



Term 2 Week 5 ~ 27th May 2021

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Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



The students celebrated 'Walk to School Day' last Friday.

Important Dates

JUNE
 3rd - Yr4-7 Touch Footy
 4th - Orienteering Championships
 9th - Ber 1 Centenary Hall Excursion
 10th - Yr4-7 Touch Footy
 14th - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
 15th - Finance Mtg
 - Gov Council Mtg

17th - Yr4-7 Touch Footy
 18th - RE
 23rd - JP 'Olden Days' school dress up
 24th - Yr4-7 Touch Footy
 29th - SRC Disco
JULY
 2nd - End of Term 2
 2:10pm Dismissal
 19th - 1st day of Term 3

Assemblies for Term 2
 Will be held at 2:15pm in weeks 6 and 8. Week 10 will be held at 1:30pm

Assembly Timetable

Wk	Hosting Class	Presenting Classes
6	Rm 20	Rm 7 and Ber 4
8	Ber 4	Rm 6, Ber 2 and Rm 20
10	School Leaders	Ber 3 and Rm 14b





From the Principal

I am extremely pleased to be able to announce that I have secured the position of BPS Principal for an additional 5 years. I am very grateful for the opportunity to continue leading, working alongside and learning with the staff, students and school community and am excited to see what we can achieve as we continue working together.



PCC School Photo Helpers

A huge thank you to the parents that volunteered to help out with School Photos last week.

- Jess Holzberger
- Nikki McCracken
- Gaynor Tink
- Tess Would
- Heidi Zerk
- Sarah Witt
- Jenny Young
- Melissa Smith

We really appreciate your support. Photo Day wouldn't run smoothly without it. Thank you.



The Parent Coordinating Committee keep a range of second hand uniforms for purchase from the Front Office. If you have any pre-loved school uniforms that you would like to donate to the school, we would be extremely grateful.

Literacy

In last fortnight's newsletter, we ran a spotlight on phonics with a promise of further information about levelled texts and the use of decodables for intervention in Year 3-7. Unfortunately this hasn't made the newsletter this week but will in the very near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions about phonics, decodable or levelled texts, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.



It is exciting to finally be able to share that our electronic access system for Rm 8 and the Adventure play area is now complete. This means that we have another safe, secure outdoor learning environment for our students to enjoy.

We are aware that now the Adventure Playground gates are secure, parents are unable to walk through this space to access Rm 6 and 7. Within the next couple of weeks the path from Gwy Tce will be extended to join the paving near the Rm 8 outdoor space / bike shed. Although tempting, please do not access BPS via the BHS Tech lane as this is not a safe entry and exit point.



SRC DISCO

Disco Day is
Tuesday 29th of June, Week 10

Times:

- R – Yr 2 - Lesson 4
- Yr 3 – 5 - Lesson 5 and 6
- Yr 6 & 7 - 6pm – 7:30pm

Entry – \$4.00

Food (chips and lollies) and drinks (Fruit boxes for the day disco, and cans available for the evening disco) will be on sale.

Students will be able to wear casual clothes to school on this day as this will save them changing for the disco. There will be no additional charge for casual clothes.



Students are enjoying playing with the Autumn leaves.



NANCY'S NEWS

Hello Everyone!

"Our words can provide a hug just as much as our arms can."

- Michelle Mitchell -
Educator, Author, Speaker.

I love the image that these words create in my mind.

Author Gary Chapman shares in his book "The 5 Love Languages of Children" that "every child has a primary love language, a way in which he or she understands a parent's love best."

One of those love languages is introduced as Words of Affirmation. Gary says,



"Words of affection and endearment, words of praise and encouragement, words that give positive guidance

all say, "I care about you."

These affirming words nurture our child's sense of worth and security, all helping to build our child's resilience.

I am amazed when I observe the impact that this can have on a child in the classroom or school yard. A kind and gentle word really does carry weight.

raisingchildren.net.au offer some great tips for encouraging our kids:

- See whether you can give your child some words of encouragement every day. The small things you say can build up over time to have a big effect on your child.
- Look for nonverbal ways to praise or encourage your child. A thumbs up, smile or high five can be powerful ways to show your child you're impressed by their behaviour or efforts.

Have a great week!

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



On Friday of last week, in perfect weather, the school participated in the National Walk2 School Day as part of our Active Travel Plan. Parents and students met staff at designated places around town. Once the groups were ready at these assembly points, all headed for school following safe walking routes.





Ms Leonello's group walked via the Balaklava Children's Centre to pick up our OSHC children. Mrs Cleary, Mrs Rowland, Mr Wilson and Mr Palka all collected walkers and once at school, all were met by the day's Road Crossing monitors Mrs Jarman and Mrs Gregor who had happy greetings for all. Once inside the grounds, fruit boxes were handed out by Ms Durkay, Ms Behn and Marlene to all the students, walkers and bus travellers alike. The children were all keen to receive transfer tattoos to acknowledge the day keeping Ms Hoepner and Mr Palka busy. Mention was also made at our Assembly thanking all those who took part and noting our bus children, many of whom walk or ride to their bus stop.



Our Active Travel plan was developed as part of our commitment to be a Way2Go School. Our aim is to promote walking or riding to and from school rather than being driven in a car.



COMMUNITY GARDEN



I planted beans and carrots with Lexie. We got to water the plants and we got to make some compost as well.

- Isabelle



I planted peas and carrots and then I did the compost with Isabelle. We got to try a type of spinach from the garden beds. I thought it tasted nice.

- Lexie

We shovelled and watered the compost. It took a lot of work and it was heavy. I picked some plants. I did not like the spinach.

- Henry

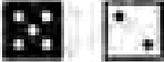
NUMERACY FOCUS

Remember math games are on our website. Here is an of example. You can download games yourself of if you need help please contact Mrs M and she will be happy to help you create them for home. Jo.michalanney323@schools.sa.edu.au

Place Value Game

Roll a dice and create single, double or larger digit numbers. Then you can insert the correct symbols to show if the first number is greater than, less than or equal to the second number. Eg. $2 = 2$, $35 < 84$, $345 > 321$.

Player 1



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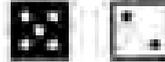
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Greater than - $>$
Less than - $<$
Equal to - $=$

Player 2



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Rm 20 BADMINTON AT HIGH SCHOOL



Over the next few weeks students from Room 20 will be heading over to the High School Gym to learn how to play Badminton. This week was our first lesson, and the students were fantastic and had lots of fun. They are all looking forward to heading over again next week.



The Arts

School Solos

Best wishes to Sophia, Maiya and Elissa who will go to Klemzig next week and audition for soloist spots for the Festival of Music.



Brass, Woodwind, Piano, and Guitar - oh my!

With our new guitar tutor at BPS, I just wanted to clarify the difference between what the school offers in the way of music tuition.



Year 4-7

The Instrumental Music Service is run by Jacob Staehr who teaches woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone etc) and brass (trumpet) for free in small groups. Parents can either hire trumpets, clarinets and flutes from BPS or we can organise in larger instruments which can then be hired through us.

Any Years

In addition to the program above, we have three music tutors who teach guitar, bass, piano, drums, ukulele and voice. These are private tutors that tutor individually during school and after school hours with a range of options. Both the lesson and the potential hire of the instrument are at a cost to families.

Each needs to be approached separately about their fee and availability.

- Guitar and bass - Patrick Maher (0439 298 294). He currently has available time slots but school times are filling up quickly.
- Piano - Meriel Lane (0428 499 856). She has only a few time slots available and a waiting list option
- Piano, Drums, ukulele and voice - Jessica Bushnell (come see me at the school during pick-up or drop-off or contact me via SeeSaw) - has no current available time slots and a waiting list option.

CHOIR WEDNESDAYS

Remember to bring your choir books, bags, water bottle and stationery in Lesson 6



ENSEMBLE WEDNESDAYS

Remember to bring your music and instruments



ROCK BAND THURSDAYS



Remember to bring your music and instruments

DANCE FRIDAYS

Remember to bring your water bottles and hats



Important Dates

Date	Activity
Fri 30th Jul Week 2	Balaklava Eisteddfod Ensembles and Bands

TECHNOLOGY

Binary

Year 3/4-5 students have been learning about codes, languages within codes and ways to communicate. They have learned how to send messages in pigpen cipher, sign language and just recently - binary.

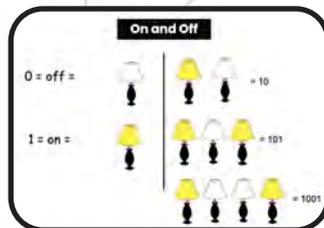
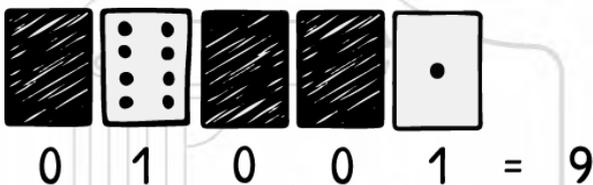
Binary has a simple translation - one, or the other; on or off or in this case 1 and 0.



Students have learned how our usual numbers work in base 10 (1, 10, 100, 1000 etc) and how binary works in base 2 (16, 8, 4, 2, 1 etc). Here are some of the students breaking down binary to turn it into a decimal number.

Students learned about this by pretending to be bits (binary digits)

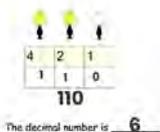
By switching the cards to on or off (like lights), students activated the numbers needed to make the decimal number. For example, by switching off the 16 card, leaving on the 8 card, switching off 4 and 2 and leaving 1 on, they can make 9. Therefore 01001 is the binary number for 9



Student Work

Here are some examples of student's decoding binary numbers to make decimal numbers, and turning the decimal number into a binary number.

Challenge 2



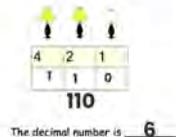
- Amillah

Challenge 7



- Amber

Challenge 2



- Amber

Students are now beginning to use these codes to make letters through American standard code for information interchange (ASCII) which is a 7-bit character set containing 128 characters.

The upper and lower case English letters from A to Z are represented by binary numbers (e.g. 01100001 is A and 0100001 is Z)

Students are going to need to convert all their letters to a specific number first and then turn those numbers into binary!

YR 5-7 CYBER SAFETY SESSION



On Monday, Police Officer Ashlee from Port Pirie came and talked to us about safety on the internet. We learnt that we shouldn't talk or trust people that we don't know and how to be careful on the internet. We learnt that you don't use a simple password like your name and a couple of numbers, you need to make it a strong password. We also learnt that when you get sprayed by pepper spray, it doesn't just affect your eyes it also affects your body. We would like to thank Ashlee the Police Officer for coming and talking to us about Cyber Safety. It was great and we learnt lots.

- By Brianna and Ruby (Room 2)





On Monday week 5, a police officer called Ashlee came in to talk to us about cyber safety. She told us we need a strong password/phrase so hackers could not easily guess it for example, BlueAppleHorseCloud, (Favourite colour, fruit, animal, nature). She then talked about how bullying at school could affect your social life. You shouldn't trust people online and if they made you feel uncomfortable you should tell a trusted adult and report it. She mentioned Dolly's Dream and Carly Ryan. If you look them up they have some cyber safety lessons for students.

- Emily and Natalie



On Monday the Year 5-7 students met a police officer named Ashlee Bowman and she talked to us about cyberbullying and how to be safe online. She also talked about how you should read the terms and conditions when you sign up for something because it has a lot of important information in it. She also showed us videos of some case studies and asked us questions on how we would solve the problem if someone sent us inappropriate pictures or content. At the end she showed us all her gear and explained it to us so we understood. She told us that her favorite thing about being a police officer was driving a police car.

- Oliver

YEAR 4/5 CLASS COOKING



Our class has been taking turns cooking with parent volunteers. Recently Alexa and Jayden cooked chocolate chip cookies with Nancy. Matthew, Riley and Imogen cooked Silverbeet and Haloumi fritters with Kirsty Ingram. Tahlia, Alyse and Curtis cooked blueberry muffins with Lee-Anne McCracken. Last week Irene Toholke cooked a vegie slice with Brock, Lexie and Caitlyn. We all sampled this delicious food. Thanks to our volunteers for helping us.



RM 14A PAINTINGS

In 14a we have been exploring the use of different painting materials. To create these tree paintings we use sticks and our fingers. We made the most of the leaves on the ground by sticking them on to create a natural affect. This completed our artwork.



BER 3 PERFORMANCE



BER 1 practicing for Assembly last week.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



Rm 2
Dominic and Kourtney



Rm 6
Emmie, Tilly, Georgia
and Zoe



Rm 7
Sage and Pip



Ber 1
Ella, Jakob and Michelle



Ber 2
Isabelle, Alexa and Riley



Ber 3
Layla and Anthony



Ber 4
Logan and Kaitlin



Rm 14a
Madi, Penelope and Joe



Rm 14b
Morgan, Kayden and
Ella



Rm 18
Emily and Rex



Rm 20
Abby and Oliver

LXILE AWARDS



Blue: Front: Angus, Jameson, Linkin and Taila
Back: Amber, Aaliyah, Caitlin, Alexa, Riley, Maiya and Tori



Red: Front: Jazleen, Morgan and Ava
Middle: Amber, Matilda and Ella
Back: Steele, Amelia, Ben, Rose and Brianna



Silver: Logan



Bronze: Tyler, Roy and Aiden

BER 2 & RM 6 MATH GAMES



Ber 2 and Rm 6 have a strong buddy class connection. Last week the focus was on math games.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



Front: Lucas, Zakkary, Elliot, Georgia, Ava, Eadie, Bradley, Lincoln and Zac

2nd row: Tamika, Anthony, Amber, Charli and Sarah

3rd row: Ashleigh, Ella, Lachy, Cailtn, Matilda, Kayden, Amber and Jessie

4th row: Maya, Payton, Katelin, Macy, Katie, Bella, Rose and Maiya

Back: Annabella and Charli



BPS RECYCLING FOCUS



We currently recycle a wide variety of plastics and other items at the school. If you have any around the house please bring them in to the front office during office hours.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please save your bread tags - they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.

Get your family and friends on board, start collecting bread tags and we will see if we can make a difference.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs has been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in Australia too!

What can I do?

It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Contact us for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

Help Wonder turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

It's simple...

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags and tags
- 2 Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin (There is a separate box for bread tags)
- 3 We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!

Our school is in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

All bread bags and wrap packs can be recycled here. For every 5kg bin filled we earn reward points to go towards new sports equipment.

NESPRESSO CAPSULES

We are recycling aluminium Nespresso capsules at the school. Please feel free to drop your used pods in to the school.



LIDS4KIDS

We are a collection point for plastic bottle lids. We will be donating them to Lids4Kids, who take bottle caps and make products for children. Please bring your plastic drink caps to our front office for collection.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AGM
28th June 2021 7pm
Balaklava Sports Club

Enquiries to apbasec@hotmail.com Or Phone Cathy 0417 802 914

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26/4 Public Holiday	27/4 Road Crossing Training 9:30am	28/4 Teddy Bear Hospital SAPSASA Winter Carnival - Blyth	29/4	30/4
2	3/5 3:30pm Orienteering - Cluster	4/5	5/5 Mothers Day Stall PCC 1:30pm	6/5	7/5
3	10/5	11/5 Governing Council Finance NAPLAN	12/5	13/5	14/5
4	17/5 NAPLAN catch-up	18/5	19/5 School Photos  Grnds Mtg 5:30pm	20/5	21/5
5	24/5 SAPOL Cyber Safety Yr 5-7	25/5	26/5	27/5	28/5
6	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6 Yr 4-7 Touch Footy	4/6 Orienteering Championships BSP
7	7/6	8/6	9/6 Ber 1 Centenary Hall Excersion	10/6 Yr 4-7 Touch Footy	11/6
8	14/6 Public Holiday	15/6 Governing Council Finance	16/6	17/6 Yr 4-7 Touch Footy	18/6 RE
9	21/6	22/6	23/6 JP 'Olden Days' school dress up	24/6 Yr 4-7 Touch Footy	25/6
10	28/6	29/6 SRC Disco	30/6	1/7	2/7 End of Term 2 2:10 dismissal

Meetings		SAPSASA		Student Free Days		Excursions	
Fundraising		Incursions		Assemblies			