toddlers are behaving in a way that is mindful of the wonderful things in our playground eg chess pieces, sandpit covers and the cubbies. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Have a great week!
Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week
Q: What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?
A: Rough! Rough!

Thought of the Week
We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.
- Winston Churchill

Thanks to our families who ‘give’- expertise, time, and support to our school.

INTERSCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMI FINAL
A team of five Balgownie Public School students were selected to represent their school at the semi final against teams from the Illawarra and throughout Sydney. The students represented their school with outstanding skill and most importantly, sportsmanship. Well done!

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 WEEK 10
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 14 September  
Wendy Myers
Elissa Kohler

Tues 15 September  
CANTEEN CLOSED
NO VOLUNTEERS

Wed 16 September  
Jodie Hurt
Joanna Lindenau
Maddie T/India Mc

Thurs 17 September  
LAST DAY OF
CANTEEN SERVICE
FOR TERM 3
Corina Firpo
Kate Smith
Peter Newman
Hannah R/Grace A

Fri 18 September  
CANTEEN CLOSED
FOR CLEANING
Julie Neal
Gayle Galvin
Shellie Lavery

CANTEEN NEWS
Menu changes from Term 4. Please note that soup and sushi will no longer be available from Term 4. Sushi is too time consuming to continue to provide with few volunteers, and soup will return for winter next year in Term 2. Smoothies will be available in banana or strawberry as our summer offering from the beginning of Term 4.

Please consider volunteering 4 hours once per month to help our canteen stay open. Term 4 is looking like having many days of closure if volunteers are not found immediately. Please contact Karen Rogers on 0401729778 or kazrogers@optusnet.com.au to organize a day to help.
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.

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, 141 Princes Highway, Corrimal.

Bookings: Ph 4284 83 48 or www.arcadians.org.au
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SUMMER DRESS PRE-ORDER FORM

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Address *(for invoicing/receipting purposes):*

Child’s Name:

My Child is in Class:

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- Please Consider Pre-ordering Online....visit [http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/uniforms](http://balgowniepnc.com/ourschool/uniforms) orders are payable via credit card, PayPal and Direct Deposit
- We still accept Cash & Cheque via the canteen slot. Please make all cheques payable to: BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
- Uniform Shop is open by appointment only. Please contact uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com
- This is a Pre Order, Dresses are not kept in stock. We will be ordering from Sweet P on the 15 September so please ensure you select the correct measurement & size for your child and full payment received prior to this date. Orders will be delivered to your nominated child’s class room once stock arrives or for New families, you will be contacted with pick up details.

Thank you for your Order
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ONLY $5 EACH

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- Cash & Cheque Payments are accepted at the school office. Please make all cheques payable to BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C  
- Direct Deposit Details:  
  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

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