



**Term 4 Week 9 ~  
10th December 2020**

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# Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Our students performing 'Under the Starry Sky' at the end of year concert



## Diary Dates

**December**  
11th - Last day of Term 4  
- 2:10pm Early Dismissal

**January**  
22nd - Registration Day  
27th - Term 1 begins



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Education



## From the Principal

Wow, what a year 2020 has been. Together as a school community we have faced many challenges this year, however despite these we have managed to achieve great things. The adaptability and resilience of our staff, students and families has been a credit to all. Thank you for your support of our work with your children.

### End of Year Celebration

We had a fantastic celebration on Monday night. Covid restrictions and the threatening weather threw some challenges our way, but we managed to overcome all of the hurdles we faced to ensure we could run the event with our families present. The performances were very entertaining and the coffee a popular choice to help keep the crowd warm. Thank you for attending, your support made the evening a memorable one.



A special thank you to Karl Holzberger for the sound and confetti machine, Ryan Bernhardt for assisting Karl, Balaklava Transport for the use of the trailer stage, Marty for his work as MC and the staff who manned the Covid sign in and drinks stalls. Please see pages 18-21 for photographs from the night.

On Monday night I announced our Volunteer and Community Awards. These awards are usually presented at our EOY assembly which we won't be holding this year. Instead we invited the recipients to morning tea to present their awards.

Geoff and Kevyna Gardner are the very worthy recipients of the Rowan Ramsay MP School Community Award for 2020. I am sure you will agree that our grounds are looking absolutely fantastic. I often get stopped by community members telling me how wonderful our grounds look and each time I take visitors for a tour they also don't hesitate to comment on what beautiful grounds we have. I absolutely agree and think it is a wonderful space for our staff and students to enjoy. This doesn't happen without the hard work and dedication that Geoff and Kevyna put into the grounds so that the staff, students and community can enjoy. Thank you for your tireless efforts Geoff and Kevyna and congratulations.



Aunty Marg Lange is the recipient of the 2020 Minister for Education Volunteering award for outstanding service to BPS. Aunty Marg started her volunteer work by coming in once a week to listen to the students in Rm 6 read, rarely missing a week (even Covid didn't stop her). Over the years she has also volunteered in many other classes and now has quite a round of morning reading engagements throughout the week. I am not sure how many thousands of students she has listened to read over her time but I do know that each and every student makes sure they get their turn to read to Aunty Marg. The students love and respect Aunty Marg and if you have ever been in Foodland when Aunty Marg is in there, she will have a shop full of children (and staff) calling out to her to say hello.



Of course, she is Aunt Marg to all of us. Aunt Marg continues to touch the lives of so many staff and students. We thank her for her tireless dedication and support and really appreciate the time she gives to BPS. Congratulations and thank you Aunt Marg.



### Farewell to the Year 7 students

While graduation was different this year, we were pleased to find a way to be able to allow parents and friends the opportunity to watch the students graduate. Graduation is a special milestone. We have enjoyed working with the students and have been honoured to be a part of their learning over the years. Graduation certainly is a proud moment for families and for us! For some of these families, it is the end of their involvement with BPS, as their youngest is graduating. Our thanks to you for your support of us throughout the years that your children have been at BPS. We do wish our graduating Year 7 students all the very best in their secondary education and for the future.

A special congratulations to Coline for being awarded the Masonic Lodge Community award. Coline is a highly motivated student who strives to give her best at all times. She shows a genuine interest in all areas of the curriculum and approaches school life with a cheerful zest. She has a love of learning and demonstrates an eagerness and dedication to learning. Coline consistently demonstrates behaviours that set the standard for her classmates. She is helpful, courteous and considerate. Coline always upholds the school values. Congratulations and well deserved Coline.



We would also like to congratulate Jack who was awarded the 2020 Geoff Brock Academic Award for an outstanding effort especially in Literacy and Maths. Jack always takes on new challenges and tries to find the positive in any situation. He performs tasks to a high level and is happy to help and encourage others. Jack has consistently kept up to date with all work even with leadership, sporting and other commitments. He has been a valuable and responsible School Vice – Captain. Congratulations Jack

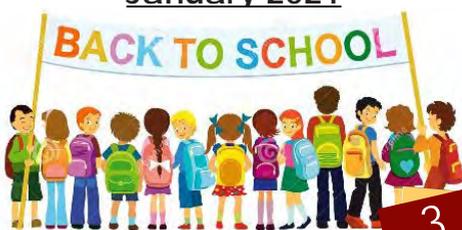


### End of Year Reports and Class Placement

End of Year Reports went home with students yesterday in a sealed envelope that was addressed to parents. Today, you should have received a copy of the letter about your child's class placement for 2021. The children also had an opportunity to visit their new classroom this morning. If you have not received the Report or Class Placement letter, please phone the school.



School Resumes  
Wednesday 27th  
January 2021



# 2021 CLASS STRUCTURE

## Staff Announcements for 2021

We are pleased to confirm the following staffing news for 2021

- Courtney Durkay – Contract teacher Year 2/3
- Emily Graham – Contract teacher Term 1 and 2, Year1/2.
- Abby Silverman – Contract teacher Year 4/5
- Kate Rix – Contract teacher Year 5
- Ashleigh Leonello – Contract teacher Year 6/7
- Vivienne Churchett will return to BPS after 12 months at Tarlee PS
- Kasey Jenner will return from leave in Term 3.

We congratulate these staff members and welcome them back as part of our 2021 BPS team.

We sadly farewell Bianca Marcus – Year 3/4 teacher and Alice Williams – R/1 teacher who have both been at BPS this year. Both Bianca and Alice have built wonderful relationships with the students and will be sadly missed by the staff and students. We wish both Bianca and Alice all the best for 2021 and look forward to them returning as relief teachers.



Leah Chidgey and Ro Wood will be taking leave next year. We wish both Leah and Ro the very best and am sure they will find plenty to do to fill their time. The staff and students will most certainly miss working and learning with Leah and Ro.

SSO Staff – all of our School Services Officers do a fantastic job to support the work of the students and staff in various ways. At this point in time, some of our SSO staff are uncertain about work roles for 2021. We thank them for their contributions and dedication in 2020 and we hope to see them working here with us again next year.

We extend our best wishes to any students and their families leaving BPS and warmly welcome those joining us.

We wish Miss Monck and Miss Graham all the best of luck for their upcoming weddings.

Class	Yr	Teacher
Rm 2	5	Kate Rix
Rm 6	R/1	Marcia Nowlan
Rm 7	R/1	Teacher TBC
Rm 8	R-7	Teacher TBC
Ber 1	1/2	Wendy Richards
Ber 2	4/5	Jenny Rowland 4 days Julie Wickham 1 day
Ber 3	1/2	Emily Thomas (Graham) Term1-2 Kasey Jenner Term 3-4
Ber 4	4/5	Abby Silverman
Rm 14a	2/3	Courtney Durkay
Rm 14b	3/4	Vivienne Churchett
Rm 18	6/7	Jo Michalanney
Rm 20	6/7	Ashleigh Leonello

## Specialist Curriculum Teachers

Class	Subject	Teacher
Rm 1	Science	Teacher TBC
Rm 16	Technologies	Jessica Monck
Music	The Arts	Jessica Monck
Rm 16	French	Madeline Gardener

Rm 16, formerly the Engine Room, is located next to the Music Room.

In 2021 Miss Monck will be teaching the Arts as a specialist subject (which incorporates music), rather than a full year of music.

## Disability Unit

We are extremely excited to have a Disability Unit commencing at the beginning of the 2021 school year. This is a fantastic addition to BPS and our region. We are currently in the early stages of setting up the Unit which will be in Rm 8. If you would like any further information about the unit, please do not hesitate to send an email to [dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

Dear Parent/Caregiver, **in first week of January you will receive:**

- 2021 M&S Charge invoice
- 2021 Info-tech levy invoice per student - **4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent students** are exempt
- 2021 Swim/Aquatic consent form/per student & 2021 Swim levy invoice per student - **4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent students** are exempt (**increase to assist with associated travel to Owen pool for 2021**)
- 2021 Performances levy invoice per student - **4<sup>th</sup> and subsequent students** are exempt
- 2021 School Card online application form information. **Available at** [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard) **mid January.**
- Student/Family Information sheet for updating – please check details of each child
- Tips & Reminders
- Skoolbag & Qkr instructions

Plus where applicable:

- 2021 Yr 6 & Yr7 Aquatics Camp deposit invoice
- 2021 Yr 4 & Yr5 Arbury Park Camp deposit invoice
- 2021 Yr 6&7 Poloshirt, Yr 6&7 Magazine and Yr 6&7 Graduation invoice
- Statement of credits with and /or any outstanding amounts owed to BPS

## REGISTRATION DAY: for ALL students January 2021 Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am-3pm

Payment can be made in the following ways:

- Cash or cheque (made payable to Balaklava Primary School)
- Mobile phone app Qkr.
- Eftpos
- Direct Debit to: BSB: 065 000 Account: 12133346
- In instalments by arrangement with office staff. (Must be signed)
- Over the phone on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### 2021 M&S Poll result

Thank you to the families who returned the poll. Governing Council members have undertaken the count with a unanimously successful result for the 2021 Materials & Service Charge of \$265.00 per student.

**Registration Packs will be issued** immediately following the Payment of Fees **OR** Completion of 2021 SCHOOL CARD form **OR** the Payment of \$50/student and INSTALMENT PLAN AGREEMENT signed.

2021 Materials & Services plus Extras Ready Reckoner **+ outstandings** or – credits per family

	1 student	2 students	3 students	4 students
M&S	265	530	795	1060
ICT levy	10	20	30	30
Swimming levy	20	40	60	60
Performances levy	30	60	90	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1240</b>
*less early pay discount	-5	-10	-15	-20
<b>TOTAL before 2/2/21 *</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1220</b>
<b>TOTAL after 3/2/21</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$960</b>	<b>\$1230</b>
School Card families	1 student	2 students	3 students	4 students
M&S	0	0	0	0
ICT levy	10	20	30	30
Swimming levy	20	40	60	60
Performances levy	30	60	90	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>
Additional Payments				
Yr 6 & 7 students	\$20/stu	Aquatics camp deposit by 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Yr 6 & 7 students	\$40/shirt	Poloshirt optional – no pay no order		
Yr 6 & 7 students	\$22/stu	Magazine optional – payment by start of T4		
Yr 6 & 7 students	\$30/stu	Graduation excursion optional– payment by prior week		
Year 4 & 5 students	\$20/stu	Arbury Park camp deposit by 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb		

# GROUNDS AND FACILITIES REPORT

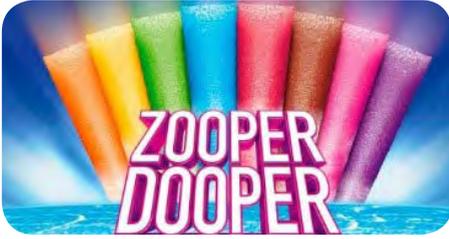
2020 has proven to be a challenging year but the redevelopment of our grounds continued unabated. Here are a few of our achievements:

- Continuation of the play equipment around our oval with the addition of the satellite swing
- Hardwood borders placed around oval play equipment and new soft fall
- Establishment of a bike path around the northern side of the school
- Wooden "pencil" fence – erection of a second frame
- Establishment of a secure bike and scooter enclosure (The Bike Shed) with new bike and scooter racks
- A movable division built in Room 14 allowing for the space to be divided into 2 classrooms or opened up creating a single space.
- Establishment of a garden area northern side of the BER building
- Additional taps placed around BER to assist with watering
- Extensive mulching of the school grounds
- Creation of a junior car track in the Adventure Playground
- Repaving of the crossing path from Gwy Tce through to the oval
- Refurbishment of one of the outside toilet blocks creating staff, student and disabled toilets
- Refurbishment of the OSU student toilets
- Erection of a overhead shelter over the decking between the room 14 classrooms and the Music/Engine Room
- Replacement of the exterior windows in the wooden French and Science rooms
- Repainting of the interior of the OSU building, French, Science, Music and Engine rooms
- Establishment of an automatic watering system for many of our garden areas
- Repositioning of the BPS wooden sign

Though we had no working bees this year there was no shortage of parent helpers who in their own time were available to help with many of these projects. Thank you to all who have helped through the year, especially Sonja Gangell and Geoff and Kevyna Gardner with their tireless work managing our school grounds.

## Rm 20 WALLAROO BEACH EXCURSION





The SRC are pleased to announce that they are selling Zoooper Dooper's and lolly snakes this Friday

**When: Recess on Friday**  
**Where: The Library**

**Cost: Zoooper Dooper 50c each**  
**or \$1 for a lolly snake**

## Premier's Be Active Challenge

During Term 3 this year our school participated in the Premier's Be Active Challenge. This challenge is to engage children in physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day for 4 weeks. All activities are recorded and tabled and results were collated once students reached the challenge target. All students who were successful in this challenge were given their medals on Friday Week 8 Term 4. Thanks to the teachers and staff who supported the students to engage, record and complete the challenge.



## NANCY'S NEWS

*Hi Everyone!*

The End of Year has come! It certainly has been a busy time – exciting busyness! We even managed to run a spontaneous Christmas Craft session today (Tues) inspired by some Year 7's. Thanks girls! (\*Reindeers rock!)



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me as I have settled into the PCW role this year – leadership, students, staff, and families. It has been very much appreciated!

Thanks also to each of the students who have opened their lives up to me (thanks for letting me join in the occasional "Just Dance" session!) It has been a privilege to support you through the year.

I wish the Year 7's the absolute best as they venture into High School. Be BRAVE as you face the challenges ahead of you, but also remember, SMILE and WAVE if required.

Please enjoy the holiday break, look after each other and stay safe. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- MRS G

## NESPRESSO POD RECYCLING POINT

BPS is now a community recycling collection for Nespresso aluminium pods.

**Recycle your used Nespresso aluminium capsules here.**

**NESPRESSO®**



**RECYCLING**

## End of Year Celebration - Tick

I'm sure our principal will have a lot to say about the performance, but from a music teacher's point of view, everyone was amazing! It was great to see the upper year levels getting into "Under the Starry Sky" actions for the last time and for everyone performing safely and energetically on stage. Thank you to all those students who helped me take all the instruments back to the music room. It made for a very easy tidy up the next morning and for a safe, secure pack-down just before the Year 7 graduation.



## Junior Choir

Throughout the year we have had junior choir. Years R-2 would gather together to learn songs, music challenges and how to hone in on their pitch, rhythm, and tonality.



## Physical Work Coming Home

Please check your child's bag. There will be bits and pieces coming home from specialist lessons in various classes and it would be a shame for it to be crushed under their lunch box.



## 2021 Communication

Staff will be using Seesaw for communication next year. A new sheet will likely come home next year, so please don't delete your seesaw account at the end of this year. If you're already connected, we should be able to join you immediately without that pesky piece of paper.



## Congratulations

Well done to all soloists, ensembles, dance crews and bands that performed this week at the End of Year celebration. It can be a daunting thing to play in front of so many people – but by doing it, you have created a higher adaption to challenge, change and for future stressful situations. I am so proud of all of you!



## Brain Recordings

Can you tell the difference between the kettle boiling, the toaster popping and the fridge humming? Then guess what – you're NOT tone deaf. I'm not sure all of those reading would have thought themselves tone deaf, but this comparison was a revelation to me. I had always associated tone with music – as I'm sure many others would have. But of course, our lives are filled with sound and the fact that our brain can distinguish them tells us a lot about how our brains actually work.



Toddler's need a rich variety of sound to be able to develop this kind of pitch – although the blare of the TV might assist with some, it doesn't provide the physical identification of what made the sound. Take the sound of a toaster for example. A child who has heard the sound in the real world, will source out the noise, have a good long look, perhaps touch it when it has cooled down, and associate it with the toaster. A child who heard it on the television will associate it with the multitude of sounds that the TV makes and therefore assume it is one of the noises a TV should make. This understanding of sound works for words too.

It is important to reduce as much exterior sound as possible when talking around a child. Have you ever tried to read something while the TV is on and a child is talking, and someone in the kitchen is banging away? What about holding a conversation? A baby hasn't learned how to filter these noises out and so they are taking partial snippets of everything at once. Anita Collins explains that this is often why children are coming to school and mispronouncing words – and this can impact their spelling! Having taught a multitude of topics, I have seen an

assortment of misspelled words, however a large portion of them sound correct to the child who is saying them. Teachers have correctly taught the phonetic sounds of the words, so you can imagine a child's confusion when their spelling of "Muvva" (mother) or "azif" (as if) is incorrect. They use these words because they hear them and so they spell them how they are heard.

Why am I telling you this right at the end of the year? Because children will go home and have a lot more opportunities to hear these words and sounds correctly and in a much smaller space. Music gives us an awareness of the world around us, so consider putting in some ear plugs for an hour and letting the children play percussion on the pots and pans. Have the children go outside and try to identify what sounds they can hear. Can they mimic them? What pattern would it look like on paper? Does the 'Whoosh' of the wind sound swirly, or does it sound like it's going up and down?

If your child has siblings, or you are going to catch up with other family these holidays, consider teaching them all a little song and seeing if they can keep the beat to it – It can be as simple as a nursery rhyme (or an ACDC song) or as complex as your favourite song on the radio right now. Can they sing the words in their head and clap along to them? It's not as easy as you would think (but I know that most kids at BPS can do it).

It has been an honour to teach music for as long as I have here. Although I have always crossed other subjects into music (it's hard not to!) I hope to try and expand your child's artistic opportunities by incorporating more of the arts in 2021.

~ Miss Monck

## MUSIC AWARDS

### VOCAL ENSEMBLE



Sophia, Denise, Miabella, Charli

### ROCK BAND



Zavier, Charli, Miabella and Sophia

### INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE



Back: Xavier, Gemma and Maya  
Front: Bliss, Holly and Isabelle

### DANCE TROUPE



Back: Gemma, Charli, Miabella, Ally  
Front: Grace, Isabelle, Imogen and Charli

# 2020 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AWARDS



LEXIE



ALANA



HOLLY



BLISS



RHYLEE



JAZLEEN



RYAN



TESS



ILKA



TAILA



GRACE



ELLA



ELISSA



MATTHEW



LILY



MADDISON



CHARLOTTE



CHELSEA



STELLA



ALIYSE



HAILEY



CAITLIN



RILEY



EMILEE



ASHLEIGH



TORI



KAITLIN



LOGAN



THERYN



SAVANNAH



CURTIS



ANNABELLA



BRIANNA



HALLE

# JENNY RUSSELL'S RETIREMENT LUNCH



Sunday 29th November, staff, both some past and present, enjoyed a lovely lunch to celebrate the retirement of Mrs Jenny Russell. There were a few interesting stories told and lots of laughs had (her calm nature and problem with keys featured heavily) while we congratulated Jenny on an amazing teaching career. Best Wishes on your retirement and move. Thankyou Jenny, from the Balaklava Primary School Community.



# PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 6



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 7



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 8



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
BER 1



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
BER 2



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
BER 3



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
BER 4



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 14a



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 14b



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 18



Congratulations PRC award winners from  
Rm 20

## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Congratulations to all of our students who received certificates and medals. The Balaklava Wet'n'Wild day appeared to be a hit with all of the students who earned the reward.

This year 263 Balaklava Primary School students completed the challenge which gave us a completion rate of 92%.



# PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE









# END OF YEAR CELEBRATION









## RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our very lucky Hamper winners. A big thank you to all the families who donated (some more than once) to ensure each class box was filled with fabulous goodies. Thank you to Mrs Sue Jones who comes in each year to wrap/beautify each of the hampers.

Rm 6	Tori Krikke	BER 2	Katelin Newton	Rm 14b	Helen Walker
Rm 7	Natalie Whittle	BER 3	Aliza Hodson	Rm 18	Jo May
Rm 8	Lynne Champion	BER 4	Sarah Ingram	Rm 20	Samantha Greening
BER 1	Michael Giles	Rm 14a	Joanne Fidler		

Over the course of this years raffle we've raised over \$3000. The highest money raiser was Ella with a fantastic total of \$540. Other notable amounts were raised by Ava \$420, Charley \$150 and Cameron with \$116. What an amazing effort, thank you all very much.

## ELLA'S RAFFLE STALL

Our last fundraiser for the year was the End of Year Celebration raffle. Our fundraising goes towards improving the facilities for our students (and in particular most recently play spaces). Ella had already sold dozens of raffle tickets but wanted to do more so she came up with the idea of selling tickets outside of Foodland. Ella had organised this with Foodland and was prepared with plenty of books in hand but unfortunately the state went into lockdown. This didn't deter Ella, she was determined to help raise money for BPS. Last week, Ella setup outside of Foodland with one of the 11 hampers that you could win. After hearing about what her great mate Ella was up to, Ilka decided to help out too.



Thank you Ella and Ilka for your kindness, generosity and willingness to volunteer your time on the weekend to raise money for your school.

## UNITING CARE CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Last week Charlotte Barker, representing Uniting Care, and third generation "helper" delivered beautifully wrapped gifts for several of our families. Mrs Margaret Manual, representing the Balaklava Uniting Church, came to see how their generous donation assists in the provision of the fabulous array of presents. Mrs Judy McPharlin, representing the SWAP Shop, an equally generous donator, was unable to make in it for the delivery. We thank both these local organisations for this support to the incredibly important work of Uniting Care. Thank you everyone.

## YR 6/7 VISIT TO MRS M



In Week 7 Rm 18 took a trip to see Mrs M at home while she was recovering from a knee operation. She was grateful to have such a kind visit.

## NEWTONS GARDEN PACKAGE



Balaklava Primary School received a winning competition prize package from Newtons Garden Building and Landscaping. We look forward to introducing the next generation of gardeners to the joys of growing their own veggies and herbs and we thank Newtons for this generous delivery.

## SANTA'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE BY



Last week we were fortunate to have Santa drive by the school. The students were very excited to capture a glimpse of the man himself so close to Christmas.

## Rm 8 & BER 1 CINEMA EXCURSION



On Thursday of week 8, Ber 1 and Room 8 enjoyed a fantastic excursion to Blyth. Originally we were going to celebrate the end of the year together with a Movie at the Cinema. As Covid had other plans at the time we were worried we were going to have to cancel but Nat at the Blyth Cinema was so accommodating and offered us some extra activities so we could still go and enjoy our special day out. We ended up still being able to watch our chosen movie plus got the bonus of learning about different plants and exploring the Gallery with Ian. We also visited the town hall and learned how to play Bowls. We thoroughly enjoyed the additional activities and we were very grateful to Nat and Ian for their support and effort to ensure we could still attend our end of year celebration excursion.



## BER 2 WALLAROO BEACH EXCURSION

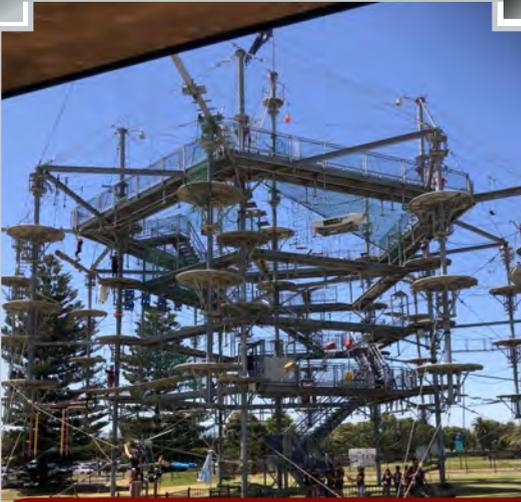


Yesterday Ber 2 went to the beach at Wallaroo. They all had a wonderful time celebrating the end of the year together.





# Yr 7 MEGA ADVENTURE EXCURSION



Due to COVID restrictions Flip Out is still not open, so this year our Year 7 students and staff went to the Mega Adventure park at West Beach. What a great way to celebrate graduation.







# PALLET CHRISTMAS TREES



Staff and students have been working hard on their Christmas trees. These will be on display on our float at the Balaklava Christmas Pageant. Thank you to the Balaklava Men's Shed for supplying the trees for us.



# BER 1 CHRISTMAS COOKING



BER 1 have been enjoying cooking Christmas treats.



# Balaklava Christmas Pageant

Exciting news! The Balaklava Christmas Pageant will be going ahead this year on Friday December 18 to be held at Ralli Park from 5:30pm. The parade will circle the inside boundary of the oval.



*Please come along and walk/ ride alongside our Christmas School Float.*

*Please meet us at Ralli Park at 5:10pm*

## SCHOLASTIC LEARNING ZONE

This year 193 students were signed up to the Lexile program as they completed leveled readers. The students read lexiled books and then are able to complete quizzes. Quizzes passed earn points and awards are given out at assemblies. 131 students earned awards this year. 43 students gained the Blue Award – at least 10 quiz points, 40 students earned at least 20 points and gained the Red Award, 24 students gained the Bronze Award – at least 40 points, 17 students achieved silver - 70 plus points and 7 gained over 120 points and were presented with the Gold Award.

During the year 5491 Lexile quizzes were completed and 16,283,770 words were read in Lexiled Books.



## BREAKFAST CLUB

As we wrap up another school year I would like to thank all of the people who have supported our daily breakfast club. Thankyou to 'Kick Start for Kids' for your weekly donations of bread, milk, margarine, cereal and fruit, Thankyou to our Balaklava Community members who have supported us with donations including; fruit when in season, jams, milo and money donations to purchase milo and other necessities. We really appreciate your support. Thankyou to Lauren March for helping every Wednesday (Covid permitting) and Nancy Gates for her support on Tuesdays and Fridays. Breakfast Club provides a social opportunity for students to begin the day as well as the nutritional support. Recently I have been trying to extend the students' appreciation of different musical genres with the playing of Michael Buble's Christmas Carols but I'm not sure it has been a hit.

# LEXILE AWARDS



**Blue:** Ava, Matt, Henry, Charley, Harry, Aden, James, Chase, Kaitlin, Chloe, Ryan, Tori and Archer



**Red:** Gemma, Chase, Jacob, Ryan and Dylan



**Bronze:** Halle, Chase, Katie, Aiden and Alysha



**Silver:** Annabella, Ashleigh, Willow, Logan, Denny, Caitlyn and Angus

# CLASS AWARD WINNERS



**Rm 6**  
Amity, Ava, Jett,  
Cameron and  
Aubree

**Rm 7**  
Eva, Coby,  
Bradley, Elliot  
and Jack



**Rm 8**  
Penelope and Coby

**Ber 1**  
Joe, Morgan,  
Violet and Ella



**Ber 2**  
Aiden and Tyler

**Ber 3**  
Amber, Chloe  
and Logan



**Ber 4**  
Ash and Aliyse

**Rm 14a**  
Ashley and Angel



**Rm 14b**  
Liam and Oscar

**Rm 20**  
Abby and Angus





## BALAKLAVA COURTHOUSE GALLERY AWARDS

Congratulations to Jessie, Sophia, Elliot and Alexa who entered art work in the 2020 Balco Balaklava Art prize exhibition. Each of the students was awarded a participation certificate commending their artistic work.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

BALAKLAVA NETBALL & FOOTBALL CLUB

### **CHRISTMAS CATCH UP**

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER  
BALAKLAVA SPORTS CLUB  
START 7.00PM  
BBO & BAR AVAILABLE  
MEET A1 & AGRADGE COACH  
JUNIOR GAMES FROM 6PM  
UPDATE ON SEASON 2021  
OPEN TO ALL!!!!



**Balaklava Carols by Candlelight**

Sunday 13th December at 6:30pm  
at Ralli Park

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
*& Happy New Year*