

## Balaklava Primary School *newsletter*



Students and staff enjoyed the JAM Band performance last Friday.

## Important Dates

### NOVEMBER

- 2nd - Soccer: Ber 1, Ber 3, 14A, 14B  
- Children's University Graduation  
5th - Colour Run  
9th - Book Week Performance  
- 2022 Receptions until 12pm  
11th - 2022 Receptions until 1:30pm

### NOVEMBER

- 12th - Year 3 Sleep Over  
16th - Soccer: Ber 1, Ber 3, 14A, 14B  
18th - 2022 Receptions all day  
19th - STUDENT FREE DAY  
23rd - Finance Meeting  
- Governing Council Mtg  
26th - Religious Education  
29th - Year 7 Transition - BHS  
30th - Year 7 Transition - BHS

### NOVEMBER

- 30th - Rm 6 & 7 Excursion

### DECEMBER

- 1st - Excursion: BER 1, 3 & Year 2's from 14A  
- Room 20 Excursion  
2nd - Year 6 Transition - BHS  
3rd - Year 6 Transition - BHS  
6th - EOY Celebration  
7th - Ber 2 Wallaroo  
- Ber 4 Blyth



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## From the Principal

### World Teachers Day

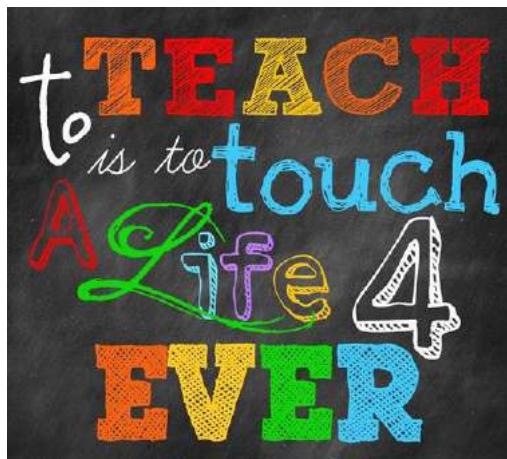
Last Friday was World Teachers day. We recognised the contributions that our wonderful teachers make in the lives of our young people.



As a staff, we acknowledge our dedicated and passionate teachers who work hard day in and day out to make a difference. I think you will join me in sending an extra special thank you for the way that our teachers have supported students and families with care in what continues to be very uncertain times.

To our amazing Educators: thank you for inspiring and educating our children throughout their learning journey. We are very fortunate to have you at Balaklava Primary School.

The SSO staff provided a wonderful morning tea last Wednesday and the students (through SRC) organised a lovely power point presentation to help explain to our teachers what they are thankful for. Finally the SRC reps gave the teachers a Flake and Boost Chocolate bar. They wanted to ensure they gave the teachers a Boost before they Flake it at the end of the term. Both gestures have certainly been appreciated.



Student Free Day  
Friday 19th November  
No School Buses running

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# 2022

### Classes:

It is that time of the school year that staff are thinking forward to 2022. It is extremely important that we know your intentions for 2022 in order to have class numbers as accurate as possible. If you know of anyone moving into the area, please encourage them to book a time to meet with me. Please send me an email, text or give me a ring if your children will not be attending Balaklava Primary next year. We appreciate your support in helping to make this process as streamlined as possible.

### Placements:

The class placement process will begin as soon as we have the structures in place. This process is completed over a number of weeks and staff work hard to ensure we place students carefully in regards to class size and structure. We also try to ensure we put together groups of students who will work and learn well together.

To do this we consider:

- The learning needs of each child
- A good balance of boys and girls
- Learning abilities
- Each child's friendship needs

Teachers will give strong consideration to each child's friendship needs. If friends do not work well together, teachers may decide not to put them into the same class. School is a time to learn to develop new friendships. A new class and a new school year is an ideal time to make new friends. A few children have very special learning or health needs. If you believe that your child has such needs, we will strive to do our very best to take this into consideration when we finalise classes, but due to a range of complexities, this may not always be possible.

While we welcome letters regarding other parental considerations, we must stress that requests will be considered but are not always possible. We do ask that you do not request specific teachers as staffing for 2022 has not been confirmed.

Please ensure all requests are forwarded in writing via a letter addressed to me or emailed to [dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0477.info@schools.sa.edu.au). Letters of request need to be sent through by no later than Friday November 5th.

## 2022 MATERIALS & SERVICE

At last weeks Governing Council meeting, 26/10/21, the 2022 M&S charge was approved as \$275.00 per student.

NB: 2021 School Card applications close mid November. Outstanding fees may be debt collected if they remain unpaid by mid November.



### TERM 4 PERFORMANCE

9th November - Book Week Performance

Messages will be sent home prior to the performance for unpaid students. The performance fee must be paid prior to students attending.

### WELCOME MRS FIEGERT

Ms Vivienne Churhett has taken leave for Term 4. We warmly welcome Jess Fiegert who is teaching in Room 14B on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Julie continues to teach in Rm 14B on Thursday and Friday.



Many of you will recognise Jess (nee Hoepner) as she has worked with the students a number of times previously, both in short contract positions and as a TRT.



**Friday Week 6  
19th November**

No School Buses will be running.



## **COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN**

Balaklava Primary School

Please Note  
If you enter the school grounds you MUST check in via the BPS QR code.  
QR Codes are located at each entrance.



## MATHS FOCUS

Work it out...  
The answer is 65.  
What is the question?  
Or  
I am a number  
I am 3 digits long  
I am odd

What number might I be?  
(Could be multiple answers)

~ Jo Michalanney

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY



Our Graduation Night is scheduled for 6pm Tuesday 2nd November, Bonython Hall, Adelaide University.

We congratulate our 2021 graduating Children's University students. Photos will be included in the next newsletter.

- Mrs Cleary



# COVID-19 UPDATE

Great news.... parents, volunteers and visitors are welcome to come onto the BPS grounds providing COVID safe measures are in place and followed.

## Covid Safe Measures:

- Parents are not to enter classroom buildings unless previously arranged with the classroom teacher or upon invitation.
- Parents are not to enter the fenced area of Rm 6, 7 and 8.
- If entering the school grounds, ALL parents and visitors are required to COVID-Safe Check in.
- Masks are not required outdoors IF adults can physically distance.
- Masks are recommended for parents and adult visitors when indoors.
- Masks are recommended indoors for staff or contractors who work across multiple sites.
- Masks are recommended for staff for use in circumstances where they can't physically distance.
- Masks are optional for bus drivers.
- Please continue to phone the Front Office prior to entering the Admin building.
- Please ensure you follow appropriate hygiene provisions and DO NOT enter the school grounds if you are unwell (even mildly).

## Community Assembly:

We will return to face to face Community Assemblies. Due to the Colour Run and Student Free Day there will be no Community Assembly in Week 4 or Week 6. We will have a jam packed Assembly in Week 8 which will likely be a ticketed event. We will communicate with you prior to the Assembly.

## Events:

Further information will be provided to families just prior to events (eg Graduations, End of Year Celebration etc as these events will have individual requirements that need to be considered and communicated.

# TRANSITION

## Year 6 & 7

This term is an especially exciting one for the Year 6 and 7 students. As they look back on their time in Primary School, prepare for graduation and possible changes ahead in friendships and routines, they will need our support and understanding.

We are looking for their best effort and a memorable last term with us.

Ashleigh and Jo will continue to communicate with Year 6 and 7 families about the transition program for the term.

## Significant Dates

### Year 7 Transition Days at BHS

- November 29th (All day)
- November 30th (All day)

### Year 6 Transition Days at BHS

- December 2nd (All day)
- December 3rd (All day)

Did you know that Balaklava High School have a Facebook page. Like the page to stay up to date with things happening at the High School.

## Kindy

The classroom visits from Kindy children who will be starting at BPS in 2022 will increase this term. This is an opportunity for the children and their families to build confidence about their approaching time at BPS and for us all to get to know the students a little better.

## Kindy Transition Days:

- November 9th (until 12pm)
- November 11th (until 1:30pm)
- November 18th (All day)

Kindy parents received a note with further information about these visits.

We ask that all kindy children have their enrolment paperwork returned prior to their first visit.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

Since our Parent meetings, the COVID restrictions have changed. Parents are now allowed to enter the site providing they QR Check in. Parents are not allowed to enter buildings. There will be staff at the fenced area of Rm 6 and 7 waiting to greet children. There will also be staff waiting for children to alight the bus. Thank you for your understanding.



**Friday 5th November  
1:10pm - 2:40pm**

Students come to school in their normal school uniform. They will then be given the opportunity to change into their colour run clothing prior to lunch time. Please ensure the clothes that students are changing into are sunsmart. White T-shirts help the colour to stand out, but they are not compulsory. We are unsure how much the colour will stain clothing so please ensure students are not dressed in their best/favourite outfit. Students need to wear shoes suitable for running.

Students who travel on a School Bus must change back into their school clothes prior to travelling home. Students will need to bring a plastic bag to put their colour run clothing in to take home. Spare shoes are not necessary. Students who live in the town, may choose to stay in their colour run clothing or change back into their school uniform. We suggest packing a plastic bag for each child in case they do decide to change. Students will participate in house teams where younger students will be supported by older students. There will be two circuits. Two house teams will participate in each circuit at any one time. If a student decides they no longer wish to participate, they will be supervised on the oval so that they can watch those who are participating.

#### **Parents:**

Due to the easing of restrictions, we are pleased to be able to invite parents to watch the Colour Run. We ask that you QR Check in and stand outside the coned off area. Please do not enter the grounds before 1:10pm and we ask that you leave the grounds once the Colour Run is finished. You can then re-enter at pick up time. Non BPS students will not be able to participate in the Colour Run.

If you plan to attend, please text: 0428 026 285 with the names of people who will be watching from within the school grounds. Please do not attend if you are unwell. Community members are welcome to watch from outside of the school fence.

#### **Fundraising:**

Thank you to all of the students who are still busily collecting donations. There have been lots of creative ways that students have been collecting money. A special mention to Ella, Evie, Ilka and Cameron who had a selection of home made treats for sale at the recent Balaklava Market. The funds raised from the sale of these delicious treats has gone towards their fundraising. Well done and thank you. If your children have found a unique way to raise funds, we would love to hear from you.

We understand that not all families are able to go online to set up a profile, therefore, it is perfectly fine for students without a profile to still collect donations and record in the sponsorship booklet that was sent home last term. If you need another sponsorship book sent home, please contact the office.



**PRIZES OPEN  
12TH NOVEMBER**

**PRIZES CLOSE  
FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER**

# JAM BAND



It was really funny when the fly swat was making pop off noises

# JAM BAND



It was really funny when Nick sang Twinkle Twinkle Little Car.

The songs were good and the lady who was singing was really good.



# JAM BAND



It was really fun because there were all sorts of different songs.



# The Arts

Does your child like storytelling?

In Term 4, 2021 the Festival of Music is trialling a new idea to involve students in writing the script for the 2022 Concert Series. If your child will be in Year 6 in 2022, loves writing and would like to learn how concert scripts are written, follow the link to their website: <https://festivalofmusic.org.au/auditions/scriptwriters>



What about art?

Students are invited to design the Songbook Cover for the Festival of Music 2022. One winner will have their artwork professionally incorporated for the Songbook Cover for 2022, on the website and the app, CDs, concert programs, certificates and more.

For inspiration when designing the Songbook Cover and illustrations, students can look and listen to the choral repertoire for 2022 at <https://festivalofmusic.org.au/students/songbook-cover-competition>. You can also read about the 2022 Commissioned Work. There is a list of criteria on that page too. Here is a short list to give you an idea:

- Clearly features the title Festival of Music 2022
- Reflects the theme from at least one of the songs from the 2022 repertoire
- Is of a high standard and quality
- Does not include people holding hands, national flags or dress, earth images or logos
- Consists of strong colours
- Is portrait and A3 size
- Entry must be the students original work (no copies, no photocopies or use of other images) as copyright regulations apply
- Includes a Media Consent form signed by the Choir/Art/Class Teacher
- Is not folded when packaged

On the webpage there are loads of drawing tutorials your child can use either towards the design of the choir cover, or just to inspire their developing works of art.

Musical students, friends and families - the Festival of Music will have Auditions for next years 2022 performance in November, this year. If you are interested for more, please contact the details below.



*"Well worth the parent's effort and running around - the kids socialise well, brim with confidence and genuinely enjoy being part of something large. Absolutely fantastic support team backing the kids all the way from the word GO." Orchestra Parent, 2020*

**YEARS  
5-10**



## AUDITION DATES

KLEMZIO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 11 November, 8am to 12pm, 4pm to 7pm  
Sunday 14 November, 2pm to 6pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 8261 5438

## FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ORCHESTRA 2022



The 2022 Festival of Music will be held 14 September - 24 September in the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

Two orchestras of public school students will accompany the choir and perform featured orchestral pieces.

Orchestras rehearse at one of two locations, across the Metropolitan area.

Orchestra is open to any Department for Education student who will be in Years 5-10 in 2022.

**Successful auditionees must attend:**

• Weekly rehearsals from 4:20pm to 6:00pm  
• Full day or half day workshops as required  
• Rehearsals of 3½ hours  
• Full day offstage rehearsals  
• Rehearsals and 6 performances at the Festival Theatre

Please note that extra workshops, rehearsals or venue charges may occur to further develop the students learning. These will be advised as early as possible to assist your planning.

### Audition Requirements

Applicants will be asked to present the following:

**Instrumental**

Each instrument has a set of excerpts (located on the PSMF website from 22 October) that must be presented

**Free Choice piece**

This piece should demonstrate the applicant's current playing ability

Duration of each audition is approximately 10 minutes.

### COST

A fee of \$60 is charged to cover cost of uniform and music hire.

**TO BOOK AN AUDITION:**  
[www.festivalofmusic.org.au](http://www.festivalofmusic.org.au)



Others available on request



Date	Activity
Monday 6th Dec	End of Year Celebration



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# BHS ALPACA SHEARING

On Monday of Week 2, we walked across the crossing to the High School Ag area. When we got there they let us hold some alpaca fur; it was really soft but had prickles in it from the grass. Then we watched one get sheared, it was just a baby. I thought it looked a bit harsh because the alpaca was tied down. The teacher told us that they had to do it so it was safe. After they were sheared, they looked calm and happy. Jaxson Curtis



"I liked the feel of the alpaca's fur because it was very soft." Alana.

"It would be fun to shear an alpaca, but looked dangerous." Chase.

"I liked going to see the alpacas because they are cute." Ilka.



We felt the alpaca's fur and it was very fluffy. They were nice to pat. Kail.

I liked getting to touch and see the alpaca's toe nails because they felt weird. Charley.

## BHS ALPACA SHEARING

Rm 6 watched the BHS sheep and alpacas being shorn. Mrs Pratt spoke to us about what Jake the sheep shearer wore and why. We also learnt that the alpacas had their teeth checked and nails trimmed. We were luck enough to wander through the poultry shed too and see many different types of hens and some chickens.



## SAPSASA FOOTBALL

On the 18th of October to the 20th of October we went down to West Beach to play girls football for Mid North.

In our team we had girls from Burra, Clare, Snowtown and Balaklava.

We played 3 games every day for 3 days. Overall we won 3 out of 9. We won one on Monday and then 2 on Wednesday. The scores for our wins were 0,2 to 0,1, our second win was 7,6 to 0,0 and our third win was 2,7, 2,1. We rotated around the field in groups for 8 games and then we got to choose our team in the last game, Matilda stayed mid the whole game and Mia was forward, off and back.

At the end of the carnival we got a participation certificate and a SAPSASA badge from our coach.

We had a lot of fun and we learnt a lot from the experience.

By Mia and Matilda





## NANCY'S NEWS

Hi Everyone!

How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?  
**Fleece Navidad!**



How does Rudolf know when Christmas is coming?  
**He looks at his calenDEER!**



So, what does your calenDEER look like as 2021 draws to a close?

Do you get overwhelmed by the busyness of the "silly season", or are you someone who takes it all in their stride? When I mention "gift shopping" do you feel excitement, or do you feel flooded with trepidation? And I probably shouldn't even mention meal planning for Christmas Day....!?!?

I really don't enjoy the hectic nature of Christmas and typically feel a great sense of relief when it is all done and dusted! However, I try to be mindful of the fact that although it can be a busy and demanding time of the year for some, for others it can be a time of isolation and loss.

Whichever way you approach this time of the year remember to take time to look after 'YOU'. Consider the following:-

1. **Take time out – go for a walk or find a quiet space and listen to your favourite music or read a book.**
2. **Self-Care - Get enough sleep, exercise, keep hydrated, do activities you enjoy, and eat well (Christmas Day excluded!)**
3. **Manage your expectations – Try not to expect too much. Having the "perfect" Christmas or expecting everyone to be on their best behaviour is for the movies!**
4. **Spend time outdoors – spending time in nature is great for your mental health and wellbeing. Ride a bike, walk the dog, go bushwalking (look out for snakes!), have a picnic, go to the beach (don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE). [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)**

Maybe this is a big challenge. Don't feel swamped. Just pick one and go from there... you are on your way to improving your health and wellbeing.

### KIDS CRAFT UPDATE:

Christmas Crafts 2021 will be in full swing in Weeks 4, 5, 6 & 7. Crafts will be set up in the library area during lunchtimes on Tuesdays.

### FAMILIES:

If you need support, please reach out. My days at school are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Or contact me via the front office or email [Nancy.gates946@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Nancy.gates946@schools.sa.edu.au)

Have a great week!

MRS G

# JOLLY SOLES FUNDRAISING

Thank you for all of your Jolly Soles Sock orders. We have raised \$1000.00 thus far.

We still have a few pairs of socks left for sale. Please see pictures below of the stock that we have available for sale.

Please phone the office if you would like to purchase (NB: No further orders can be taken at this time)



**Skates**  
1x M pair  
1x L pair



**Surfing**  
2x XS pairs  
1x M pair



**Whales**  
1x XS pair  
1x M pair



**Sloths**  
1x XS pair  
1x L pair



**Green with dots**  
1x XS pair  
1x M pair



**Golf Course**  
1x M pair



**Smiley Face  
Yellow**  
2 x XS pairs



**Dancer**  
1x XS pair



**Apple**  
1x M pair



**Ladybugs**  
2 x XS pairs  
3 x M pairs  
1 x L pair



**Orange with dots**  
1x M pair



**Red Leopard**  
1x M pair



**Kiwi Fruit**  
1x XS pair



**Music**  
6 x L pairs



**Pink with Blue  
Stripes**  
1 x XS pair

\$6  
per  
pair

# ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



Rm 6  
Oscar, Nellie, Zara  
and Jett



Rm 7  
Aaron, Logan and  
Wyatt

Rm 2  
Chloe and Brianna



Ber 2  
Lexie and Ash

Ber 1  
Ebony, Caleb, Millah, Eva  
and Dylan



Ber 4  
Oscar and TJ

Ber 3  
Rory and Georgia



Rm 14b  
Liam, Marlee and  
Hunter

Rm 14a  
Harper and Sarah



Rm 20  
Abby and Aiden

Rm 18  
Amber



# LEXILE AWARDS



Blue: Jacob, Jett  
Henry, Ned and Alex



Red: Front: Aydan, Georgia, Isabelle  
Back: Henry, Ned, Henry, Maddie, and Oliver



Bronze: Front: Alexa, Alfie, Charlise  
Back: Anekah, Ilka, Curtis, Riley and Alexa



Silver: Front: Emilee, Morgan  
Back: Brianna, Mia and Ella



Gold: Tahlia and Willow



Rainbow: Ruby



# Term 4 Planner 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	11/10	12/10	13/10	14/10	15/10 Newsletter
2	18/10	19/10 Soccer - Ber 1,3, 14a, 14b	20/10 PCC Mtg 1:30pm	21/10	22/10 Online Community Assembly 2:15pm
3	25/10 <b>Student Free Day</b>	26/10 Soccer - Ber 1,3, 14a, 14b Finance Mtg  Governing Council Mtg	27/10	28/10 Newsletter	29/10 JAM Band
4	1/11	2/11 Soccer - Ber 1,3, 14a, 14b	3/11	4/11	5/11 Colour Run
5	8/11	9/11 Book Week Performance Transition for 2022 Reception students - until 12pm	10/11	11/11 Transition for 2022 Reception students - until 1:30pm Newsletter	12/11 Year 3 Sleep Over
6	15/11	16/11 Soccer - Ber 1,3, 14a, 14b	17/11	18/11 Transition for 2022 Reception students - all day	19/11 <b>Student Free Day</b>
7	22/11	23/11 Finance Mtg  Governing Council Mtg	24/11	25/11 Newsletter	26/11 RE
8	29/11 YR 7 Transition @ BHS	30/11 YR 7 Transition @ BHS  Room 6/7 Excursion	1/12 Rm 20 Excursion  14a Year 2's, Ber 1 & Ber 3 Excursion.	2/12 YR 6 Transition @ BHS	3/12 YR 6 Transition @ BHS  Community Assembly 2:15pm
9	6/12 End of Year Celebration	7/12 Ber 2 Wallaroo Excursion  Ber 2 Blyth	8/12 Year 6 Graduation	9/12 Year 7 Graduation Yr 6/7 Excursion	10/12 End of Term - 2:10pm Dismissal

Meetings		SAPSASA		Student Free Days		Excursions	
Fundraising		Incursions		Assemblies			