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Term 2 Week 3 ~ 14th May 2020

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



We went live with all classes for our first virtual assembly on Friday Wk 2. We saw Mrs Rowland's class with their beautiful Mothers Day cards and Miss Nowlans class showed their lovely Autumn trees. Congratulations to our award winners, seen on Pages 6 and 7.



Staff practicing for assembly

Meetings Reinstated

Finance
- May 18th

Bus
- May 27th, 3:30pm

Governing Council
- May 19th, 7pm

Grounds
- May 27th, 5:30pm

Until further notice all face to face assemblies have been cancelled.



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From the Principal



Thank you to Scott McCracken for delivering pallets for our Loose Parts area. We have used the pallets to create a fence to help contain the "parts" in the area.

Thank you also to Kelvin Tiller who delivered some more cable reels during the break. We look forward to turning these into cable tables.



Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to Nikki McCracken and Jess Holzberger who oversaw the Mothers Day gift selection and running of the Stall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week. We would also like to acknowledge the staff who assisted over the three days.

This year, we provided the option of Phone Orders allowing our students who were learning from home, the opportunity to purchase gifts. The Phone Order and Gift Wrapping service certainly was a hit.

On Wednesday at lunchtime, the line for the stall started at the Well and weaved its way around to the front of the Admin building. The children were patient as they lined up, eager to purchase their Mum or significant person, something special.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this successful. The students certainly get a kick out of giving their Mum something special that they have hand selected from the stall.

Assemblies

During this time, we cannot meet as a whole school in the Well to conduct our regular assemblies. Last fortnight, we attempted to use Microsoft Teams for our whole school assembly where classes could video link into the Assembly from the comfort of their own classroom. While an okay platform, Teams had many limitations.

Last Friday, we decided to trial Webex as it provided an opportunity for all classes to be displayed on one screen. On Thursday afternoon, the staff had a practice session and then on Friday we were able to "attend" assembly from our own classrooms or office space. Pictures of both events are featured on our front page. It was great to have some of our students learning from home, join our virtual assembly. The COVID restrictions certainly have given us a great opportunity to explore new and exciting ways to deliver learning.



Meetings

To ensure we are complying with COVID restrictions, it is important that we are following correct protocols for meetings.



With some modifications, including offering members the option to join via Webex, we have been able to reinstate some regular meetings such as Governing Council, Bus, Finance and Grounds Committee. If you are a parent rep on any of these committees, we will be in contact regarding the meeting.

- Dianna

PASTORAL CARE

Nancy's News

Well, I can hardly believe that it is already Week 3 of the term! And what a busy time it has been! I have spent much of my time moving from classroom to classroom, meeting students and staff, helping Mrs Cleary with Breakfast Club, and getting many opportunities to engage with staff and students. I have loved every minute and want to say a big thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome.



Wanted

Do you have any puzzles that are missing pieces? We are looking for puzzle pieces for some up and coming maths training. If you have any that are no longer useful, we would appreciate the donation.

MATH PROBLEMS

R-3 Math Question

Please draw your answers and place them in the math box in the library by Thursday 21st May, 4pm to be in the running for a prize.

A worksheet titled "PROBLEM SOLVING" featuring a green border. The main text reads: "You want to buy 6 balloons for your friend's birthday. They have red and blue balloons left at the balloon shop. Draw the different combinations of colours you could buy." Below the text are three balloons (red, yellow, and purple).

4-7 Math Question

I did a subtraction task last night but can only remember the answer and that it looked like this:

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \\ - \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \boxed{} \\ \hline 5 \quad 7 \end{array}$$

What might the missing numbers be? How many different combinations can you calculate? Try to describe your answers and place them in the math box in the library by Thursday May 21st 4pm to be in the running for a prize.

There may be many of you that do not know much, or anything, about the Pastoral Care Worker role here at the school so in future newsletters I will explain more about it and what services the Pastoral Care Program can offer to the whole school community. Just as a reminder: I am at the school on Tuesdays and Fridays 8.30am to 3pm and look forward to meeting many more of our families.

Have a great day!
- Mrs G

FRONT OFFICE ENTRY

With the exception of staff and students, as per directives, our office would appreciate only **essential** visitors entering.

If your business can be done via email or phone this would be most appreciated. If your matter is urgent, please still ring first and we will assist you as best we can as quickly as practical.

phone: **8862 1660** or **0408 847 002**
Email: dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au

If you are here to pick up anything, or even your child/children, please ring and we will sign them out on your behalf and deliver them to you.

If you need to enter, please use the provided hand sanitiser and use the social distancing floor X's

EEPING CAVALCADE



Last Friday the school saw the Essential Workers Thank You cavalcade honking it's way past on Wallace St. With over 20 cars making up the parade, they were led by organisers Geoff and Kevyna Gardner in their ute with a big thank you sign on the back for all the essential workers in the town. This gesture was really appreciated, a lovely act of kindness.



MUSIC NEWS

Mini Choir

It was awesome to see so many year 3's try choir last week - and so many who put their hand up to come back the following week!

However, I had many year 2's come and tell me how disappointed they were that they could not come and sing so... as a trial, junior classes got together this week to learn a song from the Festival. I mean, the festival did initially say no limits so...

It was awesome fun to see students engaging with music, learning a song and having fun with melody. Photos will be sent over Seesaw this week, and some will be in the newsletter next week.

Want to see what your kids have remembered? You can access or download the music by accessing the student portal at

<https://festivalofmusic.org.au/>

Login: student

Password: stars20

If you have any questions, you can call the school and organise a time to chat or email

jess.monck269@schools.sa.edu.au

App Understanding in Technology

All classes have had to learn a lot about different technologies this semester - much more than I had anticipated! As a part of music and tech, I had been using Class Dojo and teaching students how to upload and submit work. Students have done very well in transitioning to Seesaw.

Seesaw

Year 6/7 classes have been sent a login that they can use from home to complete work, access materials or simply have a play with the technology if they wish.

Bands and Ensembles

Bands, ensembles and dance groups have been awesome the past two weeks. It was slow to start, but the kids have been making up for lost time in amazing fashion.

A reminder that Dance is now on Tuesdays and Vocal Ensemble is on Thursdays. This means that Choir and Vocal Ensemble will coincide on the same day.



LUNCH TIME EVENTS

ROCK BAND MONDAYS



Remember to bring your music and instruments

DANCE TUESDAYS



Remember to bring your water bottles and hats

ENSEMBLE WEDNESDAYS



Remember to bring your music and instruments

VOCAL THURSDAYS



Remember to bring your music, water bottle and stationery

CHOIR THURSDAYS



Remember to bring your choir books, bags, water bottle and stationery.

GAMING DAYS



Fridays in the Library or Science room.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



Rm 6
Jameson, Millah and Jett



Rm 7
Cooper and Lincoln



Rm 8
Kobe and India



Ber 1
Audrey, Seth and Shayla



Ber 2
Tahlia and Matthew



Ber 3
Chelsea and Ryan



Ber 4
Bodie and Oliver



Rm 14a
Elly and Angus



Rm 14b
Henry and Maddalyn



Rm 18
Jay, Karl and Miabella



Rm 20
Lachlan and Nakita

LEXILE AWARDS



Blue: William, Jessie, Mackensey, Annabella, Nakita, Macy, Caitlin and Marshall



Red: Tyler, Hayley and Ashleigh



Bronze: Bodie and Tahlia

Premier's Reading Challenge



Back: Abby, Emilee, Macy, Angus, Hugo, Henry, Zander, Ned, Aydan, Tom, Riley and Dean

Front: Scarlett, Joe, Alexa, Cameron, India and Henry

NEW TECHNOLOGY IN 14B



Last week Room 14B received a new piece of valuable technology for the students education. The new Interactive Panel rivals the school's Smart Boards in interactive learning and teaching abilities.

Need help with training costs?

- Do you have a diagnosed health condition, injury or disability?
- Are you aged between 14 and aged pension qualifying age?
- Are you interested in training to obtain or increase employability?
- Are you able to study or work eight hours or more per week?



If you tick all the boxes above, and are not currently receiving services or have been referred to another DES provider or jobactive provider. We may be able to assist you to obtain a Certificate or Statement of Attainment in your chosen field*.

*Conditions apply:

- You must meet the eligibility criteria to register as a Disability Employment Services volunteer.
- You must also meet eligibility criteria to enrol in training as each course has different requirements.

The Pre-training assessment is determined by the Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

For more information contact MADEC DES Manager
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