



### Term 2 Week 9 ~ 29th June 2023

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## Balaklava Primary School newsletter



Congratulations to Alana who won our B.O.B Logo Competition! More information on page 17.

## **Important Dates**

JUNE -

30th - RE

3rd- - Naidoc Week 7th

- 4th Disco
- 5th Reports go home
- 6th Inside Out Movie R-3
- 7th Inside Out Movie 4-6 - Melbourne Cup Visit - Last Day of Term 2 2:10pm Dismissal

- 24th Student Free Day
- 25th Term 3 Begins
- 27th Bookweek Performance
- 4th- Eisteddfod 6th
- 9th SAPSASA Basketball Carnival: Balaklava
- 14th- Science Week 18th

SEPTEMBER 1st - SAPSASA Athletics at Clare 5th - Strikers Visit (Rec - Yr 4)

12th- - Book Fair 15th

22nd - RE

23rd - Balaklava Show (Sat)

Week 10 Assembly: Friday 7th July - 11am Hosting: Rm 20 Presenting: Rm 7 & Rm 20 Melbourne Cup Visit



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## From the Principal

#### Illness

It is the time of year that colds, flu and bugs such as gastro do the rounds. It is extremely important that we minimise

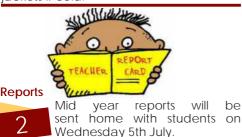


the spread of any of these illnesses. The best way to stop the spread is to ensure that your child does not attend school when unwell. **Students must stay home for 24 hours** after their last symptom, however, to ensure you child is completely recovered, we do strongly encourage you to keep your child home for **48 hours** after their last symptom. It takes everyone doing the right thing to ensure we can limit the impact for all students and staff.



#### School Uniform

We have been enjoying some glorious weather, however, as the week has progressed, the mornings and afternoons have been cold. This has meant that suddenly students are looking for their jumpers. I would like to remind all students and families that students are not to wear hoodies under their school clothing and that long sleeve tops under school shirts must be black. Pants must be school grey or black and not display large logos or stripes. Students may wear black spray jackets if cold.





#### **Positive Working Bee**

A huge thank you to Michelle Pudney, Kevyna and Geoff Gardner, Hayden Battle and the grounds committee for their organisation of the Working Bee. Thank you also to all of the fantastic volunteers who came and helped us with the jobs that we had to achieve. A huge amount of work was achieved in a short space of time and has been noticed and appreciated by staff, students and community members. Well done and thank you so much. Please see page 8 for photos and further thanks.



#### Tier 1 Support

Last fortnight we shared some information about positive Behaviour of Learning and included our Tier 1 site wide strategy, Hat Expectation. Today we have included our Eating Expectation as well as our Behaviour Education Poster (more details below).



The Behaviour Education poster on page 4 has been created by our staff to explicitly teach our students about what Calm and Ready to Learn Behaviours look like in our classrooms and yard. We ackowledge that not all behaviours can be listed on our poster, however, it creates a scaffold for conversations with students. Students may sometimes display behaviours from all three sections of the circle however our aim is to create environments that are safe and for students and productive for learning. If a student requires support to get back into the Calm and Ready to Learn space, we will teach our students ways they can regulate or knowing when they may need an adult to help co-regulate with them.

Laminated A3 posters are displayed in all of our classrooms and our staff will continue to explicitly teach these skills using this poster, using some of the strategies from the poster.

Teachers may help students create a 'calm card' for when they are not ready to learn. Student write down 4 strategies (use 3 before me) they could use to help them get back into the Calm and Ready to Learn space. If they need to use their calm card, the student tries three strategies and if they are still not ready then encourage them to seek out an adult or use the Engine Room for support and help to co-regulate using interception activities. Calm Cards help students to identify their own unique coping strategies, and they help students to remember and to practice these coping skills. The cards provide a sense of power and ownership over the worry, and provide some early independence for young children.

- Teachers will explicitly teach or role-play with students what each section of the poster looks like and what the support for students at BPS will look like.
- Teachers may use social stories/narratives.
- Teachers may exlicitly teach students about feelings using visuals pictures/emojis having students identify where they sit on the poster.
- Teachers may use a positive behaviour, as a focus for each day to catch students displaying Calm and Ready to Learn behaviours.

'All in all, positive behaviour support strategies create positive learning environments in classrooms, whilst directly teaching and acknowledging prosocial behaviours. This does not just help classrooms, it helps societies' (<u>https://www.monash.edu/education/teachspace/articles/five-ways-to-use-positive-behaviour-support-strategies-in-your-classroom).</u>



# Balaklava Primary School Behaviour Education



## Positive Behaviours

#### Calm and Ready to Learn

Your School Community sees children who are:

calm, happy, focussed, content, using self-control, engaged, honest, kind, friendly, listening, using manners, embracing mistakes, asking questions, considering others, organised, displaying a positive attitude, willing to have a go, displaying respectful behaviour, attentive to learning.....

### Concerning Behaviours

#### Support Required

Your School Community sees children who are:

disrespectful, arguing, excluding others, back chatting, not keeping hands and feet to themselves, talking over people, telling inappropriate jokes, talking and gesturing inappropriately, off task (not focussed), ignoring instructions, spoiling games, showing poor sportsmanship, saying negative comments, cheating, showing lack of honesty, disrespecting property, drawing inappropriate things, not handing in devices.....

## Serious Behaviours

#### **Office & Home Support**

Your School Community sees children who are:

violent, swearing, threatening others / self, destroying property, using weapons, using devices inappropriately, leaving the school grounds, bullying or harassing, stealing, continually refusing to follow instructions, refusing to return to class, leaving class without permission, continuing to use concerning behaviours....

Positive feedback	Reminder	Reflect	
	Warning	Reset	Home





About the event: NAIDOC SA - March and Family Fun Day The NAIDOC SA March and Family Fun Day are amongst the biggest events on the South Australian NAIDOC Calendar.

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NAIDOC SA March - 11am Friday 7th July NAIDOC SA Family Fun Day - 12 Noon Friday 7th July

Join us at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) as we march to Parliament House. The NAIDOC March will leave Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square). Celebrations will follow at the family fun day at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) with over 50 stall holders from Government and Non-Government organisations, Men's Zone, Women's Zone, Elders Zone, Be Active Zone, Small Business Zone and Children's Zone, Food and free concert.

Gather at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) at 10.30am for a 11.00am start. March proceeds down King William Street to Parliament House.



Family Fun Day at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) 11.30am - 3.30pm. This is a free community event.

Registration Form for Stalls at the NAIDOC 2023 Family Fun Day – Tarndanyangga Friday 7th Of July - 11.00am – 3.30pm | Coming Soon

## Aboriginal Community Education Officer

Balaklava Primary School now has an Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO). My name is Julie McNamara. I've only recently (2 weeks ago) gained employment with Balaklava Primary School, after starting at the High School earlier this term. I will continue to work closely with Vivienne and our First Nation students, their families and our school community on culture.

A little bit of background information about myself. My Country is Yuin, on the South Coast of New South Wales. Yuin Nation stretches from Eden right up almost to Wollongong. My mobs are Budawang and Murramarang, which traditional lands were around the coast near Batemans Bay area.



I have only recently, (recently being the last 15-20 years)

discovered my Aboriginal heritage. I continue to learn about my culture and traditions of my people and would welcome to learn about each of yours, if you'd like to share this with me. I began working in Aboriginal Education in 2019 as an Aboriginal Community Education officer (ACEO) with Craigmore South PS, then went on to work at Playford Primary School and I am looking forward to now be working at Balaklava Primary School whilst currently studying Community Development.

I am very excited to be working here and I am looking forward to meeting my new school community. I am passionate about the inclusivity of the indigenous culture in the curriculum and the everyday classroom.

Ngaityalya. (Thank you in Kaurna)

Kind Regards, Julie McNamara





We were able to complete a range of tasks including: Tidying the creek play area, oiling our playground equipment, gravel around one of our oldest gumtrees, adventure playground and swings all filled with ample new softfall, general pruning of all garden areas, paving of pathways and a sausage sizzle, homemade cupcakes and biscuits were enjoyed by all our helpers.

Well done and thankyou for your fantastic help!



## STEM CLUB - MARSHMALLOW TOWERS









## ABOUT ME:

I grew up on our family farm at Point Turton on the Yorke Peninsula. My first teaching position was in the Year 3-7 class at Terowie Rural School. I then taught for many years at Moonta which is where my Husband, Shane and I got married. Our two children, Hudson 11 and Harper 9 were born while we lived at Moonta. I was lucky enough to hold principal positions at Spalding and Bute Primary Schools before moving to Balaklava. I am now in my 6th year as Principal at BPS and in that time, we have built a house in Balaklava. Hudson and Harper attend BPS and have only ever had their Mum as their Principal.

## FUN FACTS:

- I am left handed but right dominant in sport.
- I enjoy reading but struggle to find the time during the term.
- I enjoyed playing basketball and netball. I am very competitive and not so good at watching.
- I enjoy entertaining guests, spending a great deal of time cooking and preparing a feast.
- I have lost count of how many indoor plants I have.

## QUOTE:

"It takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile."



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## Grapheme Audits

Throughout the year the student's will have assessments on their knowledge of phonemes and graphemes. The testing will vary in different year levels. Included in the newsletter are some examples of some testing that may occur, remember every student is on their own learning journey and therefore testing may differ for different children according to their academic progress. Initially we are testing the name and sound of each letter and this progresses into assessing combinations of letters to make sounds like 'ch' and 'igh'.

During spelling lessons, we follow a specific scope and sequence to teach the graphemes to the students in a particular order. After testing, if students don't know the graphemes, they may be revisited by the whole class, or your child may have some extra help from an SSO in the form of an intervention group.

At times throughout the year, you may see information from teachers regarding your child's progress with graphemes. This should indicate the progress they are making as the year progresses and you are also able to support your child at home if you wish. There is a copy of the scope and sequence on the wall in the library if you wish to have a look. If you wish to ask any questions or require any further information then please talk to your child's class teacher or email me on jo.michalanney323@schools. sa.edu.au

Remember for the Reception to Year 2 graphemes there are fantastic lessons on 'Our Learning SA' website under the literacy heading to support children and you can access them at any time. - Jo Michalanney

#### LGU Foundation Phoneme Grapheme Correspondence Assessment This assessment is to determine if student knows arapheme (name), phoneme (sound) and can form the arapheme correctly (formation)

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# TANKYOU

A huge shout out and thank you to those that have offered to clean classroom fridges for this term.

These volunteers are people that put their hand up last term also and many have also completed this job in previous years. We thank you for your time and commitment to the school. End of term is a very busy time for classes and teachers, especially with report writing in Term 2. This is one way that we as caregivers can help out and take the load.

There is still 1 more classroom looking for a volunteer. If there is someone that is willing to clean the BER 2 (Mrs Hodgetts's) classroom fridge, please contact Ali Tiller via Facebook (Balaklava Primary School Volunteers). Rm 6 (Nowlan) - Kim Riddle Rm 7 (Behn) - Ali Tiller Rm 8 (Silverman) - Alina Lewis Rm 2 (Rowland) - Kym Merchant Ber 1 (Richards) - Lucy Sutton Ber 2 (Hodgetts) - <u>VOLUNTEER</u> Ber 3 (Marks) - Gaynor Tink Ber 4 (Durkay) - Andrew Jettner Rm 14a (Bec) - Skye Colley Rm 18 (Michalanney) - Jo M Rm 20 (Garrard) - Kim Riddle



# Students in Junior Primary have been learning about algorithms and ways to build items without requiring tape. This has been challenging some students with their fine motor skills, but watching their progress has been awesome. Here is Room 7 with their trees that they made using glue, scissors, paper and tissue paper. The shape they used to build their tree is called a flange.



In the Arts, students are learning about dynamics – dy-nam-ics (3 syllables) and how it refers to loud and soft sounds. Students have been also learning how to keep the beat. By combining the two, junior classes have been working towards playing in time to the beat whilst incorporating dynamics to the song 'Forte – Piano' which is Italian for LOUD and soft.

The Arts





## Ber 4 Art Work

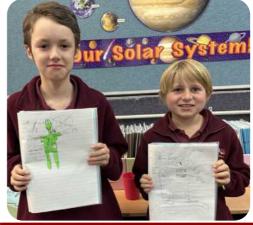
Ber 4 students have made some art pieces using their hands.

They were allowed to use texta or pencil to colour in. They had to choose 3-4 colours for the background and hand and they couldn't be the same. Students had to use a ruler and rule their lines. We now have them displayed in our classroom! - Miss Durkay

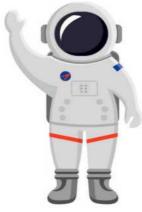








In Science Ber 2 learnt about Biomimicry which is a practice that learns from and mimics the strategies found in nature to solve human challenges. The students then designed their own spacesuit using inspiration from nature. - Emily Thomas











## BOOK WEEK



Getting in early to avoid last minute panic.

August 19th – 25th Term 3 Week 5

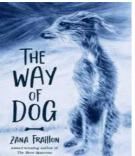
Theme for 2023 - "Read, Grow, Inspire"

Friday 25th August – Balaklava Primary School Book Week Dress Up Parade. Students and staff will be walking down to the triangle. (Weather conditions will be monitored closer to the date) Students are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character or a book title.

## BOOK WEEK PERFORMANCE

#### Thursday 27th July - Week 1 Term 3.

Meerkat Productions will be visiting our school on 27th July to present plays based on 2 of the CBA shortlisted books. The shows are fully staged musicals lasting one hour (including Q&A). Audience participation and active engagement is included in all performances. Puppetry is used to fully engage the students. Post-performance Q&A is structured and focused on the themes raised in the show and a behind the scenes insight into how sets, props,

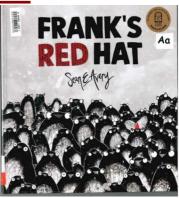


puppets, etc. work and how they were made.

Our Reception to Yr 3 students will see a play based on the book "Frank's Red Hat". The students are asked to bring their favourite beanie to the performance as the

beanies will be used in a special moment of the performance.

Our Yr 4 – Yr 6 students will see a performance based on the shortlisted book for younger readers "The Way of Dog".







## CHARACTER STRENGTHS

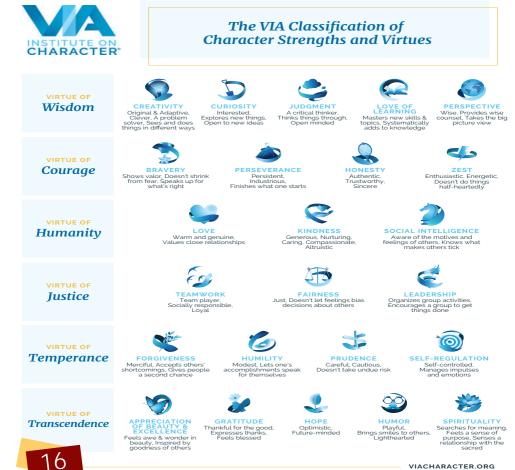
There are several ways for us to gain knowledge and feel well. Building relationships, engaging in acts of kindness, and practising mindfulness are just a few ways to feel wellbeing. But did you know that identifying your own character strengths might lead to a long-term strategy for improving wellbeing? According to research, discovering and using your character strengths on a daily basis can enhance your welfare and quality of life.

In order for us to grow and prosper, it is crucial that we get the chance to discover our individual abilities. There are 24 universal character strengths that have been identified through positive psychology, which we all possess to some extent. Positive aspects of our personalities, such as our character strengths, can support us in cultivating higher levels of wellbeing and happiness. Each of us naturally expresses some character traits more easily than others, which gives us each a distinct personality. Classes have spent part of their BOB (Be Our Best - Social and Emotional Program) investigating and learning about their top three character strengths and the strengths their peers see in them.

What are the 24 Character Strengths?

Curiosity Perspective Creativity Judgement Love of learning Bravery Honesty Perseverance Zest Love Kindness Social Intelligence Hope Humour Gratitude Spirituality Appreciation of beauty and excellence Teamwork Fairness Leadership Forgiveness Prudence Humility Self-regulation.

Interested in exploring and finding out more about your top strength? Why not take the character strength survey and continue the conversation at home? <u>https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/</u> <u>account/register</u> - *Michelle Pudney* 



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## Work Experience Students

This week we have had 4 High School Students complete their work experience here at the Primary School. Part of their year 10 subjects are to complete a week of work in the area they would like to work in once they leave school.

Here are a few comments from the students:

In Week 9, I decided to do my work experience at BPS, this experience has helped me decide if I want to work in a Primary School. I have been working in BER 4, with Mrs. Durkays year 2/3 class. I have been busy listening to kids read, helping with spelling and writting stories, and solving fractions equations in maths. - *Kasey* 

My week was so much fun! I hope I can come do it again next time! I am in Mrs Hodgetts class, it is an amazing class! I wanted to come to experience how to be an teacher for when I leave high school. It's helped me so far on know I want to achieve it. - *Mia* 

I wanted to complete my work experience to be around Primary level students and look at their behaviour. Also to see what it is like to be a teacher. I am with Mrs B helping out in Tech. - **Denise** 

My time here this week has been really fun and enjoyable, I have got to know many of the kids and staff. I am in Room 18 this week and wanted to come to BPS for work experience because I want to be an SSO, maybe not with the 5/6s like I did this week but maybe with younger kids. I love working with kids and getting to know them. I know sometimes they can be a handful and be cheeky but I feel like that's just who they are and it's just them learning. - **Charli** 

## B.O.B WINNING LOGO

Congratulations to Alana Baumann, for winning the logo design competition to promote our Whole School Social and Emotional Program, BOB (Be Our Best). Many students entered their original and creative designs and we thank them for their efforts. The top four designs will be awarded a special prize at Week 10 Assembly at 9 am in the Well.

As part of our learning in BOB, we have been teaching our students about all of our emotions. Inside Out teaches us that every emotion, no matter how uncomfortable, is important to us. All of our emotions are relevant, including sadness. On days when students are experiencing difficult emotions, we let them know that these emotions are important, but they are only temporary.

Students will watch the movie (rated PG) Thursday 6th in Lesson 5 and 6 for Receptions to Year 3. Friday 7th in Lesson 1-2 and 3-4 for our Year 4 - Year 6 students

Please let your child's teacher know if you would not like your child to view this film by Monday 3rd July.





A special thank you to Jess Bushnell who digitalised the winning entry.

## PCC MEETING FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 1.30PM - BPS STAFF ROOM

ALL WELCOME

# BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY ARTS



Balaklava Community Arts put out a competition to all BPS students.

Congratulations to Alexa A, Audrey McR, Shayla S and Sara R who each won a double pass to go and see the BCA production of The Little Mermaid. (More details on page 23.)









Winter, 2019. After two decades of silence, Lucy is back in Queen's Point. She hasn't planned on staying long. But when human remains wash up on the freezing beach, the police close the town. Unable to leave, Lucy is forced to rekindle old friendships - and examine old truths she has long ago tried to forget

FROM LUCY AT

EOMMUNITY LIBRARY



Its a huge thing to pick up a book that isn't your favourite genre! From a romance reader to pick up a thriller was a big step out of my comfort zone. I have recently joined a online book club run by Rachael Johns (Australian author) as part of this club we were asked to read Rebecca Heath's debut novel. I was blown away by how much I enjoyed this story! Suspense, lots of questions, fantastic story line and not too many gory details. we have a copy at the Balaklava Community Library ready to Borrow!

## Lexile Awards

#### BLUE









BRONZE



## LEXILE AWARDS

SILVER



## Premier's Reading Challenge Awards





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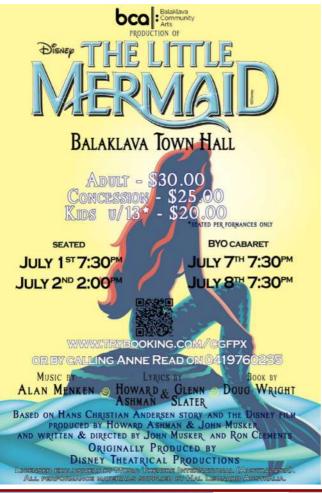








## Community News





Would you, or anyone you know, welcome fresh, cheap fruit and veggies?

The Community Garden on Virgo Tce in Balaklava welcomes anyone willing to help potter around the garden to provide themselves and the community with fresh produce.

Adults and children benefit from the social, physical and mental health benefits.

Call in at the Garden first Saturday morning of the month or phone 0438 621 761. "We'd love to see you." Thanks Kevyna Gardner





## 🚟 💹 <u>Term 3 Planner 2023</u>

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24/7 BHS/BPS Student Free Day	25/7 Term 3 Begins	26/7	27/7 Bookweek Performance	28/7
2	31/7	1/8	2/8	3/8	4/8 Balaklava Eisteddfod 4th-6th Assembly 2:20pm
3	7/8	8/8	9/8 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival - Balaklava	10/8	11/8
4	14/8 Science Week	15/8	16/8	17/8	18/8 Assembly 2:20pm
5	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8
6	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9 SAPSASA Athletics - Clare Assembly 2:20pm
7	4/9	<b>5/9</b> Strikers Visit R-4	6/9	7/9	8/9
8	11/9	12/9 Book Fair ———	13/9	14/9	15/9 Assembly 2:20pm
9	18/9	19/9	20/9	21/9	22/9 RE
10	25/9	26/9	27/9 School Closure ASKEVILLE FIELD DAY	28/9 /S	29/9 2:10pm Early Dismissal End of Term 3

#### BALAKLAVA SHOW - Saturday 23TH September

Meetings	SAPSASA	Student Free Days	Excursions	
Fundraising	Incursions	Assemblies		