



Term 1 Week 3 ~ 11th February 2021

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*

BPS MEET & GREET



The students got to show their parents around the school at the Meet & Greet.

Important Dates

FEBRUARY

- 15th - Swimming Lessons at Owen
- 26th - Yr 6/7 Victor Harbor Camp
- 23rd - Grounds Mtg 5:00pm
- 24th - Bus Mtg 3:30pm
- 25th - Hockey Clinic R - Yr 4/5
- 26th - Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival

MARCH

- 4th - Gymnastics Yr 1/2
- 5th - Clean Up Australia Day
- 8th - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 9th - Governing Council AGM 7pm
- 10th - PCC Mtg 1:30pm
- 11th - Gymnastics Yr 1/2
- 12th - Ride To School Day

18th - Gymnastics Yr 1/2

25th - Gymnastics Yr 1/2

APRIL

- 2nd - Good Friday Public Holiday
- 5th - Easter Monday Public Holiday

Assemblies

Will be held at 2:15pm weeks 4,6,8 and 10



Government of South Australia
Department for Education



From the Principal

Meet & Greet

It was great to see lots of students and families at our Meet and Greet on Tuesday night. Meet and Greet provided families with the opportunity to have a look in classrooms which has not been possible due to COVID restrictions. A massive thank you to our Governing Council members (and partners) for cooking the BBQ

Check-Ins

All adults (inc. staff) must check in when entering the School grounds. A QR code is located at each entrance and a paper contact tracing record can be found at the Wallace St crossing entrance.



Thank you for your co-operation

Swimming Carnival and Lessons

Swimming Lessons for Reception – Year 5 students will be held in Week 4 or Week 5. Classroom teachers will provide you with more information in regards to which week your child's class will be participating in lessons as well as which day parents are invited to attend one of the sessions that your child will be participating in. This invitation is extended as students in R - Year 3 will not be participating in the Swimming Carnival this year. The Swimming Carnival will be held on

Friday 26th February

We apologise for the error on page 3 in the newsletter in week 1 where we incorrectly stated 26th March.

Life Jackets

Due to the depth of the pool at Owen, we anticipate needing a larger volume of life jackets. If you can provide your child with a life jacket, or lend one to the school for the duration of the lessons, we certainly would appreciate it. Please clearly label them and send them in with your child or drop them into the office. Thank you in anticipation for the loan.

Governing Council AGM -

Tuesday 9th March

The Governing Council is an important part of the school decision making processes. Being part of the Governing Council provides you with a deeper understanding of what is happening within the school. If you are interested in joining the Governing Council or would like to know more, please contact myself, Diane, Kirstyn Rundle (Chair) or Lauren March (Secretary). We hope to see you at the AGM. You can find more information about the Governing Council and associated committees on page 6.



Governing Council

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. If your child is absent for three consecutive days for illness, you are required to provide a medical certificate. Please remember to keep your children home for a minimum of 24 hours (preferably 48 hours) after their last symptom to help halt the spread of illnesses throughout the school.



School entry reminder

Please be reminded that families and students are **NOT** to use the BHS Tech Lane to enter and exit BPS.

New Reception Students

Rm 7 & 8

Our new receptions received a book to welcome them to BPS



L-R: Boyd, Wyatt, Lexi, Pip, Sage, Prudence, Evie, Logan, Jack, Khaleesi, Olivia, Dominic and Leyton.

Rm 6



L-R Top to Bottom: Aria, Charlotte, Rose, Chloe, Georgia, Ryan, Zoe, Ashlyn, Johsua, Zara, Nellie, Emmie, Oscar, Bain and Nate.

Rm 8



In Rm 8 we have been working with different materials and practicing our gross motor skills through lots of hands on activities which include; play-dough, sand, water and puzzles. Fun-filled music, dance, drama and story time activities are big hits in our class. Check out Leyton's self portrait!

- Miss Hughes

Meet & Greet



Thank you to the 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 were unable to attend. 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. I would like to acknowledge the behind the scenes work that occurred to make the night successful. Thank you to the Governing Council members for cooking and serving food.

I would also like to thank the school staff who helped during the night. 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 staff 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 community 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 with any recommendations made by the committee, for the GC to vote on if necessary.

Please come along to the Governing Council AGM on Tuesday 9th March to hear more, ask questions or join any of these committees. A nomination form can be found in 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 Dianna, Diane, Kirstyn Rundle (Chair) or Lauren March (Secretary).

Sub committees include:

Fundraising:

Meets on a regular basis throughout the year to initiate, implement and support various fundraising activities throughout the year. These are usual day time meetings

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 2021.

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 often 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 5:15pm.

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.

PCC

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, Jenny Young (Chairperson), Melissa Smith (Secretary), Bridget Guthberg (Treasurer).

BPS SCHOOL GENERAL UNIFORM

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| <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,</u> | |
| <u>Headband:</u> | Maroon (optional) |
| <u>Spray Jacket :</u> | Black (optional) (waterproof with hood) |

PCC COMMUNICATION

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

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

-Thank you

SRC Members

Student Representative Council

Our SRC consists of 2 students from each class and they meet fortnightly to discuss school issues and plan student initiated events. Our Rec to year 4 students are part of the SRC for 1 term and then a new representative is elected. Our year 5 to 7 students stay on SRC for a semester and also form our Student Advisory Committee which meets fortnightly on the non SRC weeks.

We have had 2 meetings so far this year and we have discussed the qualities our students look for in our student leaders. These thoughts were then shared with all of the year six and seven students before they began writing their applications for School Leaders, House Captains and Music Captains.

Congratulations to all of the students who have been elected by their peers to be the SRC reps for the beginning of the year.



Rm 6

Declan and Jett



Rm 7

Jazzy and Jacob



Rm 8

Adam



BER 1

Indi and Jameson



BER 2

Lexie and Jacob



BER 3

Zac and Alfie

BER 4



Theryn and Caitlin

Rm 14A



Charlise and Brooke

Rm 14B



Willow and Ella

Rm 18



Connor and Nate

Rm 20



Ben and Harry

Rm 2



Hailey and Lynk

Drinking Fountains

Prior to students returning to school this year we had the bubblers on our water coolers replaced with goose neck fillers. This was to comply with the covid health regulations to minimise the risk of virus transfer.

The goose necks are designed for the filling of water bottles and not for at school sucking on. It is important that the children have water bottles and can use the cooled water fountains to top up their bottles.

Here is a picture of two children, Ava and Bryce from Room 14a using the water fountains to top up their water bottles.



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



Rm 2
Hugo and Ruby



Rm 6
Jett and Declan



Ber 1
Abel, Jameson
and Laura



Ber 2
Lochy and Alexa



Ber 3
Lilianna and Claire



Ber 4
Halle, Bodie
and Logan



Rm 14a
Penelope and
Anekah



Rm 14b
Charlotte, Audrey
and Zander



Rm 18
Gemma, Keaton
and Rex



Rm 20
Aden and Ashley

LEXILE AWARDS

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Blue: Jacob and Angus

The Arts



Come and Try second week

Over the last two sessions, students from 4-7 were challenged with a few interesting and fun rounds, and the beginnings of 'Don't Stop' by Fleetwood Mac and 'Rock Star' by A Great Big World. All classes with potential choir students were sent an announcement about upcoming opportunities and a link to the songs we will be learning this year.



Come and Try second week

Books have arrived and come with access to the Singing App. The App comes with choreography videos, assistance tracks, practice tracks, trivia and more! Please pay \$17.00 at the office and i will send you the access code over Seesaw (or text you if you do not have a smart-phone).



Students will receive an agreement form regarding behavior, commitment and engagement next choir session. Students who want to join choir will need to return this form signed by themselves and a parent/guardian

Meet and Greet

It was wonderful to see so many come by the music room at the meet and greet - and for so many who took on the challenge of naming the instruments. A reel of videos from 2019 -2020 ran in the room, many of which parents would have seen on Seesaw or the School's social media page.



As the school really sinks its teeth into Seesaw we are getting some really good insight into those who are seeing what we post and those who aren't. If you have forgotten your password, or aren't receiving notifications, I highly recommend that you chat with either your child's classroom teacher, myself or Mrs Jarman. I mentioned earlier that any work you see from Arts and Technology is there to generate discussion, however any direct messages that you receive from your classroom teacher are there to keep you informed, so please do come see one of us if the app isn't responding as you had hoped.

Vocal Ensemble

Vocal Ensemble lunch time has moved. Please look at the adjusted lunch time spots which can be found on the Music Room window.



Important Dates

| Date | Activity |
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| Week 3 | Music Captains Submissions Close |
| Week 4 | Festival Choir Decision Time |
| Week 11 | Festival Theatre Assessment Week |

TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BALAKLAVA HIGH SCHOOL



Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Michelle Pudney and I am the Middle School Assistant Principal at Balaklava High School. I am looking forward to meeting you and your family this year as your child completes their final year in primary school. At Balaklava High we have many transition events planned to help your child transition smoothly into high school with former students and myself visiting the primary school, as well as having your child attend lessons and events at Balaklava High School.

Last year Covid 19 interrupted some of our usual transition events, such as our Open Night turning into a virtual tour. This tour can be accessed on our website <http://www.balakhhs.sa.edu.au/> or found on our school Facebook page, to follow please visit <https://www.facebook.com/balaklavahighschool/>. We are hoping that Covid 19 does not interfere with any of our plans this year, but if it does we will keep families and Primary Schools updated with all changes to the transition program.

2022 will see Year 6s and Year 7s transition from primary to high school across South Australia. The Department for Education has provided a page on their website dedicated to provide information about Year 7s entering High School which includes;

- Year 7 is moving to high school
- Enrolment in high school for 2022
- How the move of year 7 to high school will work
- Benefits for your child
- Support for your child starting year 7 in high school
- Support for students with a disability
- Preparing our schools for year 7s
- School sport and competitions

Which can all be accessed from the link below:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/year-7-high-school/year-7-high-school-information-parents>

Student Tips: What to expect when starting high school

In high school, you will move around more for your classes. You'll get to learn in new facilities like fully equipped science labs and design and technology facilities. You'll most likely have different teachers for these different subjects and the school bells will ring between some lessons, not just at recess and lunch.

The workload is different and builds on the things you've already learnt in primary school. You might find the work more challenging. Remember that your teachers will be there to help you develop more advanced knowledge of subjects and give you the support you need to handle the workload.

Some of you will attend your new high school with your primary school friends. For others, there will be changes to your friendship groups. You'll make new friends and may even stay in touch with old primary school friends. It's okay if you are nervous at first. If things feel really tough, don't worry as there are lots of people available to help you adjust. This includes your home group teacher, Mrs Thiel our school wellbeing leader, Mr Parsons who is another counselor, your subject teachers, Ms Pringle our school Principal, our wellbeing dog called Eddy and myself.

A great resource you can look at with your family has been created by ReachOut is Australia's leading online mental health organisation. <https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/transition-to-high-school-for-teenagers>

TRANSITION CALENDAR

Here at Balaklava High School we have planned the following Transition program to help you start to make connections with the high school, students and staff members and help ease any worries about starting high school.

| Term 1 | |
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| March | Newsletter article sent out to all primary schools |
| Weeks 8-10 | Visits from Mrs Pudney to Primary Schools in Weeks 8-10 |
| Term 2 | |
| Week 4 | Open Night at Balaklava High School 4:30 – 6:30pm |
| Term 3 | |
| Week 4 | Transition Information Evening & Tours |
| Term 4 | |
| Week 2 | Year 6 and 7 students will be invited to watch our school musical |
| Week 3 | Ambassador visits to primary schools our Year 8s will discuss the highlights of their year with upper primary school students. |
| Weeks 6-8 | Transition Interviews to discuss your child's individual needs. |
| Week 8 Monday and Tuesday | Two-day transition program for Year 7s attending Balaklava High School in 2021. |
| Week 8 Thursday and Friday | Two-day transition program for Year 6s attending Balaklava High School in 2021. |

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Michelle Pudney at Balaklava High School on 8862 0600.

Checklists and a message for parents and caregivers

Checklist – Find out the following using our school website <http://www.balakhs.sa.edu.au/>

- Find out about school uniforms (including sports uniforms) – where and when to buy them.
- Note school start and finish times.
- Get details on programs the school offers.
- Learn how you can become involved in the school.
- Meet the Middle School Assistant Principal.
- Connect with other parents and carers on social media.
- Find out about our school laptop program.
- Read our policies on mobile phones, hats and student wellbeing and discuss it with your child.

At home

- Talk positively to your child about the move to high school. Ask them what's exciting about high school. Does anything worry them?
- Make sure your child has a quiet work area and extra stationery supplies.
- Organise personal hygiene items in school bags.
- Decide what your child will do before and after school, and what time they need to be home.
- Discuss emergency and safety issues with them. Remind them they can always speak to the counselling staff at their school.
- Discuss the dangers of being distracted when crossing the road or riding – including talking and texting on the phone and wearing headphones.
- Work out a backup plan in case their travel routes change or they miss their transport.

We understand that you may have questions about your child going to high school. Our students' wellbeing is our priority, and we want to work with parents, carers and families to support them during this transition. If you have a question or issue and want to talk to someone before your child starts high school, you can contact Michelle Pudney or Sonia Pringle at the school on 8862 0600.

Kind regards Michelle Pudney

COMMUNITY NEWS

BLYTH SNOWTOWN NETBALL CLUB
JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED

We would love for...

All Junior players turning 5-13 years
to join us for a

COME & TRY NIGHT
5pm - 6pm

Thursday 18th March Blyth Netball Courts
Thursday 25th March Snowtown Netball Courts
ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Please contact Bernie Altmann for more info 0438780206
blythsnowtownnetballclub@gmail.com

 Blyth Snowtown Netball Club Members  blyth_snowtown_net

FREE SCORER DOOPER & ICEBOWS
If transport is an issue please don't hesitate to contact us to see how we can help!



PRESEASON

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| Wednesday 10 February 2021 | 6.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 February 2021 | 6.30pm - 7.30pm |

TRIALS

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| Sunday 21 February 2021 | 2pm - 4pm |
| Wednesday 24 February 2021 | 6.30pm - 8pm |
| Wednesday 3 March 2021 | 6.30pm - 8pm |

All above sessions will be at Balaklava Netball Courts
Please bring a water bottle & towel.
Remember to social distance where applicable

REGISTRATIONS & UNIFORM

Reminder that all registrations are now open, including netsset go
Needing help with Registering or a new Uniform? Come see us at the
Balaklava Sports Club on: **Friday 19 February 2021 4pm-7pm**
Sunday 21 February 2021 10.30am-2pm

COACHES REQUIRED

Coaches for all grades are required. If you have any enquires please contact:
Cherie Willmer on 0438 621 214 OR email balaknetball.com.au

  

At BPS you can bring in the following items for recycling

- Breadtags
- Bottle Caps/Lids
- Nespresso Coffee Pods
- Toothpaste Containers
- Biro/Pens
- Pencils



HUMMOCKS NETBALL CLUB
SEASON 2021 SENIOR TRIAL

When: 14th February 2021
Where: Port Wakefield Courts
Time: 10am-12:30pm

Please register your interest to Ash Williams via the below.

SEASON 2021 JUNIOR BONDING SESSION

When: 14th February 2021
Where: Port Wakefield Courts
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm

If you're junior age and interested in playing for Hummocks in 2021, come and join us on the 14th of February for a fun interactive session with Thunderbirds training partner and U21 Australian squad member Tayla Williams. There will be an hour bonding session followed by registration and lunch.

Please contact Ash Williams for more information.

hncsecretary@hotmail.com or 0437 849 227
Registrations now open

Please note we will be participating in the Sports Vouchers program



BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL
2021 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I.....

full name of the person who is making the nomination of themselves or someone else

of.....(address)

Nominate (it is possible to self nominate)

full name of the person that is being nominated

I.....

of.....(address)

To be elected as a member of Balaklava Primary Governing Council.

I.....

full name of the person that is being nominated and agrees to be accept being nominated

of.....(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Balaklava Primary Governing Council will cease.

Signed.....Date.....

BALAKLAVA PRIMARY GOVERNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE
2021 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM

I.....(full name)

of.....(address)

Nominate to be elected as a member of BPS Governing Council committee

Parent Coordinating (PCC) Grounds & facilities

Finance Bus

Fundraising Canteen

Signed.....Date.....

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------|--|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 25/1 SFD | 26/1 Public Holiday | 27/1 First Day of Term 1 | 28/1 | 29/1 → |
| 2 | 1/2 | 2/2 Enrolment Survey | 3/2 PCC AGM 1:30pm | 4/2 | 5/2 |
| 3 | 8/2 | 9/2 Meet & Greet 5:30pm Governing Council Mtg | 10/2 | 11/2 | 12/2 |
| 4 | 15/2 Swimming Lessons YR 6/7 Camp to Victor Harbor | 16/2 | 17/2 | 18/2 | 19/2 |
| 5 | 22/2 Swimming Lessons | 23/2 Grounds Mtg 5:00pm | 24/2 Bus Mtg 3:30pm | 25/2 Hockey Clinic R - Yr 4-5 | 26/2 Swimming Carnival |
| 6 | 1/3 | 2/3 | 3/3 | 4/3 Gymnastics Yr 1/2 | 5/3 Clean up Australia Day |
| 7 | 8/3 Adelaide Cup | 9/3 Governing Council AGM | 10/3 PCC Mtg 1:30pm | 11/3 Gymnastics Yr 1/2 | 12/3 Ride to School Day |
| 8 | 15/3 | 16/3 | 17/3 | 18/3 Gymnastics Yr 1/2 | 19/3 |
| 9 | 22/3 | 23/3 | 24/3 | 25/3 Gymnastics Yr 1/2 | 26/3 |
| | 29/3 | 30/3 | 31/3 | 1/4 | 2/4 Good Friday Public Holiday |
| 11 | 5/4 Easter Monday Public Holiday | 6/4 | 7/4 | 8/4 | 9/4 END OF TERM 2:10 dismissal |

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| Meetings | SAPSASA | Student Free Days | Excursions |
| Fundraising | Incursions | Assemblies | |