



Term 1 Week 11 ~ 9th, April 2021

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Congratulations to Preston for coming in first place for Sports Day 2021!

Important Dates

APRIL
 9th - End of Term - 2:10pm Early Dismissal
 26th - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
 27th - 1st day of Term 2 - Road Crossing Training 9:30am
 28th - SAPSASA Winter Carnival Blyth
MAY
 5th-6th - Mothers Day Stall

5th - PCC Mtg 1:30pm
 10th-17th - NAPLAN
 11th - Gov Council Mtg
 19th - School Photos
JUNE
 4th - Orienteering Championships
 14th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
 15th - Gov Council Mtg

JULY
 2nd - End of Term 2 Early Dismissal
 19th - 1st day of Term 3
 30th-1st - Eisteddfod

Assembly for Term 2
Will be held at 2:15pm in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10





From the Principal



Thank you to the Sports Day Committee, staff, parents, BBQ Cooks, lunch makers, cupcake bakers, PCC, parent helpers, community members and everyone else who pitched in to help at Sports Day yesterday. We greatly appreciate your support and acknowledge that these events don't happen without the involvement of volunteers. We strongly encourage all families to put their hand up when asked to help as the more people who are willing to support the less time people need to spend volunteering. Unfortunately when we have few volunteers, shifts are longer and those people often miss out on seeing their own children participate. If you don't already, please consider putting your hand up to help out next time we call for volunteers. Every little bit helps and many hands make light work.



Thank you to the parents and supporters who came to cheer the students on. Having support always helps the students to try that little bit harder and often results in a personal best. Most importantly well done to the students for your sportsmanship, encouragement and participation even though it was extremely warm. You should all be very proud of your efforts.

We will have a full list of acknowledgements and the official photographs in the Week 1 newsletter next term.

Farewell

We say a sad farewell to Rosie Van-Herde who will have her last day today in Rm 14B. Rosie joined us this term as a contract teacher as Vivienne continued on leave. We have appreciated Rosie's contributions to BPS and acknowledge what a dedicated, committed and hard working teacher she is. The students and staff certainly will miss working with, and alongside Rosie. We wish Rosie all the best for her travel plans and look forward to seeing her back at BPS as a relief teacher. We also look forward to welcoming back Ms Churchett who will teach Monday - Thursday in Rm 14B. The teacher for Friday will be announce as soon as it has been confirmed. Vivienne has been to visit the class several times over the last couple of weeks and is particularly looking forward to working with the class to get the recycling program up and running.



Term 1 has been an extremely busy term, and although the Easter break has helped get us through this week, we have some extremely tired students (and staff). We hope that each of you have the opportunity to spend some valuable time as a family this school holidays but equally as important also have plenty of down time to unwind and relax before we begin Term 2. Due to the Anzac Day Public Holiday, Term 2 will begin on Tuesday 27th April.



Payment Reminder

Don't forget to maintain your instalment payments. Statements will be emailed out soon for you to check your outstanding balances.

2021 SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken in Term 2, Wk4
Wednesday May 19th.



Envelopes will be sent home Wk1

HAPPY EASTER!



Last Thursday afternoon, Easter Bunny called by to wish the students a very happy Easter.



SPORTS DAY 2021



1st **Preston**
729

2nd **Dalkey**
592

3rd **Brightwood**
573

4th **Cameron**
529



SPORTS DAY RECORDS

800M 8 YR GIRLS

Willow Friedrichs - 4:15:71 minutes

Previous record: 2020, Lily Hamp - 4:21:00 minutes

HIGHJUMP 9 YR BOYS

Elliot Smith - 1.17 metres

Previous record: 2000, Shaun Henderson - 1.16 metres

DISCUS 8 YR GIRLS

Jasmine Oliver - 8.55 metres

Previous record: 2020, Ilka Gangel - 6.72 metres



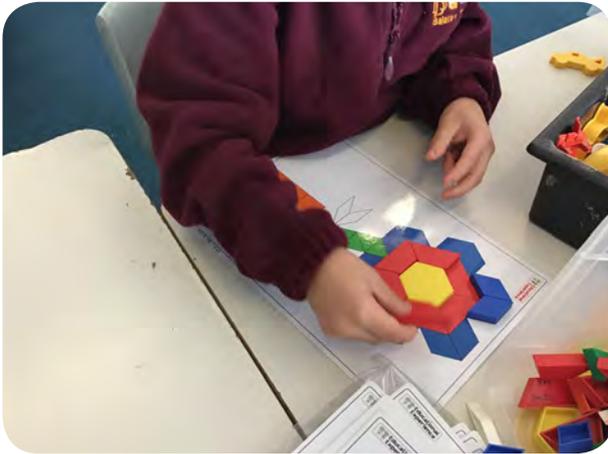
BER 1 HAND WRITING

The students in Ber 1 have been practicing their hand writing skills. Below you can see them all concentrating on this task!



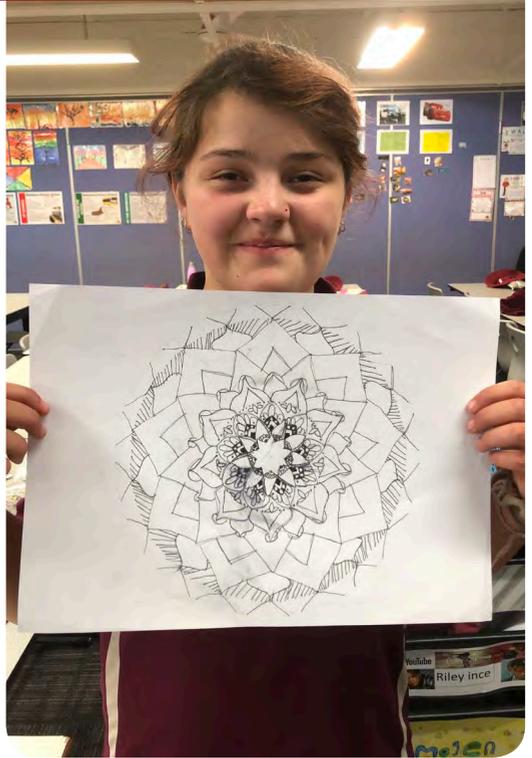
ACTIVITIES IN RM 8

In room 8 have been working on our fine motor skills. We dyed eggs with food colouring and decorated them for Easter. In numeracy we have been learning the names of colours and shapes



Rm 18/20 MANDALA WORKSHOP

Last week, Rm 18 and 20 participated in in a mindful Mandala workshop. They produced some amazing art!

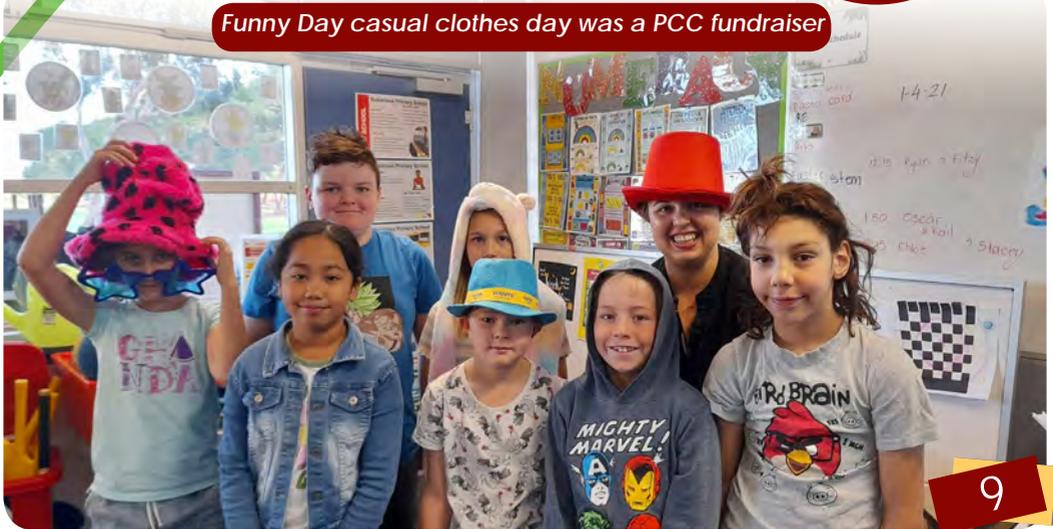


"FUNNY DAY" CASUAL CLOTHES DAY





Funny Day casual clothes day was a PCC fundraiser







NANCY'S NEWS



Hi Everyone!

I hope that you all had a great Easter break! It was such beautiful weather to be out and about somewhere in our amazing state. Oh, how I love Autumn!



For me, as a Christian, Easter is such a special time. A time of remembrance and reflection. I think about how grateful I am and appreciate being reminded of the blessings in my life.

My time this term at school has been busy – visits to classrooms, group work with students, and many conversations with both students and staff. The support I offer might look like playing games or cooking with a small group of students who have stayed on task in class, being present

in the classroom during lesson time, helping a student settle back into their class after an upset, or even playing with dolls with our Reception students! All of it, both big and small, is important and meaningful. Such a privilege!



In the weeks leading up to Easter, running craft in the library with cotton wool, googley eyes and easter eggs made for a busy but fun time.



So, after such a lot of activity, I am looking forward to the holiday break. I hope you can get some rest and relaxation, too. Stay safe and we will see you in Term 2. - MRS G

The Arts

Finishing Work

As the term comes to a close, I will be looking at all the work your children have done in the Arts and Technology lessons and use that to determine the planning for Term 2. You will receive a notification if your child hasn't finished any work for the term - of which it can be finished at the start of Term 2, but we will likely have begun a different task.



Any anxious students who would like to get it done ASAP so as to enjoy their holidays, parents will need to message me on Seesaw and I can send through a code, or instructions that kids can then replicate on paper, to bring in when Term 2 starts.

Choir Assessment

Well done to all choir students this week who were present for the choir's assessment! Students worked really hard on their performing skills, knowledge of the songs and working as a team. Cathy was super impressed by how many students we had this year.



We were graded on our presentation, accuracy, memorisation, part work (splitting into two groups), our tone, our volume in the music and facial expressions, how we responded to our guest and our behaviour. This year we were given a B+!



Guitar Teacher

Parents who had already shown interest in Guitar lessons have been contacted over Seesaw regarding a time in which to meet/speak with Patrick Maher. If you have been meaning to join your child up for guitar lessons, please contact Patrick on 0439 298 294 so that he can organise a time to meet/speak with you.



Solos!

Keen students - please remember that solo auditions will start early Term 2 - so practice the solos that you want to audition for! Some new ones have opened up now that we're at the Entertainment Centre again, so please check <https://festivalofmusic.org.au/auditions/soloist> to see the list of solos

Seesaw Ambassador

After months of development sessions, hours of learning and a three hour course over Easter I have earned the title 'Seesaw Ambassador'. I was always passionate about Seesaw, but now I am fully qualified to assist. If you are having any troubles with Seesaw, please don't hesitate to organise a time with me and if I don't know the answer, I have a range of resources available to find the answer to your question!

~ Mrs Monck



TECHNOLOGY



Worms!

Just before the Easter bunny left last weekend, it came by BPS and dug a huge hole! Good thing I had something to fill it with! Room 6 and 7 now have a mini worm farm outside of their eating area. It's filled with roughly 500 baby worms that will snack on all the awesome leftovers Room 6 and 7 have.

This is an experiment to see how the worms handle being in a raised flowerbed and whether they can make some amazing compost for the flowers growing in it.

Just remember - worms CANNOT eat citrus, onions and definitely NO PINEAPPLE! Pineapple is so acidic that it melts the poor worms and there will be none left to eat the food scraps!

With so many little people eating healthy things, there might end up being too much, so please remember to eat as much of your fruit and vegetables as you can, otherwise the worms will get too full and stop eating! That'll make one smelly worm farm!



Year 6/7 3D Printing

A reminder to Year 6/7 students that the printer is unlikely to be at BPS next term. If you finish your 3D design on the free Makers Empire app over the holidays, I will be able to print it before it goes. All designs must be finished by week 2 Term 2.

Parents, please message me with any questions or login details should your children not have taken their Seesaw and Makers Empire login codes home this week.

- Sincerely
Mrs Monck

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NINJA COURSE FINISHED

Ninja course in action

On Friday the 26th of March a team of volunteers drilled, placed and secured the sleeper border around our Ninja course and shifted and spread around 60 cubic metres of soft fall to allow the course to be used.

On the Monday of the following week it was tested out by several groups of students and has been in hot demand since, especially the challenge wall that requires quite a run up to scale.

Thanks to BJ Dall and helpers, Marine, Jolivet and Adrien for getting our Ninja course up and running.



Sand and Sea the key to wins in Adelaide Softball!

Last week the Mid-North District Softball team headed to Adelaide for the SAPSASA State Softball Carnival and found success later in the carnival after a session at the beach, though it was less running up the sand hills and more swimming and seaweed throwing. The team won two, drew two and lost four games in a very tight competition.

On Monday the girls played Murray Mallee and drew 14 all, in a close game that saw Kiara take a great catch at 3rd base and Ella had a safe hit to shortstop. Ashia and Scarlett teamed up really well and gradually developed an effective rhythm of pitching & catching combination. In the second game, the strong Mid South-East team defeated Mid-North 14 to 4, with Scarlett consistently batting well and having some strong hits.

Tuesday morning saw Mid-North in a really tight game with Riverland and again Ashia pitched fluently keeping the opposition on their toes and Scarlett hitting around the diamond. With 3 minutes to go, at the bottom of the second innings, the team had to stay in, to enable the score to revert back to a Mid-North win. Unfortunately some crisp Riverland fielding saw Mid-North get out in the last minute and lost 12 runs to 10. Next the team played Port and Evie pitched well to add to our pitching line-up and again Scarlett hit safely but Port were too strong and won 14 to 9. The last game of the day was played against Kangaroo Island and Mid-North batted really confidently with safe hits to Macy and Evie, who hit a two bag hit while Brooke ran the bases well to get home twice but the end result was again a 14 all draw. After a long day in the sun playing softball the team decided that a trip to the beach for some body surfing and team-bonding was the ideal way to cool down!

The final day and the team were looking for their first win for the Carnival. The first game against Central Eyre Peninsula was one of our best hitting games as the girls were more confident facing the pitcher. Ashia had a huge outfield hit taking her to second base, Ella had a good hit to third and Kiara hit strongly to shortstop, while later taking a turn at pitching. Dakota also hit strongly and stole bases to get home safely but the opposition was too strong winning 14 runs to 8. The team bounced back confidently against Hills with Mid-North batting first scoring the maximum 7 runs through hits from Polly and Mali. Ashia then went on; pitching quickly and accurately to Scarlett's catching, forcing Hills to only a 2 run innings. Mid-North responded with another 7 runs with more hits from Ashia and Mali, sealing the team's first win 14 runs to 9. In the final game, Ashia then Evie pitched well to keep Adelaide North Eastern to 3 runs each innings. Mid-North responded with top hits from Tatum and Scarlett while Dakota really ran around the bases well to force a mistake and gain the run home, resulting in 4 and 7 runs to win the game 11 runs to 6.

A huge thank you to Nathan and Jackie Scott who coached on first base and helped out with team warmups and drills before each game and assisted in team management of scoresheets and playing gear. The girls had a great carnival, learning lots of new skills and team tactics and were great ambassadors for their respective schools.

**- Marty Brice
Team Manager/Coach**



L to R - Back: Marty Brice (Manager/Coach) Scarlett, Brooke, Ashia and Evie
Front: Mali, Polly, Ella, Kiara, Macy, Tatum and Dakota

2021 SAPSASA BALAKLAVA HUB

FOOTBALL & NETBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected in the SAPSASA Balaklava Hub Football & Netball teams for 2021. Extra thanks to Gavin Branson who is helping with Football. They will play at Blyth on Wednesday 28th April against the Clare and Burra Hubs in the SAPSASA Winter Carnival.

Football	Netball
William	Matilda
Connor	Scarlett
Tyler	Macy
Angus	Mia
Kobe	Gemma
Angus	Natalie
Tyler	Emily
Finley	Rose
Roy	Rhylee
Aden	Payton
	Shayla
	Reserves:
	Alexa
	Amelia



The \$5 SAPSASA Levy can be paid at the office

- Ashleigh Leonello – Netball Coach / Manager
- Jo Michalanney – Football Coach / Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS

FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED



The Northern Plains Female Football Competition is starting in Early May.

If you were born between 2004 & 2009 & would like to play football, please contact one of the following club contacts for more information;

Balaklava	Belinda	0427 866 802
Mallala	Ruth	0409 671 633
Two Wells	Martyn	0487 701 559
Blyth/Snowtown	Ian	0428 820 139
Min Man	Brett	0456 778 451
North Clare	Ian	0477 300 094

