









## **Balaklava Primary School**

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## **DIARY DATES:**

### TERM 2

#### **MAY**

**Wednesday** 9th—**Friday** 11th Mother's Day Stall

**Tuesday** 15th Governing Council

Tuesday 15th— Thursday 17th NAPLAN

**Tuesday** 22nd— Open Morning 9:30-10:30am

**Wednesday** 23rd School photographs

**Tuesday** 29th— **Friday** 1st June Life Education

#### **JUNE**

**Tuesday** 12th Sports Day

**Tuesday** 19th Governing Council

#### **JULY**

**Wednesday** 4th Reports go home

#### **ASSEMBLIES**

#### Term 2

Weeks 2,4,6,8, at 2:15pm and Week 10 at 1:30pm

NB Change of date for Sports Day It will now be: Tuesday 12th

#### Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday break and made the most of the warm weather.

#### Welcome

I would like to warmly welcome Kym Palka to our staff. Kym has won the Deputy Principal position, and started at BPS on Monday. Kym acknowledged the kindness that the students were showing him as he wandered around the school, smiling, waving and making an effort to have a chat with him. It is these qualities of kindness and respect that set our students apart.

I would like to take the opportunity to also welcome Julie Wickham who is teaching BER 1 for Wendy Richards while she is on planned Medical leave and Hannah Casper who is teaching for Ro Wood while she is on Long Service Leave. We trust that you have an enjoyable time at BPS.

#### **Anzac Day**

Brooke and Macauley, our School Captains represented BPS proudly by laying a wreath and presenting a reading at the Balaklava Dawn Service. Well done Brooke and Macauley, a true demonstration of wonderful leadership.

#### **Open Morning**

Our Open Morning is Tuesday 22nd May. We invite mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and community to come along to see the children in their classrooms and hear about their learning. The Open Morning commences at 9:30am, with visits into classroom until 10:30am. We invite you to have morning

tea in the OSU at 10:30am, with some entertainment by our Festival Choir.

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**Principal tours** will be held on Wednesday 30/5 at 9:30am and Monday 25/6 at 1:30pm. All Welcome.

Principal Tours can be arranged for times outside of the above scheduled tours. Please phone the school to book an appointment.

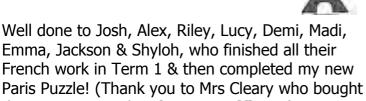
Regards Dianna



## French Corner

Bonjour from Mademoiselle Langdon!

#### Bienvenue à Term 2!





## P.C.C.—PARENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE



The next meeting is **Monday May 7th at 1:30pm.** 

New members are always welcome and a gret way to meet others.

Please join us in the Staffroom.



#### PARKING ON TRAEGER ROAD

When parking on Traeger Road (Gwy Terrace), please do not park too close to the bus gate access.

Cars parking too close to the access area are making the turning in of the buses very difficult and often dangerous. Please leave at least a car's length before the access road.



#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL Kym Palka

I am extremely pleased to have secured the position of Deputy Principal at Balaklava Primary. I have extensive experience in the field of education with a

career spanning quite a few years.

In this time I have had a variety of roles ranging from Special Education and ESL teacher, ICT Coordinator, Teacher Librarian and various Leadership positions to most importantly, a classroom teacher covering Years 2-7.

From 2014 to this term I have been south of Adelaide at Goolwa and Port Elliot Primary Schools. I was the Deputy Principal at Goolwa. Prior to this I was at Clapham PS in the city for 15 years. Before Clapham I taught for 20 years in schools in and around Naracoorte in the South -East so I am thankful that I can continue my involvement with country schools here at Balaklava.

I have an active interest in ICT, and I am keen to use Digital technology to improve student engagement in the learning process.

So, I am looking forward to working with the staff and students here at Balaklava Primary, to work closely with you as parents and care givers as well as the Balaklava and surrounding communities, with the aim of helping all children at the school achieve their full potential.





#### **PAYMENT APP**

Free for mobile devices. If you need help setting up, we can do that.



#### **Work Due**

It is my intention to send home an update on how each student is going on with their work in music. The message will be short and simple: It will contain how they are going in music in regards to grade and whether they have work due.

If your child is unsure of what is due, please let me know and I will send you a list of all the work that has been completed in their class so far. If your child is unsure of the task, please let me know.

#### **Guitar Performance**

This year, our classical guitar teacher retired. When Allan Dean left, we had to let the Instrumental Music Service know. They have since replied with great news – they could supply us with a guitar tutor who could teach a range of music as well as how to read it, but there needs to be a certain level of interest for his services to be required.

His name is Luke and he'll be performing at the parent assembly in week 2. If you would like to consider him as a tutor, please come along to hear him play. He will be around to answer any questions you may have after assembly.

#### **Festival of Music**

Choir students have a note this week allowing them to be filmed if they end up performing at the Festival Theatre. Please read the tick boxes on the back and make sure you understand what you are signing. If you do not want one of those options to include your child, please cross it out before signing and returning.

#### **Instrumental Ensemble**

A reminder that when instrumental ensembles aren't available on Monday lunch, they are moved to Wednesday. Many students had forgotten to bring their instrument this week.

#### **Rock Band**

I will be taking on the role of Rock Band coordinator. We are still working on a suitable time for rehearsal—stay tuned.

#### **Choir, Vocal, Instrumental Rock Outfits**

Please make sure that your children have their outfits ready for photos in a few weeks time!

**Choir:** Kilt/ Black pants, white shirts, maroon jumpers, black stockings, black smart shoes, hair up and tidy.

**Vocal:** Kilt/ Black pants, white shirts, maroon jumpers, black stockings, black smart shoes, hair up and tidy.

**Instrumental:** Kilt/ Black pants, white shirts, maroon jumpers, black stockings, black smart shoes, hair up and tidy.

Rock: to be confirmed

Sincerely Miss Jessica Monck

#### **MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May in the gazebo at lunchtime.

Gifts range in price from \$1.50 to \$5.00



A great way to say "I love you Mum" and support the school as well.

Students will get an opportunity to see the items prior to the sale dates above.

#### **MEMBERS & IDEAS**



The Fundraising Committee is actively seeking new members and or ideas for 2018 events. The committee is hoping to meet very soon to discuss and plan, but requires support from our families.

They will be happy to have your ideas and equally happy to have people come on board to help with single events only or help coordinate for the year.

Or if you are interested in attending a meeting just to see what is involved that would be great too.

Please ring, email, text or pop in to let the front office know if you can help.

**BPS Fundraising Committee.** 



#### Room 8 and BER 1 visit Elizabeth Bowls and **St Kilda Playground**



On Thursday 12th April, the children in Room 8 and BER 1 went to Elizabeth Bowl and St Kilda Playground. Small groups with one adult played a game of 10 pin bowling. A few strikes and spares were scored. We had lots of fun then went to the playground. The weather was wonderful. The giant slide was a favourite as well as the flying fox and the castle.

Thank you to parent helpers: Irene Tohlke, Sarah Young, Cherie Willmer, Holly Hannaford, Tash Pope and Cindy Artwik.





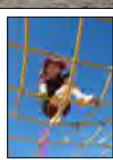












#### PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

'Watch my life pass me by in the rear view mirror' – Nick Lachey



How easy is it in the rat-race of life to get so caught up in the to-dos and not-dones that we forget what it's all about?

In his song 'What's Left of Me' Nick Lachey hits on a vital piece of information that affects us all.

When all the fussing and chaos dies down, what have we done with our lives? Have we left a legacy for future generations, or a list of all the things we never had time to do?

Don't get me wrong, I understand that life is inherently crazy. But in the craziness, take a moment to breath, to remember what life is all about, and to make a memory or two.

**Ryan Bernhardt** is the Pastoral Care Worker at Balaklava Primary School. He is at school on Monday and Friday, and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:ryan.bernhardt246@schools.sa.edu.au">ryan.bernhardt246@schools.sa.edu.au</a> or by contacting the front office.



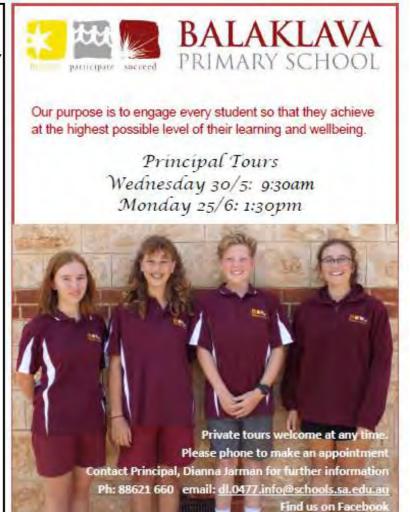




#### South Australian 2018 School Term Dates

Term 1: 29<sup>th</sup> January – 13 April Term 2: 30<sup>th</sup> April – 6<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> September Term 4: 15<sup>th</sup> October-14<sup>th</sup> December



## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2018



#### Premier's Reading Challenge

The wonderful weather in the school holidays has



meant that students did not have time to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge.

Spending the holidays in Melbourne wasn't so bad, however, we are now ready to get moving again. There is still a long way to travel!

**Cherie Cleary** 

#### **Holiday updates**



The garden at the front of the Banksia building was trimmed and tidied.



During the holidays backsplash was added to the cupboards in the Open Space Unit wet areas, and the water was re-connected to the new sinks.



The area in the Bridge Garden was prepared by Mrs Gardner for the Junior Primary students to plant reeds and grasses on Tuesday.





Rooms 1 and 2 were reclad with colourbond steel and any asbestos was removed. The trim was painted in the colours present around the school.



The Adventure Playground was planted with grasses.



Balakalva Primary School warmly invites the community to our

## OPEN MORNING Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Classes will be open for you to visit at your leisure from 9:30am to 10:30am

Followed by Morning Tea and a performance from our choir in the Well at 10:30am

ALL WELCOME

#### NAPLAN: National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

Year 3, 5 & 7 students will be sitting for the paper based NAPLAN tests in Week 3.

NAPLAN tests provide us with additional information about how your child is progressing against national standards. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements assessments run by your child's class teacher throughout the year. Teachers have been preparing your child for the tests by talking about the tests, and giving students experiences so they are familiar with the test situation and format that they will be faced with on the testing days.

All students in Year 3, 5 and 7 are expected to attend school on these days & participate in the tests.

If absent on any one day, your child can sit the test to make NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable it up on the Friday 18th May.

Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the test according to religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with the class teacher or myself.

Formal notification must be received prior to testing.

If your child is in year 3, 5 or 7 and you wish to discuss your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests, or you wish to be sent a withdrawal form to complete for your child, please contact Dianna prior to Wednesday Week 2.

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# Circle of Security PARENTING SERIES

**Presented by**: Jo Kelley Community Development Officer, Clare Valley Children's Centre & Sue Kitto, Child & Family Social Worker, Healthy Families Team

Sponsored by: Department of Education & Country Health Connect

Location: Anglican Church Hall, Scotland St, Balaklava

Dates: a weekly group meeting EVERY Tuesday from May 8 to June 19

Time: 9.30 am -11.30 am; morning tea provided

Free crèche: Balaklava Children's Centre, Scotland St, Balaklava

How to register: For parenting group, call Jo Kelley 8842 2483 or Sue Kitto 8842 6558

For crèche, call Dale Gathercole 8862 1251



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY Tuesday 12th June (after the Monday 11th June Public Holiday)



