

Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- 18th - Camp Quality Performance
- 19th - Grounds mtg 5:30pm
- 19th - Yr 6/ 7 Aquatics
- 22nd - camp
- 25th - SAPSASA Swimming Carnival
- 27th - Bus Meeting 5:15pm

MARCH

- 1st - Clean up Australia Day
- 4th - GC AGM
- 5th - Riverton Swimming - Port Power visit
- 11th - Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 12th - Year 5
- 21st - Swimming Lessons
- 18th - External School
- 19th - Review
- 19th - SAPSASA Summer Carnival
- 22nd - Swimming Carnival
- 25th - PCC AGM 12:30
- 26th - Federation Beyond Performance

APRIL

- 1st-5th - Interview Week
- 3rd - SAPSASA Athletics
- 5th - Religious Education
- 11th - Sports Day
- 12th - Last day of Term



Welcome to the Reception students in Miss Nowlan and Mrs Russell / Miss Hoepner's class



Save the date!
- Swimming Carnival 22/3
- Sports Day 11/4
Hope you can join us at these events!



From the Principal

Swimming

Swimming lessons for Reception and Year 5 students will be held in Week 7 and 8. Classroom teachers will send home specific information soon. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 22nd March at the Balaklava Swimming Pool. We hope you can join us throughout the day.



Lunchtime Clubs

We are always on the look out for new activities for our students to participate in at lunchtimes. If you have a particular interest and availability, we would love to talk with you. Lunchtime activities may include - painting, board games, knitting, quilling, craft, scrapbooking, cooking, bubbles, sports, robotics and fitness etc. The time invested is totally up to you... once a week for a term, twice a week for three or four weeks... these activities can also contribute towards hours for those who are involved in the Children's University. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Cherie or myself.

Term Planner

Please find on page 12, an updated edition of the term planner. At this time of the year, events are added to the planner frequently. We want to ensure we keep you up to date with what is happening at school. Please find important diary dates listed on the front page of the newsletter, join FlexiBuzz and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening. Our new website will also have this information included. Stay tuned for a launch date for the website.

Absences

Reminder: if a child is going to be absent for a week or more (eg planned holiday), you must apply for an exemption prior to this taking place. Please contact the office for more information.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has resumed for 2019. Breakfast is available in the Library each day between 8:25am - 8:45am. All students are welcome. We



are looking to once again use parent volunteers to help with Breakfast Club. If you are interested, please contact Cherie.

QKR Lunch Orders

A number of lunch orders are turning up in the child's 2018 class. This has caused quite a bit of distress for the child. Please ensure if you are using QKR that you update the student profile.



You will need to do this for Flexibuzz also.

camp  quality.

Performance

NEXT MONDAY!

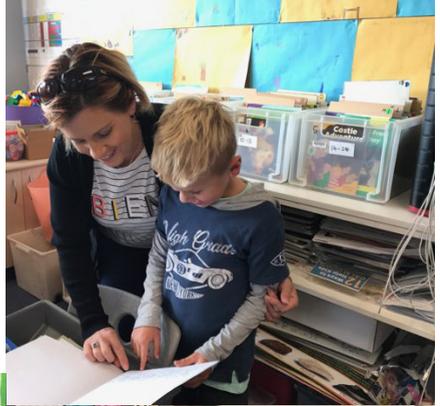
Gold coin donation
appreciated

Meet & Greet

Thank you to families who were able to make it to the Meet and Greet night on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for families to liaise with the staff and meet new staff members, as well as new families having the opportunity to meet the school community.

I recognise that, for many of our families, it is difficult to make it into school in the evening. Classroom handouts from the Meet and Greet should have been sent home to families that could not make it in. If you have not received yours, or if you have any questions or concerns, I urge you to make contact with your child's teacher or myself. I would like to acknowledge the behind the scenes work that occurred to make the night successful. Thank you to the SRC for selling drinks and to the Governing Council for cooking and serving food.

I would also like to thank the school staff who helped both of these groups. Nights like this do not happen without the generous help of our volunteers and staff.



Have you ever wondered how you can find out more about what is happening in the school or have a greater input? Have you considered joining one of our committees?

Governing Council

The Governing Council (GC) is an elected group of parents and teachers that oversee the management and well-being of the school community and its assets. Members of Council are elected at the Annual General Meeting and usually serve a two-year term. The tasks of GC include :

- Keeping informed about the site Learning Plan
- Advising the Principal of general parental concerns and opinions
- Discussing educational policy
- Liaison with staff

The Governing Council meet in the evenings, twice per term.

Sub Committees have been formed to help share the responsibilities and decision-making with a greater number of parents who are not members of the GC. Usually, one member of each committee is also a member of GC. They then report back to the GC on any recommendations made by the committee, for the GC to vote on if necessary.

Please come along to the Governing Council AGM on Monday 4th March to hear more, ask questions or join any of these committees. A nomination form can be found with this newsletter. We would love to see some new faces join our committees. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the school, or speak with Steve Williams (Chair) or Skye Colley (Secretary).

Sub committees include:

Fundraising:

Meets on a regular basis throughout the year to initiate, implement and support various fundraising activities throughout the year.

Finance:

Manages the school finances in consultation with the school community by developing an annual budget and monitoring expenditure and income throughout the year.

The Finance Committee meet twice per term, usually in the early evening, however the members of the committee will discuss their availability to determine a suitable meeting time in 2019

Canteen:

Representatives from the Primary School meet with representatives from the high school to oversee the management of the canteen, usually once per term. This is usually an after school meeting.

Bus:

Review of bus routes, manages the bus policies and responds to other issues concerning the school buses as they arise. This committee meets once per term, at approximately 5:30pm.

Grounds and Facilities:

The general maintenance of the school grounds and buildings, including organising working bees and ensuring the school maintenance schedule is adhered to. This committee meet twice per term, usually around 5:30pm.

The Parent Coordinating Committee (PCC) are a group that promotes a closer relationship between school and home by:

- Holding open parent meetings twice a term which includes a report from Leadership with a current up date regarding the school.
- Offering general information to parents
- Providing a morning tea to welcome new families to the school on the first morning of the year
- Organising class representatives
- Presenting graduation gifts to the year 7 students at the end of the year
- Overseeing the sale of second-hand uniforms
- Raising any issues of concern or suggestions and taking them to Governing Council
- Providing assistance at Sports events, school photo day and other school events or activities as negotiated with staff.

PCC meetings are held during the day. As we are child friendly, we welcome younger children to our meetings.

If you would like to know more about PCC, please speak with Dianna, Kirsty Williams (Chairperson), Melissa Smith (Secretary), Sascha Tiller (Treasurer) Jessica Holzberger, Vanessa Dickinson, Skye Mundy, Narelle Michael, Lauren March or Disey O’Driscoll

All parents are welcome to attend the PCC AGM on Monday 25th March at 12:30pm

BPS SCHOOL GENERAL UNIFORM

<u>Hats:</u>	Maroon Broad Brimmed, bucket hat.
<u>Polo Shirt:</u>	Maroon. (White phased out)
<u>Shorts:</u> Boys:	School Grey/ or School Black – no logos.
<u>Shorts/ Skorts:</u> Girls:	Maroon or Regulation check or School Black – no logos.
<u>Dress :</u>	Regulation maroon check – (material available at school.)
<u>Kilt :</u>	Regulation maroon plaid (material available at school)
<u>Windcheaters :</u>	Maroon or Maroon with logo
<u>Long Pants:</u>	Boys: School Grey/ School Black- no stripes or denim Girls: School Black – no leggings, no stripes or denim.
<u>Beanie, Scarf, Headband:</u>	Maroon (optional)
<u>Spray Jacket :</u>	Black (optional) (waterproof with hood)

PCC COMMUNICATION

Each year PCC reps volunteer from the parents of each class. These reps are given a list of the families in the class and the contact details so that they can contact parents as the need arises to support the class. These lists are kept confidential.

Should you not want your contact details given to the PCC reps then please contact the school **before the 22nd Febuary**

Children's University



On Monday a representative from Children's University spoke with some of our classes. Interested students have the opportunity to take part in this program which promotes the learning that takes place outside school hours and linking to subjects that can be studied at university. Students earn hours for volunteering, participating in out of school clubs and completing self-motivated learning projects not set by the school. The students can also accrue hours for taking part in before school and recess/lunch planned activities. Students who achieve 30 hours are then invited with their families to attend a graduation ceremony at the Adelaide University.

For more information on the project please contact Cherie Cleary. Membership forms and the annual fee will need to be.

New Laptop Initiative

We are always striving to improve the delivery of our ICT here at BPS and in 2018 our ICT Committee opted for a new initiative commencing this year by providing all our Yr 5s with a new laptop. Up until now laptops have been allocated to a class and shared between students. This year we will be commencing a plan where our up and coming senior students, this is our year 5s, will have a laptop specifically allocated to them over a 2 year period which they will be responsible for. The laptops will be staying at school and some form of a hire arrangement is being worked out through the school. They will be taking the same laptop on to Year 6 with them next year. The second part of our scheme takes place in 2020 when our new year 5s will also have a new laptop. In 2021 the laptops from our departing Year 6s will be handed to the incoming Year 5s completing a cycle that will provide our students with increased access to the digital world and every opportunity to improve their learning. More Information by week 5.



The students are enjoying the new wooden boat that has arrived in the Adventure playground. Thank you to Mr Woody for delivering the boat.



Music Captains

Students in Year 6 or 7 interested in being Music Captain for Vocal or Instrumental submitted their applications or verbal meeting time at the start of week 3. Captains will be announced in week 4.

Festival of Music



In week 2 I went to the annual Festival of Music conference. This is a two day event where all choir teachers get together to go over the material, choreography and all the amazing things that will be happening during their performance in September.

This year we're going to be having an upright double bass play for Route 66, there will be some awe-inspiring taiko drumming for some of the commissioned work. They've got new dance teachers in for the dance routines and they are so different and refreshing from moves we've had in the past. There are even sneaky QR codes that allow previews into songs and hidden information about the commissioned work for this year!



We were very lucky to have Anita Collins speak at the end of the conference, Anita presented some amazing new theorys about the science behind music and all the benefits it brings. Here is a link to one of her famous videos released a few years ago.

For those who commit to the Festival Choir, I have a secret code allowing students to access some crazy new, engaging media for this years performance.

We are coming into the final week of decisions. By the end of this week, your child will need to decide whether they are keen to keep going.



Hope to see you at Choir!

Diary Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Monday 11th Feb Week 3	IMS Instrument invoices will be generated after this date
Friday 15th Feb Week 3	Festival Choir Decision Time

Instrumental Music Service Hire

A reminder to students who have been borrowing an instrument for IMS. If you intent to continue learning or if do not return the instrument by the end of this week, it will be assumed that you are continuing meaning that you will be Invoiced for the Semester.

Assembly Week 2

Welcome to our new reception students



L_R Top to bottom: Jacob, Coby, Ella, Eadie, Jakob, Emily, Tamika, Seth Lincoln, Zac, Penelope, Zakkary, Laura, Charlise, Michelle



L_R Top to bottom: Harper, Amity, Matilda, Scarlett, Noah, Georgia, Anekah, Emily, Cameron, Sidney, Eli, Ava, Amber, Temperance, Ella, Adam

L_R Top to bottom: Darcy, Janna, Tyler, Jack, Steele, Rose, Hugo, Nakita, Daniel, Mackensey, Lachlan, Coline, Jay, Deacon, Bodie, Brianna, Amber, Lexie, Halle, Audrey, Willow, Ryder, Carl, Courtney, Ella, Zachary, Charleen, Emily, Liam



Congratulations to our class award recipients

Library News



Next time you visit us in the library you won't be able to miss our new wall display. It's large, bright, definitely eye catching and contains many great

Hands

At our first Student Information Meeting we talked about the importance of our hands and what amazing things we can do with them. Our senior students shared some interesting facts about hands and then introduced some hand

quotes, sayings and puns and shared their interpretations. The senior students then asked the students to put up their hands if they are looking forward to a great 2019. Classes were given cardboard hands and each student and staff member was asked to decorate a hand to add to our display. The display isn't quite finished but it is well on the way.



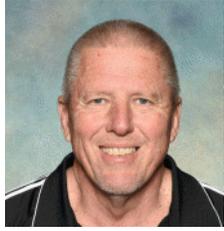
Pastoral Care

Hi...this is David Woodroofe (Woody) here... and I am filling in for Ryan as Pastoral Care Worker for the first 5 weeks of term while Ryan is elsewhere. I am doing the PCW role at Owen Primary School this year, and also teaching one day a week in the Year 6/7 class here at BPS, so am keeping busy.

As most of you know, my wife Joy and I rode our motorbike around Australia last year, raising money for cancer research, and that now seems a lifetime ago. When we got home, we were constantly asked.... What Now? That was a very hard question to answer, because, as the ride unfolded over 100 days, and getting home got closer and closer, the realisation that nothing had changed began to sink in. We both realized that when we got home, things were going to still be the same....nothing had changed in our circumstances since we went away. The only thing that had changed was the date.

I think often, as we wander through life, we look for things to change, improve, be different, and they don't. But what we can change is our attitude to things. We can look at our "normal" circumstances differently...maybe more positively than before. Maybe we can "tackle" things in a different manner, change our thoughts and attitudes, and then the issues of the world that we are still confronting, may take on a different light.

Not always straight away, but over time. Patience and perseverance come into play....and this is often where I fall down. I often want to change things NOW....NOT TOMORROW.



I need to learn, that changing circumstances, thoughts and attitudes often takes time for results to be seen. Hopefully this whole idea is worth a thought and consideration. We had to take a step back and tackle the "what now" question, and we have found that the tackling is an ongoing process. Worth a thought?

I will be at school one day a week for the next 3 weeks (2 days in week 4) and available for the students to access and have a chat. Good to be back!!

Woody

Time's running out to have your say on school bus services in regional South Australia!

If you are using the government school bus service or you have an opinion about how the services work, then you will be interested in the review of regional South Australian government school bus services.

This review is looking at what options and implications there are for providing all students, regardless of whether they attend a government school or non-government school, a place on the school bus and for the bus to start making stops outside its normal route. The review is also looking at how moving the responsibility for school buses from the Department for Education to the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure might make services more efficient, and how buses could be available for community use.



Have your say by providing your comments through the YourSAY website. You can make comments from 21 January 2019 to 15 February 2019.

Help shape the future of this important regional service which currently transports more than 14,600 students across more than 430 school bus routes across regional South Australia.

Community News

Free Balaklava Dental

Reminder: All dental care is free for BPS students at Balaklava Dental. Please call to arrange a time for a checkup with our friendly local Oral Health Therapist Jenny Young.

Balaklava
Dental 17 Edith
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Ph: [88622092](tel:88622092)



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Sign Up Here

INFORMATION NIGHT

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

7:00PM

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Ages: Year 7 and Older (must be able to pass as a teenager)

Rehearsals will be Tuesday Evening & Sundays

AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019

FROM 12:00PM

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

12:00PM: GROUP 1 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

12:45PM: GROUP 2 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

1:30PM: GROUP 3 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

2:30PM: BOOKINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL ROLES (10 Minute Time Slots)

*audition bookings at information night

For More Information Call Anne Read 0419 760 235

PRESENTED BY BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY ARTS



HUMMOCKS NETBALL CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

Monday 18 February 2019

7pm at Eagles Sport & Community
Centre

Port Wakefield

Enquiries and apologies to

Ash Williams hncsecretary@hotmail.com
0437 849 227



Woolworths Cricket

Junior & Master Blaster program will re-commence on Feb 11 at 4pm and continue for four weeks to March 4 at the High school cricket nets.



FACEBOOK

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with lots of BPS news.



Term Dates

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2019	29 January - 12 April	29 April - 5 July	22 July - 27 September	14 October - 13 December



TERM 1 CALENDER

week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	28/1 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2
2	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2
3	11/2 2.30 Children's UNI Launch YR 4/5- 6/7 Traffic Crossing Training YR 5-7 12PM PCC Mtg 1.30PM	12/2 MEET & GREET and outgoing Governing Council	13/2 Gymnastics: for Ber 1/3/4	14/2	15/2
4	18/2 Camp Quality Puppets Performance	19/2 YR 6/7 Camp Victor Harbor Grounds Mtg 5:30PM	20/2 Gymnastics: Ber 1/3/4	21/2	22/2
5	25/2 SAPSASA SWIMMING CARNIVAL	26/2 RM 8 Excursion	27/2 Bus Meeting 5:15PM	28/2	1/3 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
6	4/3 Governing Council AGM	5/3 RIVERTON SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2PM Port Power Visit	6/3	7/3	8/3
7	11/3 ADELAIDE CUP	12/3 SWIMMING	13/3	14/3	15/3
8	18/3 External School Review SWIMMING	19/3 External School Review SAPSASA SUMMER CARNIVAL	20/3	21/3	22/3 BPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
9	25/3 PCC AGM 12:30pm	26/3 Federation and Beyond PerformancE	27/3	28/3 NAPLAN Online Readiness Test	29/3
10	1/4 INTERVIEW WEEK	2/4 BER 1 & 2 Excursion	3/4 SAPSASA Athletics	4/4	5/4 Religious Education
11	8/4	9/4 Grounds Mtg 5:30PM	10/4	11/4 BPS SPORTS DAY	12/4 SPORTS DAY BACK-UP DAY