CALENDAR – TERM 3

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_Canteen Volunteers in short supply._ If you can spare one or two days in Term 4 to help in the canteen please contact Karen on 0401 729 778. This is a service for our children but it needs your help. Thanks for your support.

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_user
name=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.

Celebration of this term! This term apart from activities in class we have undertaken:

- Sport including soccer, athletics, Soccer Joeys. Touch football, cricket
- NAIDOC week activities or story telling and indigenous games
- School starters playgroup begins
- Southern Stars dancers and excursion
- Choir – Music Festival
• Keirabald
• ICAS testing
• Open Day for Education Week
• Book Week including Book Parade
• Paper aeroplane competition
• Surf Sense lessons – Years 2, 4 and 6.
• Killalea Excursion
• Stage 1 Incursion
• Stage 3 Botanic Gardens Enviro Day
• Fathers Day Stall
• Early Stage One and Stage One excursion to Wollongong University and Botanic Gardens
• Kindergarten walking excursion
• Stage 3 Canberra excursion

**Teacher learning included:**

• Action research
• Assessment for learning strategies
• Individual Learning plan updates
• TEN Facilitator training
• Robotics training
• ARCO training
• Twitter for Educators
• Google Chrome training
• Lesson observations and mentoring of each other
• Lego capturing stories through play

**Playground almost done!** The softfall in the playground is being completed today and will be ready by the start of next term.

Please be mindful that we need to teach the children our expectations about the equipment as we have 342 children all desperate to play. If we ask that they are not on it at certain times – for example before or after school, it is for safety reasons.

We also have a new set of soccer goals and new hockey goals. This, combined with the moveable tennis net and cleaning of the tennis court, is maximising opportunities for our children in the playground. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who have made big contributions to improving our play space!

**Rainforest Garden is official.** The rainforest garden has a beautiful new sign and really lifts that area of our playground. The Grounds and Environment Team have planted some plants for the future and together with some pavers that are going to be laid, it will become a peaceful oasis. Thank you to our wonderful parents, the Enviro Leaders and Mr Barrett.

**A big thank you to** all of our volunteers that help our school. Our
school is unique in the amount of support that it receives in the community and I am grateful for all of the help that is given. It is a team effort and is always appreciated. These activities include:

- Home reading
- Uniform shop
- P and C
- Canteen
- Grounds and Environment including the kitchen garden
- Fundraising including Fete.
- Working Bees
- Scripture and Ethics
- Museum
- Driving students to excursions
- Helping with excursions or ‘incursions’
- Covering books
- Partnering us with homework
- Website updates
- Helping with groups in classrooms
- And all the other small things that are ‘just done’ without a fuss

**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.

Have a great week!

Aloma Stewart

Joke of the Week
Q: What did Neptune say to Saturn?
A: Give me a ring sometime!

Thought of the Week
Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” ~ Mahatma Ghandi
ICAS MATHS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the ICAS English test. Any enquires about the test please see Mrs Cliff or Mrs Robson.

High Distinction
William.N (Year 4)

Distinction
Liesl.L (Year 2)
Zachary.R (Year 2)
Hailey.D (Year 3)
Annabelle.D (Year 3)
Risha.K (Year 3)
Adil.S (Year 4)
Campbell.W (Year 4)
Hannah.D (Year 5)
Kelly.Z (Year 5)

Credit
Amelia.B (Year2)
Penelope.G-B (Year 2)
Rahil.S (Year 2)
Stefanie.B (Year 3)
Tahlia.N-B (Year 3)
Abby.S (Year 3)
PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE REGIONAL FINALS

Congratulations to the four representatives from our school who travelled to Austinmer Public School for the regional finals of the Premiere’s Spelling Bee. Here is what they had to say:

Adil.S

“It was hard but I felt excited. I got through to Round 6. I got out on
the word “precede” and I hate that word now”.

**Sarah.K**

“It felt challenging and eventually I got out on the fourth round. I made a mistake on the word ‘regenerate’ because I said an ‘a’ instead of an ‘e’ in the middle of the word. It was exciting and one of the highlights of my life”.

**Stevie.K**

“I was not nervous beforehand because there was no chance of me winning. There where these girls in front of me practising level 7 words (very difficult). The competition was very much the luck of the draw because some words were easier to spell than others on the same level. It was a good experience”.

**Kaled.B**

“It was cool, exciting, nerve racking and all different emotions. It was hard and I got out on a word I should have known. The word was “sergeant” and I said “seargent” instead. I got up to the fourth round”.

**YEAR 6 PHOTOS**

A reminder that all year 6 students are to provide photos for their Yr6 DVD. Please label them clearly on USB or CD and place in box in office foyer.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Second Hand Uniforms Clearance
Friday 18 September
9am – 10am
Dresses and Jackets $5
All other items $1

Summer Dresses
Last Day to pre-order Summer dresses…Don’t miss out!
Order online balgowniepnc.com/uniforms or complete the attached form.

Help Needed
If you can spare 1/2hr a week, we’d love to hear from you. You just put orders together and deliver them to the classrooms. Any day of the week that suits you.
Thank you so much for your help.
Evelyn

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 WEEK 1
Thank you to the generous volunteers who donate their time to keep our canteen open. The first volunteers of Term 4 are:

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Canteen News

Sushi is no longer available, but smoothies will be available from Term 2. You can pick up a paper copy of the current menu from the office if you don’t have the skoolbag app on your phone. Thanks to all the volunteers who have kept our canteen operating during Term 3. Please consider joining our canteen volunteers from Term 4 this year if you have one morning per month or even a spare day once a term to help. Many closures will need to occur in Term 4 without more volunteers coming forward immediately. Please contact Karen on 0401 729 778 to organise a morning you can help. Please also note the Canteen is closed this Friday for end of term cleaning.
BALGOWNIE RAINFOREST GARDEN

It’s all happening in the grounds of Balgownie Public School! As well as our new playground, our Rainforest Garden in the back corner is coming along nicely. A sign has been installed this week by Timber Creations to mark the site.

Earlier this year the Grounds and Environment Committee plus our school Enviro Leaders helped to plant some rainforest trees, following weed removal in the area last year. The trees are all rainforest species which grow here in the Illawarra region. As the site becomes more established we will be planting even more trees, shrubs and ground covers in this area and eventually it will be a beautiful little pocket of rainforest right here at our school.

There are some more weeds starting to poke through so this is one area that will need attention at our next working bee on 17th October. Come along and give us a hand!

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.

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

ILLAWARRA COAL 2015 RUN WOLLONGONG

Sunday 18 October 2015

Register today at RUNAUSTRALIA.COM.AU and follow the prompts for ‘Run Wollongong’.
**Important Information:**
- 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
- Account Details: Balgownie Public School P&C  
  ACC: 127 495 737  
  BSB: 633 000  
  Ref: Order # & Surname
- Cash & Cheque Payments are accepted at the school office. Please make all cheques payable to BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
- Uniform Shop is open by appointment only. Please contact [uniformshop@balgowniepnc.com](mailto: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

**Effective August 2015**

### BALGOWNIE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C  
**SUMMER DRESS PRE-ORDER FORM**

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